

Date: May 21, 2004  
To: MSL Commission  
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Subject: Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) LSTA awards

A sub-committee from the Networking Task Force reviewed the applications from libraries that wished to join the MSC and use LSTA funds to supplement local funds. The committee included Kathy Mora, Great Falls Public Library, Heidi Sue Adams, Kalispell Regional Medical Center Library, Colet Bartow, Manhattan Community Library, and Andrine Haas, Jane Carey Memorial Library. The State Library is grateful to the reviewers for their fine and hard work.

### **Libraries that wish to join without LSTA support**

Madison Valley Public Library, in Ennis, has sufficient local funds to join the MSC without LSTA funds. This week the Legislative Research Library, who likewise has sufficient local funds to join without assistance, indicated this library would like to be included.

### **Libraries applying for LSTA Support**

The following libraries, in the order given, are recommended for funding.

#### Larger Libraries Program

1. Bozeman Public Library/BridgerNet, Bozeman

#### Smaller Libraries Program

1. Park High School Library, Livingston
2. Clancy Community Library, Clancy
3. Drummond School Community Library, Drummond
4. Twin Bridges Public Library, Twin Bridges
5. Ronan-Pablo Schools School District No. 30, Ronan <sup>(1)</sup>
6. Meagher County/City Library, White Sulphur Springs
7. Thompson-Hickman County Library, Virginia City
8. Hellgate Elementary School District No. 4, Missoula

MSL is negotiating with Sirsi, the system vendor, and have preliminary agreement, to reduce the Sirsi-related costs (startup and ongoing) for smaller libraries. This will very likely allow us to award assistance to more libraries than the libraries ranked 1—8 above. Libraries not currently recommended for full funding are (in this order):

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Wyola Elementary School District No. 29, Wyola</li><li>2. Laurel Public Library, Laurel</li><li>3. Miles Community College, Miles City</li><li>4. Big Timber Grade School, Big Timber</li></ol> |
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**Table One: Scoring and Recommendations —**

	Program (Large or Small Library)	Low Score	High Score	Mean Average Score	Prelim Ranking **	LSTA Funding Available*	LSTA Funding Requested	LSTA Funding Recommended
Bozeman Public Library/BridgerNe tBozeman	Large	106	118	113.75	1	\$50,000	\$46,232	\$46,232
(Bozeman Public, Belgrade Community, West Yellowstone Public, Three Forks Community)								
Madison Valley Public Library, Ennis (Not applying for assistance, has own funds)							\$ -	\$ -
Park High School Library, Livingston	Small	93	115	105.00	1	\$75,542	\$9,678	\$9,678
Clancy Community Library, Clancy	Small	88	106	98.00	2	\$65,864	\$9,120	\$9,120
Drummond School Community Library, Drummond	Small	84	101	94.50	3	\$56,744	\$9,672	\$9,672
Twin Bridges Public Library, Twin Bridges	Small	84	104	94.00	4	\$47,072	\$7,952	\$7,952
Ronan-Pablo Schools School District No. 30, Ronan	Small	82	104	90.25	5	\$39,120	\$10,000	\$10,000
Meagher County/City Library, White Sulphur Springs	Small	81	103	90.00	6	\$29,120	\$8,720	\$8,720
Thompson- Hickman County Library, Virginia City	Small	84	89	87.50	7	\$20,400	\$9,744	\$9,744
Hellgate	Small	85	88	86.00	8		\$9,756	\$9,756

Elementary School District No. 4, Missoula						\$10,656		
Wyola Elementary School District No. 29, Wyola	Small	44	99	81.25	9	\$900.00	Not recommended for full funding	
Laurel Public Library, Laurel	Small	69	81	75.50	10		Not recommended for full funding	
Miles Community College, Miles City	Small	57	71	63.75	11		Not recommended for full funding	
Big Timber Grade School, Big Timber	Small	41	52	44.25	12		Not recommended for full funding	
Plains School Library, Plains	Small			Disqualified				\$ -

\* Non-required funds (\$3,768) from the Large Library program transfer to the Small Library program

If the Commission agrees to the recommendation, the following is a suggested motion.

Move to accept the recommendation of the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) Financial Assistance Program Committee, as approved by the Networking Task Force to provide LSTA funding to the following libraries, in the order given:

1. Bozeman Public Library, BridgerNet
2. Park High School Library, Livingston
3. Clancy Community Library, Clancy
4. Drummond School Community Library, Drummond
5. Twin Bridges Public Library, Twin Bridges
6. Ronan-Pablo Schools School District No. 30, Ronan
7. Meagher County/City Library, White Sulphur Springs
8. Thompson-Hickman County Library, Virginia City
9. Hellgate Elementary School District No.4, Missoula

MSC staff are negotiating the SIRSI startup costs, if these costs decrease and funds are available, the Commission wishes to assist the following libraries in the order given:

- A1. Wyola Elementary School District No. 29, Wyola
- A2. Laurel Public Library, Laurel
- A3. Miles Community College, Miles City
- A4. Big Timber Grade School, Big Timber

Just as a reminder, the total funds available at this time for MSC Financial Assistance Program is \$121,774. This includes \$10,965 unexpended LSTA FY'03 funds from the Eastern Montana Shared Catalog program last year, plus the \$110,809 FY'04 LSTA monies approved for this project.