



MEMO

To: MSL Commission
From: Jennie Stapp
Subject: Federation funding request
Date: November 29, 2023

At the request of Chair Scribner, the Commission is asked to reconsider their budget action on June 14, 2023 and to allocate \$24,000 in Coal Severance Tax funds to the Montana Library Federations. This funding remains unallocated in the fiscal year '24 budget.

This funding request was originally made by the Library Federations Task Force which recommended that each federation receive an additional \$4,000 for cooperative projects. During the Commission's October 11, 2023, meeting the Commission heard reports from Federation coordinators about the value of federations and importance of holding in person meetings to their success to support networking, continuing education, and resource sharing.