

Memo

To: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian **To:** Montana State Library Commission
From: Sarah McHugh, Director
Statewide Library Resources **From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
Date: March 18, 2016
Re: **Recommendation from the Network Advisory Council meeting of
March 8, 2016**

The Network Advisory Council at its March 8, 2016 meeting approved the following recommendation to be forwarded to the State Library Commission:

The Network Advisory Council recommends adoption of the proposed FY 2017 “Library Development Budget” in order to meet the needs of libraries as defined through the Library Development Study Task Force (LDSTF) final recommendations.

This budget combines the traditional “Above the Line” Library Services Technology Act budget and the “Statewide Projects Budget” recommended in the past. Previous budgets considered, current year federally awarded LSTA funding for staff and operations and LSTA funding for new and existing pilots, projects and programs separately. The FY 17 proposed budget addresses the full scope of Library Development services, including staffing needs. Recommendations in this budget proposal are funded from federal FY 16 LSTA and state FY 17 Coal Severance Tax monies.

The House Bill 2 funding amounts in the proposed budget are not part of the Council’s budget recommendations to the Commission. Rather, these costs are informational, referencing funding that was approved last August as part of our HB 2 startup budget. This detail is provided in order to give the Commission an overall view of the SLR budget details.

The proposed budget is organized by the LDSTF recommendations that were approved by the Commission at its February meeting. Within each section, individual projects and services are color coded to reflect the level of priority recommended by the LDSTF

to the Council, to be taken into consideration as the Council considered each item. The Council proposes the FY 17 budget based on these rankings as well as the overall LDSTF recommendations and related outcome statements.

It should be noted that specific training and programs, historically included in the Statewide Projects Budget, such as Fall Workshop, Summer Institute and Ready2Read Rendezvous, are not identified. This change also reflects the new approach to library development planning. Following Commission action, planning for specific programs and trainings will be carried out by Library Development staff, in collaboration with the Council; that planning will be guided by the LDSTF prioritized outcomes within each of the task force recommendations.

Historical budget information covering the previous five years of Library Development staffing, services and projects is included in Commission materials. Usage statistics for the statewide databases and online subscription services are also available as informational sources for the Commission, when deliberating on the proposed budget.