

Memo

To: State Library Commission
From: Darlene Staffeldt
Date: January 22, 2009
Re: Initial Draft Budget for Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for FY2009

We have not yet received the official notification of the annual federal funding that will be coming to Montana. The LSTA allotment for 2008 was \$952,693; the allotment for 2009 is expected to be the same \$952,693. Of the 2009 allotment approximately \$400,000 is included in the budget bill (HB2) as part of the State Library operations budget which the legislature approves each biennium. The remaining \$560,000 is considered "grants" and also carried in HB2 but is always an estimate and with less project specific details at the time the legislature is reviewing the budget. Those projects noted below with a ** have some HB2 LSTA operational funds included in them.

We will be recommending the LSTA budget based on the following criteria:

- Projects address the six LSTA priorities for funding (I have attached a copy of these at the end of this memo) ;
- The proven statewide impact of each existing project;
- Staff resources available for project management;
- Sustaining worthwhile current projects;
- Importance of the project based on the library community's comments during the long-range planning process; and
- Possible innovative new projects which will help us meet the goals of the long range plan.

IMLS Library Services and Technology Act funds help state library agencies make library resources and services, which can be prohibitively expensive to the individual, readily available to an entire community.

The following represents projects that we are currently planning to recommend for funding.

Below you will find a table followed by brief descriptions of the proposed projects:

LSTA FY'09
funding

Project	LSTA Goals	\$\$\$\$\$\$	Balance
			952,693
Administration**		63,364	889,329
Talking Book Library**	4,5,6	189,468	699,861
Montana Shared Catalog**	1,2,3,4,5	163,735	536,126
Statewide Collaborative Access**	1,2,3,4,5	280,705	255,421
Statewide Collaborative Content**	2,4	117,817	137,604
Statewide Collaborative Programming	1,4	20,000	117,604
Network Advisory Council	5	7500	110,104
Fall workshop	1,2,5	20,000	90,104
Monies not assigned yet*:			90,104

* The Network Advisory Council will review additional proposed projects and make appropriate recommendations for the assignment of these funds.

PROJECT BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS:

Administration:

Project description: This project includes the Library Services and Technology Act Coordinator and Administration costs. Included is partial salary for the Coordinator, as well as the statewide cost allocation plan (indirect costs) payment.

Approximate project budget: \$63,364

Talking Book Library:

Project description: This project includes the Talking Book Library (TBL) program. Included are partial salaries for six TBL employees as well as a small amount of operational funds for these positions. This project addresses goals 4, 5, and 6 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget: \$189,468

Montana Shared Catalog:

Project description: The Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) is a voluntary consortium comprised currently of 90 libraries. Project costs include partial salary for one MSC support position as well as full salary for the MSC Director position, and the MSC technical support position. Additional support is included to cover growth-related costs associated with the Sirsi-Dynix Symphony system upon which the MSC platform is built. The project addresses goals 1,2,3,4, and 5 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget without any new libraries: \$163,735

Statewide Collaborative Access:

Project description: The goal of this project is to make it possible for Montana libraries to work together and share resources. To accomplish this goal, the project will coordinate access to electronic resources, facilitate access to OCLC tools, maintain directories, and continue work to establish a statewide cooperative online reference service. State Library staff will research and demonstrate promising technologies and practices to provide better statewide access.

This project includes the salaries for Montana State Library's three Statewide Technology Librarian positions and expenses for the statewide OCLC group purchase, Ask Montana services, and other collaborative efforts. This project addresses goals 1,2,3,4, and 5 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget: \$280,705

Statewide Collaborative Content:

Project description: The goal of this project is to make it possible for Montana libraries to work together to share and expand upon the resources available to all Montana citizens. To accomplish this goal, the project coordinates purchases of statewide electronic resources, helps build digital library content, continues work to establish a statewide cooperative audio books collection, and researches and demonstrates and/or tests promising technologies, collections and practices. This project includes the salaries for two statewide projects staff. This program meets goals 2 and 4 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project Budget: \$117, 817

Statewide Collaborative Programming:

Project description: This project helps public libraries offer programming and other services for a targeted audience group by providing materials, ideas, and web resources. LSTA funds are used for the part-time salary of the project coordinator, plus some production money for developing project materials. This project also promotes summer reading program activities provided statewide by contracting with a children’s librarian to represent Montana at the annual Collaborative Summer Reading Program meeting and purchasing program manuals for all public libraries each year. This project meets goals 1 and 4 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget: \$20,000

Network Advisory Council:

Project description: The Network Advisory Council (NAC) is the advisory body that provides direction for the Montana State Library, and advice to the State Librarian on all things related to library cooperation, resource sharing, online content and services, and library access, content and programming. This project pays expenses for NAC members to attend meetings as called each year. This project addresses goal 5 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget: \$7,500

2010 Fall Workshop:

Project description: The 11th annual Fall Workshop will be held in September 2010. It will be a 2-day training event with no registration fee to be attended by librarians from all types of libraries from all parts of the state, and will feature half-day sessions on a variety of topics while providing librarians an excellent opportunity to network. LSTA funds are used for presenter fees, meeting facilities, materials, etc. This project meets goals 1, 2, and 5 of the LSTA priorities.

Approximate project budget: \$20,000

Monies not assigned yet could go towards:

Montana Shared Catalog – LSTA funds are used to help interested libraries in joining MSC with start up costs, some seed money will be needed.

Additional Children’s services including such things as the Children’s author tour(s).

E books program seed money

Pilot open source library program

Others items still being explored

LSTA PRIORITIES FOR 2009 GRANT AWARD

1. Expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages;
2. Develop library services that provide all users access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks;
3. Provide electronic and other linkages between and among all types of libraries;
4. Develop public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations;
5. Target library services to individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, to individuals with disabilities, and to individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills; and
6. Target library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children from families with incomes below the poverty line.