

# Memo

**To:** Network Advisory Council

**From:** Tracy Cook, Library Development Director and Jo Flick, Continuing Education Coordinator

**Date:** August 6, 2018

**Re:** Funding for Harwood Institute at MLA 2019

**Request:** Up to \$9,000 to pay for the costs of bringing the Harwood Institute to Montana Library Association Conference in 2019.

**Background:** MSL was approached by MLA about the possibility of a joint effort to bring someone from the Harwood Institute to be the keynote speaker at the annual Montana library Association conference. In addition to providing the keynote, the Harwood Institute will provide a pre-conference for attendees.

MLA will provide some of the funding, and there is a possibility of funding from the Bozeman Library Foundation. This would reduce the overall dollar amount needed to fund this proposal.

The Harwood Institute has been working closely with organizations around the nation to encourage them to turn outward, build hope and resiliency for their communities, and build a better future for all of our communities. You can learn more about the work of the Harwood Institute at <https://theharwoodinstitute.org/>

**MSL Strategic Framework/LSTA 5-Year Plan Goals Addressed by Request:**

- Fostering partnerships
- Community Leadership
  - Outcomes desired: Library directors, staff, support groups, advisory members, and board members increase their knowledge and skills about how to listen to the community AND the above people identify ways to work with community members to increase the overall well-being of the community.