



**MEMO**

**To:** Federation Task Force Members  
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**Subject:** Possible funding options  
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I have calculated how much funding each federation would need for an annual retreat and funding for tribal libraries. Those amounts are found below. I calculated the cost per library and used the total amount for the annual retreats. I used the current individual library grant amount to calculate how much would be needed if tribal libraries participated in the federation.

I would like the task force to consider giving an equal amount of funding to each federation for the federation to determine how it is used. To meet legislative intent the funds should be used to pool resources, encourage cooperation between libraries, or avoid duplication of services. I make this recommendation based on the observation that federations are different. Giving each federation a set dollar amount allows the region to determine what is best.

**Note about admin costs:** Broad Valleys and Tamarack include about \$5,000 for an annual retreat. South Central spends about \$2,000 on book club kits, and Sagebrush spends about \$1900 on movie licensing for the federation. The cost to run a federation (travel, stipend, communication costs, etc.) is around \$2,000 for every federation.

**Option A: Request funding for an annual retreat and for tribal libraries within a federation to receive the individual library grant amount**

| <b>Federation</b>                               | <b>Current Admin</b> | <b>Annual retreat</b> | <b>Tribal Libraries</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Broad Valleys                                   | 7500                 | 0                     | 0                       | 7500         |
| Golden Plains                                   | 2112                 | 1704                  | 3002                    | 6818         |
| Pathfinder                                      | 1885                 | 5112                  | 6852                    | 13849        |
| Sagebrush                                       | 2641                 | 3124                  | 2090                    | 7855         |
| South Central                                   | 4367                 | 5396                  | 2126                    | 11889        |
| Tamarack  | 7356                 | 0                     | 3264                    | 10620        |
| Total for all 6 federations                     | 25861                | 15336                 | 17334                   | 58531        |
| <b>Additional funds requested of Commission</b> |                      | <b>\$32,670</b>       |                         |              |



Option B: only ask for annual retreat funding (\$15,226) or tribal library funding (\$17,334)

Option C: ask for an equal amount of funding to be used by federations for retreat, tribal libraries, or another cooperative project

| <b>Federation</b>                               | <b>Current Admin</b> | <b>Additional dollars</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|---|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Broad Valleys                                   | 7500                 | 4000                      | 11500        |
| Golden Plains                                   | 2112                 | 4000                      | 6112         |
| Pathfinder                                      | 1885                 | 4000                      | 5885         |
| Sagebrush                                       | 2641                 | 4000                      | 6641         |
| South Central                                   | 4367                 | 4000                      | 8367         |
| Tamarack  | 7356                 | 4000                      | 11356        |
| Total for all 6 federations                     | 25861                | 24000                     | 49861        |
| <b>Additional funds requested of Commission</b> |                      | <b>\$24,000</b>           |              |