

Montana Memory Project Manager Proposal

Network Advisory Council

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Need:

Over the past two years the Montana Memory Project has grown significantly. In 2008 the Montana Historical Society became a joint partner, both financially and administratively, with the Montana State Library in managing the MMP. In 2009 both the University of Montana and Montana State University joined the consortium, also serving on the MMP Steering Committee. It is anticipated that some level of financial support will be forthcoming from these two institutions in the next fiscal year. We have added well over 45,000 images to the database, in the last two years, giving us over 58,000 images accessible via the MMP. There are currently 20 institutions participating the project, with many more who have submitted project planning documents or have approached the MMP Steering Committee about adding content.

This exponential growth in the MMP, both in the size and complexity of the database and the number of participating institutions, has put a strain on both the MHS and MSL staff in terms of providing the necessary technical assistance and training. The MMP Steering Committee is proposing that LSTA funding be used to pay for, initially, a .25FTE to be a central point of contact for MMP questions, support, and training.

Costs:

Costs to add this position for the remaining current fiscal year would be minimal. The cost would be the salary for 10 hours per week, plus the cost of benefits. If this position went into effect immediately following the Montana Library Commission meeting (December 7) and continued through June 30, 2010, the cost would be slightly more than \$6,000. The spreadsheet below shows the details of the cost.

Proposed MMP Manager Position			
Dec. 7 2009 to June 30, 2010			
1. Salaries and Wages	Wage	hours	
MMP Manager	\$ 14.69	300	\$ 4,407
		Subtotal	\$ 4,407
2. Fringe Benefits			
	Rate	Salary Base	(a)
	38.00%	\$ 4,407	\$ 1,675
		Subtotal	\$ 1,675
		TOTAL SALARY & BENEFITS	\$ 6,082