

# Memo

**To:** State Library Commission

**From:** Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

**Date:** November 15, 2010

**Re:** First look at potential programs, projects and pilots to be considered for Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for the FY2011 fiscal budget.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (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.

We have not received notification of the annual federal funding award that will be coming to Montana. The LSTA allotment for federal fiscal year 2010 was \$1,117,930. We anticipate that the FY2011 funding will be the same as what was available in 2010. Obviously, since Congress has not taken action on the LSTA legislation yet, it is possible that we could get less or not as likely receive more.

Following please find some of the programs, projects, and pilots that we are currently considering for LSTA FY11 funding. More details including detailed budget figures will be provided in February and/or April as we receive the award notice from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Additional programs, projects, and pilots may come to the table as we review the priority needs for library services throughout Montana. Obviously we always have more requests for the money than we have money available.

## PROGRAM, PROJECT, PILOT DESCRIPTIONS:

### **Administration:**

Statewide cost allocation plan (indirect costs) payment and partial salary for Central Services staff.

### **Talking Book Library:**

Included are partial salaries for 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.

### **Montana Shared Catalog:**

The Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) is a voluntary consortium comprised currently of 133 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. **MSC New Libraries:** Pending final confirmation from the Commission and each library, some new libraries will be added to the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC). Library policy creation, data conversion and migration costs required to join the MSC will be paid for by this project. The project addresses goals 1,2,3,4, and 5 of the LSTA priorities.

### **Statewide Collaborative Access:**

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 URL resolver. 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, and other collaborative efforts. This project addresses goals 1,2,3,4, and 5 of the LSTA priorities.

### **Statewide Collaborative Content:**

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 support of the statewide cooperative downloadable audio and ebook collections, and researches and demonstrates and/or tests promising technologies, collections and practices. This project includes the salary for one statewide project staff member, the Network Advisory Council (NAC) and partial funding for **MontanaLibrary2Go** and **Montana Memory Project (MMP)**. The **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 meets goals 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the LSTA priorities. **HeritageQuest:** Contributions from 55 public libraries and LSTA funds enabled the renewal of the shared subscription to the online genealogy database, HeritageQuest Online, for all Montana public libraries. In its third year, there continues to be significant use throughout the state of this online genealogy tool and the library and patron responses to this resource continue to be enthusiastic. This project continues to enable all public libraries to offer this research tool to their patrons at considerably lower cost than individual subscription pricing. **GIS Support Project:** This project would assist public libraries with GIS and mapping related projects. A particular focus would be the integration of GIS with public library statistics.

### **Statewide Collaborative Outreach:**

This project helps public libraries offer programming and other services for a targeted audience group by providing materials, ideas, and web resources. This project includes the leadership development and training pieces such as Fall Workshop, Summer Institute, Trustee Training, and Statewide training specialist. This project includes the salaries for 1.5 project staff as well

as presenter fees, meeting facilities, 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, 2, 4, 5 and 6 of the LSTA priorities. **Fall Workshop:** The annual Fall Workshop will be held in September. It is typically 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. **Trustee Training Workshop(s):** It is important to provide regular training for trustees for several reasons: 1) there is considerable turnover in board members each year; 2) trustees benefit from meeting and sharing concerns and solutions; 3) the MLA Trustee Interest Group is no longer active; 4) not all federations schedule training for trustees; and 5) MSL is offering a new certification track for trustees to encourage continuing education for board members. These proposed trustee workshops will be based on the successful model previously used by MSL. Professional trainers will be engaged to provide full-day workshops on topics including the role of trustees, leadership skills, library laws, advocacy, library evaluation, and fundraising. **Early Learning Statewide Initiative:** This project, launched as part of the Ready 2 Read Campaign coordinates and implements a statewide early literacy effort in Montana public libraries. The effort includes a survey of current public library offerings to families of young children age 0-5, creation of a collection of board books, parenting materials and other resources for this age group, consulting provided by a local children's librarian and Ready 2 Read publicity materials. **Early literacy Support position:** The responsibilities would include managing the administrative tasks of this project. The position would plan and offer trainings; work with other early literacy experts to offer additional trainings, work to provide monthly early literacy research updates to librarians, offer support to librarians as they implement books and babies programs; offer support to libraries in their efforts to reach hard-to-reach families, support local libraries in their efforts to develop "Communities Partnering Programming" which will bring in community professionals to encourage informal discussions at existing books and babies programs and generally will work toward moving the Ready 2 Read program forward to continue to serve Montana's youngest citizens with unbeatable library services. **Summer Institute:** The revival of the Summer Institute would provide training and networking opportunities for Montana librarians. The Institute would enable MSL to actively help library directors meet the new certification requirements.

### **Open URL/Federated Searching tool:**

An Open URL resolver and a global search tool are the missing pieces in the successful utilization of statewide subscription databases, catalogs, digital collections and a wide variety of other content. Without these, patrons are unable to seamlessly find and access full text materials and to search across multiple repositories, including, increasingly, centralized indexes of content. These additional tools represent the next steps in helping Montana libraries afford to give their patrons a one-search, "find it", "get it" search experience. A test instance of an OpenURL Resolver through the cost efficient and potentially sustainable environment of the Montana Shared Catalog with its

133 libraries has the potential to become a workable and affordable resolver tool that could be scaled to serve the needs of all interested libraries.

#### OpenURL Resolver

Information:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenURL>

Examples:

<http://www.serialssolutions.com/360-all/>

<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/linkmanager/default.htm>

Federated Search, Global Search and Metasearch

Information:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federated\\_search](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federated_search)

Examples:

<http://www.oclc.org/worldcatlocal/overview/metasearch/>

<http://www.serialssolutions.com/summon/>

Additional items that have been mentioned in discussion of the LSTA funds include but may not be limited to: Courier Pilot continuance and/or expansion, Pilot to help fund libraries' presence on hand-held devices, additional long term access/preservation solution monies, and additional long term digital access monies.

#### LSTA PRIORITIES FOR 2010 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.