



MEMO

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian & Erin Fashoway, GIS Coordinator
Subject: FY2025 Approved MGIA Grant Applications for the FY27–28 MGIA Grant Cycle
Date: January 29, 2026

The Montana Geospatial Advisory Council recommends the Commission approve the following grant applications for the Fiscal Years (FY) 27-28 grant cycle. Total grant funding to award in the two-year cycle is \$500,000.

Applicant	Grant Request
Blaine County	\$98,500
Powder River County	\$9,800
Wheatland County	\$20,750
City of Glendive	\$40,930
Total	\$169,980

These four grant applications were previously recommended for funding for the FY 25 grant cycle, however, that grant cycle was canceled due to the precipitous loss of revenue in 2024. These applications align with the grant program goals of the new [Montana Geospatial Information Plan](#) adopted by the Commission at the October 10, 2025 business meeting. For these reasons, the Council voted at their January 29, 2026 business meeting to recommend that the applications receive priority consideration for the FY 27-28 grant cycle

Montana State Library staff worked with each applicant to compile a summary of project interest and requested funding amounts. All four applicants expressed interest in moving forward with their applications.

Note, this recommendation leaves a balance of \$330,020 in grant funds to award to new grant applicants in the FY27-28 grant cycle. The application period for new grants is open through February 25, 2026. At that time the grant subcommittee of the Council will review applications and make recommendations for funding to the Council at their April 23, 2026 meeting. The Council will then make recommendations for new grant application awards to the Commission at a special business meeting to be scheduled in early May.

Finally, [MGIA revenue](#) continues to rebound. Staff monitor revenue closely and are satisfied that revenues are sufficient to support the FY 27-28 grant cycle.