

MEMO

TO: MontanaLibrary2Go Membership

FROM: MontanaLibrary2Go Selection Committee

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2025 Cost Share Formula Recommendation

DATE: March 19, 2024

The MontanaLibrary2Go Selection Committee recommends a 10% flat increase in annual membership fees for the FY 2025 fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025).

The Committee acknowledges that cost increases are challenging for members' budgets, and yet the consortium's statistical reports, feedback from library patrons across the state, and the inability to fulfill the target 10:1 holds ratio for in-demand items clearly indicates that the budget is unable to keep up with growing demand. This increase is intended to help ease patrons' frustration with long wait times while also allowing the Selection Committee to continue adding new titles to the shared collection.

The Selection Committee welcomes discussion on this recommendation at the membership meeting.