

Memo

To: Network Advisory Council

From: Tracy Cook, Director of
Statewide Library Resources

Date: May 1, 2018

Re: Recommendations for Fiscal Year '18 Library Services Technology Act (LSTA) award

I have included a proposed Library Development budget for the FY18 LSTA Award. It also includes funding for the Talking Book Library. You will see two worksheets in the spreadsheet entitled LSTA2018 Library Development Budget Recommendations. One tab shows you the full budget with personnel and contractual obligations. It's very similar to what you have seen in the past few years. The second tab lists the funds the need allocating for various library development projects.

Do you wish to spend the training amount that we have traditionally spent? If yes, do these areas make sense – trustee, lifelong learning, and general training? Are you comfortable with allocating funds for the new digitization projects for the Montana Memory Project? As you can see, there is roughly \$56,000 available for other projects. What would you like library development to work on in the coming year? What would be most valuable to the libraries of Montana and the people they serve?

We need to recommend a budget for Commission approval at their June 13, 2018 meeting. We don't have to allocate the full amount, so if you would like time to brainstorm and work with staff on allocating the \$56,000 we can do that.