

5% Base Budget Reduction Form

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AGENCY CODE & NAME: 51150 STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

		Minimum Requirement		
		General Fund	State Special Revenue Fund	
TARGETED REDUCTION TO EQUAL 5% OF CURRENT BASE BUDGET		\$ 158,160	\$ 45,953	
		General Fund Annual Savings	State Special Revenue Annual Savings	% OF CUT
Priority	SERVICE(S) TO BE ELIMINATED OR REDUCED			
1	REDUCE THE RESOURCE SHARING BUDGET	\$ 158,160	\$ -	100%
2	REDUCE THE LIS DIGITIZATION BUDGET		\$ 45,953	0%
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	TOTAL SAVINGS	\$ 158,160	\$ 45,953	
	DIFFERENCE	0	0	

Form A

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

The State Resource Sharing program funds on-going costs for libraries that are members of the Montana Shared Catalog and for a portion of the state OCLC group services contract. These two programs provide foundational tools for libraries that share their resources with other libraries and patrons around the state. This type resource sharing is critical to eliminate the information divide in a rural state that is made up of communities of "haves and have nots."

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$158,160

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

Resource sharing funds reduce the cost for local libraries to participate in the Montana Shared Catalog and OCLC. Reduction of these funds would pass these costs on to local communities. For many of the smallest libraries, who need the benefits of resource sharing the most, it may mean that they can no longer participate in these programs. This would deny Montana citizens access to needed information resources and would increase the information divide across the state.

Additionally, reduction in the resource sharing program undermines other statewide efforts, such as the MontanaLibrary2Go and the Montana Memory Project because it would force libraries to decide between providing resource sharing opportunities and participating in these programs.

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

The impacts to constituents and staff might be mitigated if local libraries can convince their communities to offset these costs at the local level through local dollars. It is more likely that libraries in larger communities could afford to absorb these costs increasing the digital divide between urban and rural communities.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes - This program is specifically required by statute, 22-1-328 MCA

Form B

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#1 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SERVICE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

MSL's Digital Library provides permanent public access to Montana state government publications. A primary goal of the MSL is to digitize these publications and to make them available online in order to meet users demands for access to this information anytime, anywhere. This reduction would reduce the amount of funding available to continue to digitize this collection.

#2 THE SAVINGS THAT ARE EXPECTED:

\$45,953

#3 THE CONSEQUENCES OR IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED ELIMINATION OR REDUCTION:

With the elimination of these funds, MSL will have to significantly slow the on-going project to digitize print state publications. As a result state employees and the public will not have the ability to discover and have immediate online access to the remaining body of state government information available in the state publications collection.

#4

HOW THE IMPACT TO CONSTITUENTS AND STAFF MIGHT BE MITIGATED:

If this budget is eliminated state employees and the public will have to request copies of the print state publications from the library or through Interlibrary loan, greatly delaying access to the information.

#5 WHETHER THE SERVICE IS SPECIFICALLY REQUIRED BY STATE & /OR FEDERAL STATUTE - YES OR NO:

Yes, indirectly through - 22-1-219 MCA

Form B