

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

**Date:** March 31, 2015

**Re:** Budget for Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for FY'15

The LSTA allotment to Montana for federal fiscal year 2015 is \$1,059,140, or about \$500 less than the grant award in FY'14.

This recommended budget funds services that support the LSTA priorities for funding included in our LSTA Five-year plan approved by the Commission in the Spring of 2012: [http://apps.msl.mt.gov/About\\_the\\_Library/Publications/LSTA/lsta\\_5yr\\_2013\\_2017.pdf](http://apps.msl.mt.gov/About_the_Library/Publications/LSTA/lsta_5yr_2013_2017.pdf).

The recommended budget does not include amounts necessary to fund the possible FY'16 State Pay Plan as reflected in House Bill 13. This bill is currently tabled in the legislative House Appropriations Committee. Should the currently negotiated pay plan be approved, it would increase this budget, and would reduce the statewide projects budget, by \$16,051.

As a reminder, you already approved approximately \$125,425 of these funds when you approved our FY'15 House Bill 2 budget at your meeting on August 13, 2014. HB2 LSTA funds (noted in red) fund staff and operations in the Talking Book Library, Central Services, the Montana Memory Project, and the Montana Shared Catalog.