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**To:** Network Advisory Council

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

**Date:** March 31, 2022

MSL staff request endorsement from the Network Advisory Council for the Commission to pursue these budget requests through the Executive Planning Process.

	State Library Network Advisory Council-related Executive Planning Process Requests	FTE	Fund Type	Total Annual Appropriation Requested
1.	<p><b>Align Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Appropriation and Spending:</b></p> <p>LSTA funding is awarded annually to MSL. This federal award is included in HB2, but not at the current award amount. MSL requests spending authority that aligns with the actual federal award amount. This request would be for each fiscal year and does not need to be biennial.</p>	0	Federal Special Revenue	\$1,000,000
2.	<p><b>Infrastructure (OTO?):</b></p> <p>Most states support library infrastructure through state funding. The State has historically never provided funding for local libraries and insufficient local funding has prohibited libraries across the state from meeting ADA requirements and basic building codes. Libraries need to be</p>		General Fund/TBD	\$20M

	included in infrastructure funding just as roads, bridges and schools have been. Small/rural communities do not have a sufficient tax base to address these infrastructure needs.			
<b>3.</b>	<b>State Aid-</b> MSL supports the Montana Library Association’s State Aid request (see attached)	0	General Fund/TBD	\$5.3M

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