

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

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Re: Recommendations from the Network Advisory Council meeting of March 6, 2012

The Network Advisory Council at its March 6, 2012 meeting approved the following recommendations to be forwarded to the State Librarian and the State Library Commission:

Recommendation #1: Council recommends acceptance of all six new applicant libraries into the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) at a total cost of \$65,000. Those libraries are:

Jefferson High School – Boulder
McCone County Library
Missoula County Public School System (18 individual libraries)
Target Range School – Missoula
Valier Public Library
Wibaux Public Library

Additionally, the implementation of this group (Phase XIV) will be scheduled based on the outcome of the current MSC Request for Proposal process. Should the MSC consortium select a new Consortial Library Management Service through the RFP process that concludes in June, Phase XIV libraries will not begin implementation until 2013, following the migration of all existing members to the new system. FY2012 LSTA to cover the startup costs to add Phase XIV would instead be put towards assistance with migration costs to the new system. Phase XIV libraries would remain approved and eligible for assistance from next year's LSTA award to the State Library. There would not be a new library application period in 2013 under this scenario.

Recommendation #2: Council recommends approval of LSTA FY 2012 Statewide Projects Budgets as proposed by the State Library in the attached two spreadsheets. The first spreadsheet (New MSC Libraries tab) represents the scenario of the MSC remaining with their current SirsiDynix system and implementing the Phase XIV libraries in 2012. Total recommended expenditure in this scenario is \$288,790. The second spreadsheet (New MSC Platform tab) represents the scenario of the MSC migrating to a new system. Total recommended expenditure in this scenario is \$293,790. Once the outcome of the MSC RFP is known in June, 2012, the applicable Statewide Projects LSTA FY12 budget would be in force. The unassigned balances in each scenario will be reviewed by the NAC after this decision is made. Note, total costs stated above include MSC costs including those costs identified in Recommendation #1.