

**VI. FEDERAL FUND**

**A. Finances – FY2019 Object Transfer - Action Item**

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Of the \$60,000 in LSTA funds budgeted for continuing library education grants for FY2019, more than \$52,000 has been reimbursed or obligated during the first quarter. Staff recommends increasing the budgeted amount by transferring \$20,000 from federal Operating to Trustee and Benefit. The increase will make it possible to fund expected new requests for formal library science courses, first-time attendance at conferences, and leadership development events.

**Suggested motion:** I move that the SFY2019 appropriation for the federal fund be adjusted by transferring \$20,000 in Operating to Trustee and Benefit to fund additional Continuing Education grants.

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**B. Program – LSTA Update – Information Item**

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**FY2019 LSTA Funding**

The FY2019 Labor HHS budget, which includes the Institute of Museum and Library Services, passed both chambers of Congress and has been signed by the President. The appropriation contains a \$2 million increase in the IMLS budget for administration and research so won't directly benefit the Grants to States or library discretionary grant programs. It appears that level funding for those programs for FY19 is secured.

**MLSA Reauthorization**

As of late September, Senator Reed (RI) and staff were working to re-introduce the Museum and Library Services Act reauthorization bill in the Senate to increase the base Grants to States/LSTA allotment from \$680,000 to \$1 million. They were also actively working with several members of the House to introduce a companion bill there.

**IMLS Site Visit**

Dennis Nagle's site visit report follows.



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Dear Ann:

I would like to thank you and your staff for coordinating my site visit to the Idaho Commission for Libraries. I enjoyed meeting with all of you and learning more about Idaho's LSTA-funded programs and services. I also appreciated the efforts Jamie and Stephanie made in gathering the site visit checklist information together and arranging the library and other off-site visits. You both provided helpful context for many of these programs and the conversations I had both in the field and at the state library were rewarding and informative.

Overall, the LSTA program appears to be well-organized and well-run, which speaks to your careful stewardship of federal funds. The administrative and financial processes are in order and certain elements, such as the strong level of engagement of your fiscal office and turnkey approach to subgrants for under-resourced libraries, could be a model for other states. There are a few items that we discussed during the site visit that could strengthen the program even further:

- IMLS recommends as a best practice that SLAAs develop a written policy on Limited English Proficiency. Here is a link to guidance on this policy, located in our Grants to States Manual:  
[https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/limitedenglishproficiency\\_dec2015.pdf](https://www.imls.gov/sites/default/files/limitedenglishproficiency_dec2015.pdf)

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning the site visit or these recommendations. Once again, I would like to express my appreciation for the time and effort you and your staff put forth prior to and during my visit.

Sincerely,

Dennis Nangle, Senior Program Officer

cc: Jamie Mott