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Subject: FW: Added spending category request for Lancaster Grant

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To: Kerry P. Eagan
Cc: Angie Fox; Jaime Long
Subject: Added spending category request for Lancaster Grant

Hi Kerry,

Thanks for your good advice on the phone. This is the memo you requested in order to bring a spending alteration to the board next Thursday.

The exhibit "Guts and Glory: A Parasite Story" will open when planned, but we have had a great buildup of exhibit production happening late in the process. With all the people involved in this, including scientists, it often comes down to the wire.

After submitting our final version of exhibit-panel materials to our printer, they have informed us that the actual amount charged will be considerably less than what they estimated when we were writing the grant. Since we have spent all other grant categories down, this display-printing void would likely keep us short of hitting \$10,000 unless we can create another spending category.

What I am requesting of the board is that the State Museum be allowed to spend from one newly-created category, which is "video production." We hired a UNL video production team to film what goes on behind the scenes in a science lab as well as filming some scientists' biographies, and this has turned into a large expense. We didn't foresee this component a year ago. We would spend somewhere around \$1,800 to \$2,200 in that new category. I'll outline what the revised budget would look like below.

It is important to mention to the board that these videos will be used well beyond the span of our "Guts and Glory: A Parasite Story" exhibit. When our all-new 4th -floor exhibits open in 2019, these same videos will run there in its parasite exhibit area. It's a very good use of these funds in my opinion.

The new budget would look something like this, including the last new category, "Video Production." "Display printing" has been reduced here by \$2,000.

<u>Project Budget</u>	
Lumber	\$1,000
Plexiglass	\$1,000
Casting materials and clay	\$1,000
Display printing	\$5,000
<u>Video production</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$10,000

Thank you very much for considering this request. Please copy all in this email with the decision when it comes; I may not be in the office. If we have word Thursday, we can get this posted to the grant Friday.

Thanks so much for your help, Kerry!

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