

Memo

To: Commission Members
From: Darlene Staffeldt
Date: November 27, 2006
Re: Executive planning process and legislative update

Please find attached a copy of the State Library's pages from the Governor's budget book. (The entire Governor's recommended budget can be found at: http://mt.gov/budget/budgets/2009_budget/2009_budget.asp.) As a summary, of the State Library's budget changes, I have provided the following brief table:

Topic:	Biennial cost:	Commission priority	Status in Governor's budget	Comments
Montana State Library Moderate increases	\$278,000 including 2.5 FTE	1 st	Recommending funding our complete Broadband pay plan instead of this request.	
Statewide Information Access program	\$2,000,000 one time only demonstration funding	5 th	Disapproved	First title was Montana Statewide Library Card
Permanent Public Access	\$160,000 including one FTE	2 nd	Disapproved	

NRIS/Heritage funding	\$450,000 including one FTE	3 rd	Recommending funding in two pieces one towards NRIS/GIS portal and the second toward Heritage program	Some from target monies A
Montana Shared Catalog	\$1,114,646 (\$314,646 general fund, \$800,000 local funds) including 2.25 FTE	4 th	Disapproved general fund and FTE; pending on local fund account...not included in Budget book because no new monies, just fund type...will work with us during session on it.	
Database funding	\$240,000		Recommending additional monies from Coal severance tax monies to fully fund statewide database project without local contributions.	
Federation funding	\$30,000		Recommending additional monies from Coal Severance Tax monies to increase federation funding.	

Legislation – both of our pieces of legislation are pending from Governor's office but approved to move forward from the Interim Education and Local Government Subcommittee. Both pieces are copied here in the draft format provided by the bill drafter, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson.

LC 0158 Permanent Public Access – The purpose of this legislation is to revise the 1947 statutes regarding state publications to ensure that permanent public access to all state government published information in whatever format (paper or electronic) is maintained.

LC 0157 Information Access Program – MCA 22-1-325 to 22-1-331, the Information Access Montana Act was written in 1989. This proposed revision seeks to broaden these statutes to better allow the State Library Commission to put into practice the original intent of this legislation, that is, to encourage Montana libraries to share resources one with another and to get more library materials into Montanans' hands, quicker, more conveniently, and at a cost libraries can afford. Two sections, 22-1-328. "State interlibrary loan program", and 22-1-329 "State multilibrary card" are the primary focus of the Commission's requested changes.

A third piece of legislation is showing up on the online system entitled Encourage construction of new local libraries, LC0194 and the requester is Sam Kitzenberg. No additional details on this piece at this time.

Montana Library Association Government Affairs Committee Chairperson, Lois Fitzpatrick asked me to report the following regarding MLA and Legislation:

- MLA Board adopted the State Library's EPP and Legislation
- Members are needed for the Government Affairs Committee, let Lois know if interested.
- Committee will be making recommendation to the Board and membership as to strategies if any regarding the State Library budget requests disapproved by the Governor's office.