



RE: [External]Re: Question about State Entitlement Share

From Nancy Everson <neverson@mtcounties.org>

Date Thu 8/21/2025 8:42 AM

To Orban, Cara <COrban@mt.gov>

Cc Cook, Tracy <TCook2@mt.gov>

Good Morning Cara- first of all- thank you for the well written and concise email.

Next- unfortunately- the County Finance Manager is correct. If these are mills allocated by the County from the aggregate mill levy, then the entitlement share revenue can be allocated as the County Commission directs.

Thanks

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From: Orban, Cara <COrban@mt.gov>

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I should clarify that the library is a county library and is not an independent library district established by voters, and so it would probably not be considered a "special district" as I described below.

From: Orban, Cara

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:53 PM

To: neverson@mtcounties.org <neverson@mtcounties.org>

Cc: Cook, Tracy <TCook2@mt.gov>

Subject: Question about State Entitlement Share

Hello Nancy,

Tracy Cook is my supervisor here at the State Library and she recommended that I check in with you regarding a question about State Entitlement Share and public libraries.

I am working with a county library whose Finance Manager has told the Library Director that the library is no longer going to receive their portion of the Entitlement Share because the funds are "discretionary" and the county needs to repurpose them. I believe that the library's county tax revenues are composed only of general mills.

In exchange for the Entitlement Share, the Finance Manager increased the mills allocated to the library, but the mills have lost value and do not compensate for the value of the Entitlement Share.

Is the Finance Manager legally justified in this matter, or should the library, as a special district, continue to receive a proportionate amount of the Entitlement Share?

Your insight would be appreciated.

Thank you,

Cara

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