

Courier and Shipping Budget Proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to help fulfill the Montana Shared Catalog's mission of encouraging resource sharing and collaboration among all its academic and public members by providing a secondary means of subsidized physical delivery, and to provide an additional incentive for academic and public libraries to join the MSC.

MSC Courier Drop Site Libraries:

Discount is based on 15% of original contract value (annual number of stops; excludes excess crate fees). This discount will be provided through reduced monthly courier invoicing. MSL will cover this discount using LSTA funds.

Separately, MSC courier drop site libraries (those who have signed agreements with Critelli as part of the State contract) are asked to contribute 30% of this discount to the MSC sharing group shipping fund. This amount is deducted through the annual MSC budget and goes into a line for MSC sharing group shipping.

The final discount to courier drop site libraries from the original contract value, after deducting this shipping contribution, is 10.5%. This represents a 2.5% increase from last year's discount.

MSC Public & Academic Libraries Using Drop Sites or Shipping:

Public and academic libraries that have not signed an agreement with the courier for direct service (including libraries that send materials to a hub) are asked to contribute \$25 in their annual MSC budget for sharing group shipping. This amount is added through the annual MSC budget and goes into a line in the budget for MSC sharing group shipping.

Libraries that are not eligible for courier service because of their location may join a sharing group and receive a 20% discount on shipping. The discount for shipping is higher than the courier discount because shipping is itemized and will never achieve the economy of scale that courier sharing group libraries enjoy.

Sharing group libraries will be responsible for reporting monthly statistics to MSL for shipping to other sharing group libraries. This sharing group shipping discount will be represented as a credit in the participating sharing group library's annual MSC budget the following year, and that amount will be deducted from the shipping budget line.

Additional Contribution for Sharing Group Shipping:

MSL will contribute \$978 in FY 16 LSTA and \$1,000 from the Ivan Doig Contribution to support expanded resource sharing within the MSC. This amount goes into a line for MSC sharing group shipping.