

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian, Erin Fashway, State GIS Coordinator

Date: April 26, 2022

Re: Fiscal Year 2023 Montana Land Information Act Grant recommendations

At their meeting on April 6, 2022 the Montana Land Information Advisory Council (Council) unanimously recommended that staff advance eight grant applications to the Commission for approval. Those applications are summarized in the accompanying report.

A total of eight grant applications were submitted to the Montana State Library for consideration for the FY2023 MLIA Grant Program. All eight applications were reviewed internally by the Montana State Library staff and submitted to the Council Grant Subcommittee. The Subcommittee reviewed and scored all applications. All eight grants were prioritized for funding however the total funding requested, \$283,973, exceeds the amount of funding available, \$250,000.

At the recommendation of the Council, and upon approval from the Commission, staff will work with grant recipients to create scopes of work that limit the total funding awarded so that the total amount of funds obligated does not exceed the total amount of funds available.

The Council approved the Subcommittee's prioritization at the April 22, 2020 meeting.

Staff recommend the approval of the MLIA Grant FY2023 program funding and prioritization as recommended and endorsed by the Council.