

MEMO

TO: Montana State Library Network Advisory Council

FROM: Cara Orban, Statewide Projects Librarian

DATE: November 12, 2013

RE: Suggested list of projects for remaining LSTA FY 13 monies

These are the suggestions for additional projects or purchases with remaining FY13 LSTA funding, as prioritized by MSL staff and the State Librarian, for consideration by the Network Advisory Council.

2014 Fall Workshop:

Fall Workshop 2014 would be the 16th annual MSL Fall Workshop, a 2 day training event for library staff and trustees from all types of libraries. The Fall Workshop features sessions on a variety of topics relevant to all areas of library professional development, and provides opportunities for networking with other librarians from across the state. Additional funding is being requested this year to hire temporary staff to help with logistics, so that SLR staff could focus on developing and facilitating workshop sessions and meeting any additional obligations.

Replacement funding for rescheduled Ready2Read Rendezvous (April 25-27, 2014):

Due to the federal government shutdown in October, the Ready2Read Rendezvous was postponed until next April. As a consequence of this necessary postponement, MSL incurred unexpected travel cancellation costs of at least \$661.50 for literacy consultant Saroj Ghoting. Additionally, a private grant of \$2500 was rescinded upon the cancellation of the event, and it is uncertain at this time whether that funding will be reinstated. The additional funding requested would help absorb these unexpected costs and adhere to the original budget for the Rendezvous.

Additional MMP funding for digital collection development:

Additional funding is needed in order to allow greater flexibility in funding MMP digitization efforts of various sizes. Going forward, all MMP funding recipients will use a vendor for digitizing materials, with average costs of \$600 for a small project (approximately 750 pages, depending upon the size and condition of the material) to \$2500 for a medium project (approximately 10,000 pages). Participating institutions might also apply for smaller awards for metadata creation or improvement.

Trainings in succession planning for public libraries:

This funding would provide opportunities for a set of succession planning sessions for public library directors and managers, either through in person trainings or webinars. Succession planning has been frequently requested as a training topic in recent years. This funding would enable MSL to respond to this training need by contracting with an expert in the field for these training sessions.

Integration of Montana content into statewide Discover It:

Discover It provides an opportunity for all Montana library patrons to access centrally indexed statewide resources from their local libraries. The Montana Memory Project was the first repository of Montana-specific content to be integrated into all libraries' Discover It profiles. This funding would cover integration costs for additional Montana-specific resources, such as the Natural Heritage Program's Montana Field Guide, and help improve access to and discovery of this content for all libraries.

CONTENTdm storage increase for the Montana Memory Project (250 GB):

Montana State Library and the Montana Historical Society currently share the cost of the CONTENTdm content management software and hosting fees for the Montana Memory Project. Storage for the MMP is currently at 68% capacity. This funding would allow MSL to cover one half (250 GB) of an additional storage purchase for Montana Memory Project content, which is hosted at OCLC. MHS will also contribute funding for 250 GB, increasing overall storage capacity for the MMP from 1.5 TB to 2 TB in state FY15.

Maker space program funding for public libraries:

Maker spaces are collaborative learning and creative spaces that provide tools and materials for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) based programming and experimentation. This funding would cover the cost of toolkits, materials, and planning guides to be shared among public libraries for hosting temporary maker space programs, in addition to virtual staff training on use of provided equipment. Hosting libraries would be expected to identify staff to attend online training, lead local programming and promotional efforts, and submit an evaluation at the end of the project.

American Library Association conference scholarships for public library staff:

This funding would provide registration and travel funds for a public library staff member to attend the American Library Association conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 26-July 1, 2014. The scholarship recipient would be chosen to attend through a competitive application process. Preference will be given to library staff who would be first-time attendees and who could identify specific expected outcomes as a result of attending the national conference.