

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Date: March 17, 2014

Re: Budget for Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) funds for FY '14

The LSTA allotment to Montana for federal fiscal year 2014 is \$1,059,710, an increase of approximately \$18,000 over FY13. The increased funding brings our total LSTA award to just above pre-sequestration levels.

This recommended budget funds projects 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.

The budget reflects the 5% increase for LSTA-funded staff salaries which take effect in November, 2014. Salary increases were approved by the 2013 Legislature in House Bill 13. Actual salary increases were negotiated by the Governor and employee unions.

Additionally, this budget recommends a small increase in the operations budget for the Montana Memory Project (MMP) director. This increase is necessary to fund travel to national meetings of CONTENTdm users, attendance at various state meetings and conferences and travel to assist and train MMP contributors.

As a reminder, you already approved approximately \$170,529 of these funds when you approved our FY '14 House Bill 2 budget at your meeting on August 14, 2013. HB2 LSTA funds (noted in red on the accompanying spreadsheet) provide staff and operations in the Talking Book Library and Central Services, Montana Memory Project Director and the Montana Shared Catalog Director.