

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

**Date:** April 4, 2022

**Re:** Request for Use of Trust Funds for Montana Heritage Center Sensory Trail

MSL staff requests the Commission authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000 from the State Library Trust to fund sensory elements in the Montana Heritage Center trail. This request follows positive Commission discussion in October, 2021. This request is supported by State Library Commission statutory authority found in [Montana Code Annotated 22-1-103](#):

(6) provide library services for the blind and for individuals with physical disabilities.

We recognize that library services are about more than just books, and we are pleased to have the opportunity partner with the Montana Historical Society (MHS) to expand our vision of services to this population. MSL staff intend to sign a memorandum of understanding with the MHS to prioritize sensory elements for funding to ensure that the funds are used as intended by the State Library.