

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Tracy Cook, Director of Library Development

**Date:** September 28, 2018

**Re:** **NAC recommendations for unallocated LSTA 18 funds**

At their August 14, 2018 meeting, the Network Advisory Council made the following recommendations for unallocated LSTA 18 funds:

- Spend up to \$9,000 to bring the Harwood Institute to the Montana Library Association conference with the following definitions of success:
  - Librarians and board members who attend the pre-conference create a program or service based upon what they learned
  - Librarians and board members who attend the pre-conference become change agents
  - Librarians and board members work with local community partners to identify objectives that are of interest to all parties
  - Librarians, board members, and community partners work together to help the community thrive
- Increase the Lifelong Learning Training budget by \$10,000 to have a Ready2Read Rendezvous with the following criteria in mind:
  - The training should invite potential community partners who are also concerned about the well-being of children;
  - The training should provide support for “accidental” children’s librarians who are not familiar with early literacy concepts and how to incorporate that work into library programming
- Spend up to \$14,000 for an assessment of Montana Library 2 Go that we hope will also give libraries good data about digital collections and collection development. The assessment addresses the following data needs:
  - E-content landscape and attitudes of citizens/service users/non-users – what is available in the e-content landscape and what are the perceptions of service users and non-users when it comes to e-content?

- Functionality – what are user preferences regarding interfaces and formats?
- Collection development – what is the best balance of print and digital collections? Which library e-content services offer the greatest impact, and where is it not feasible to replicate consumer options?
- Opportunities for collaboration – what opportunities exist for collaboration between citizens and libraries and between different types of libraries?

I have added these numbers to the Library Development budget presented to you in June. They appear in blue and are underlined. I am requesting approval of the Network Advisory Council's recommendations.