



MEMO

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Pam Henley, Consulting Librarian
Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Federation Plans of Service
Date: June 5, 2023

Montana State Library staff request the Commission adopt the FY24 Plans of Service prepared by federation members at recent spring federation meetings.

Following recommendations of the Federation task force and the Network Advisory Council, the Plans of Service each include an additional \$4000 to be used for collaborative projects. The total funding request: \$249,000.00 and is included in the Federations Project in the FY2024 budget included in the Commission meeting materials.

Background:

[22-1-331, Montana Code Annotated](#) states that the Commission shall provide a base grant for each public library to support the cooperative activities and services of the six library federations in the state.

[22-1-413, MCA](#) provides for the administration federations and states that Federations receiving state funds from the commission shall submit annual plans for the expenditure of state funds and report annually to the commission concerning the progress of the various projects for which state funding was received.

The possibility of extra funding led to lengthy discussions during spring federation meetings. Federations where retreats have not been offered were excited to consider the option, providing increased training and networking opportunities. Others discussed additional collaborative projects to benefit those federation libraries, such as a collaborative movie license for additional programming options.