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# Memo

**To:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian  
Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Tracy Cook, Statewide Library Resources Director

**Date:** June 4, 2018

**Re: Library Development/LSTA Budget**

The recommended budget covers the Library Development Division. It also includes Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funding for the Talking Book Library. This budget includes LSTA funds, general fund resource sharing dollars, and Coal Severance Tax funds.

We received a slight increase in our award amount. Our FY18 LSTA award amount is \$1,078,723. These funds must be spent by September 30, 2019. The Network Advisory Council recommends approval of this budget.

There is an unallocated amount of \$56,187. This funding is available due to a reduction in our Overdrive costs and the re-classification of the Information Specialist position to a lower level computer support position. This funding does not need to be allocated immediately, so the Network Advisory Council has requested that Library Development staff bring proposals for the expenditure of these funds. The NAC was interested in increasing training efforts, increasing support for the Montana Memory Project, and increasing the budget for Lifelong Learning. The NAC will adopt a recommendation for these funds at their August 14, 2018 meeting which will be presented to the Commission at its October meeting.