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**To:** Network Advisory Council

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**From:** Tracy Cook, LDD Director

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**Re: Economic Development Funding Proposal**

Per the NAC's funding priorities, we are requesting up to \$10,000 to contract with someone who has economic development expertise. We will go through a limited solicitation process. We have the following criteria. Does the NAC have any additional suggestions or expectations?

- Provide the state library with expertise in economic development opportunities that may benefit libraries and their community members.
- Act as a liaison between libraries, the Montana Economic Development Association and other economic development entities;
- Attend economic development conferences and meetings and bring back suggestions for library programming and services; at those meetings and conferences, communicate what libraries can do for economic development.
- Help open doors and identify opportunities with economic development entities.
- Complete up to two webinars a year that focus on what is going on in the state in terms of economic development.
- Help MSL staff identify what needs libraries can help meet when it comes to economic/workforce development.
- The ideal candidate would be aware of and able to assist with grant funding/federal grants to apply for grants for economic development purposes.