

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Date: March 22, 2012

Re: Budget for Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for FY2012

As you were notified in February, the LSTA allotment for federal fiscal year 2012 is \$1,057,408. This amount is approximately \$13,500 less than last year's allotment.

We recommend the entire LSTA budget for action at this time based on the following criteria:

- Recommendations from the Network Advisory Council (NAC);
- Projects that address the six LSTA priorities for funding included below;
- The proven statewide impact of each existing project;
- Staff resources available for project management; and
- Importance of the project based on the library community's comments.

As a reminder, you have already approved approximately \$364,771 of these funds when you approved our House Bill 2 (HB2) current level positions and budget in the state fiscal year 2012 budget, at your meeting on October 12, 2011. HB2 LSTA funds (noted in red on the accompanying spreadsheet) provide staff and operations in the Talking Book Library and Central Services, the Statewide Projects Librarian and the Montana Shared Catalog Director.

LSTA PRIORITIES FOR 2012 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.