
MLIAC MEMORANDUM

TO: MLIAC COUNCIL MEMBERS
2009 MLIA GRANT APPLICANTS

FROM: ROBIN TRENBEATH, GIO

SUBJECT: 2009 MLIA GRANTS

DATE: 9/23/2011

Acting on behalf of the Montana Department of Administration, and according to administrative rule, I have reviewed the grant priorities and advice submitted to me and the Council by the MLIAC Grant Subcommittee on May 1, 2008. Further, I have not received any additional comments from other Council members. Although I used the grant scoring and recommended priorities of the Subcommittee as my starting point, the results vary slightly. Therefore, after due consideration, the final prioritization of the grant applications shall be as follows:

Priority	Grant Submitter	Short Description	2009 MLIA Share	Cumulative MLIA Total
1	DOA/ITSD - Cadastral	Cadastral Stewardship	111,089	111089
2	Butte-Silver Bow	Cadastral Enhancement	37,204	148,293
3	DOA/ITSD - Critical Infrastructure	Critical Infrastructure Stewardship	87,263	235,556
4	DOA/ITSD - Transportation	Transportation Stewardship	89,846	325,402
5	Yellowstone County	GCDB Enhancement	57,315	382,717
6	Gallatin County	GCDB Enhancement	20,000	402,717
7	MSL - NRIS	Hydrography Stewardship	29,400	432,117
8	Lewis & Clark County	GCDB Enhancement	15,000	447,117
9	DEQ	SW Wetlands	65,500	512,617
10	DNRC	Conservation District Boundaries	20,000	532,617
11	U.M -Natural Heritage Program	MSDI Land Cover Products	121,885	654,502
12	Yellowstone River Conservation	Wetlands Mapping	74,250	728,752
13	Ravalli Co.	Cadastral Project	40,898	769,650
14	Red Lodge (City)	3-D GIS for Red Lodge	31,650	801,300
15	Park County	Web Mapping Application	20,225	821,525
16	Liberty County	DB Maint. Emergency Response Layers	15,000	836,525
17	Wheatland County (Sheriff)	Standardizing GIS Data	16,907	853,432
18	DNRC	Trust Land Data Automation	56,000	909,432
TOTALS			909,432	

In addition, I strongly concur with the advice of the Subcommittee and therefore am proceeding in the following manner. The Department will honor the FY2008 NAIP holdback, and proceed with the FY2009 holdback, providing a total of \$300,000 in the MLIA account for the anticipated 2010 NAIP acquisition. Should the NAIP/imagery holdback become unnecessary for some unexpected reason, the monies will be available for distribution during subsequent granting cycles.

We have contacted each grant applicant and indicated his or her organization's position on the priority list. Because of funding limitations (estimated at approximately \$800,000 on March 31, 2008), the lowest four (4) applicants were also notified of their tenuous status. We also informed these four applicants that if they wish, Stewart Kirkpatrick, Chief of the Base Map Service Center, and I will personally visit each of them to discuss options for meeting all or a portion of the intent of their grant, although perhaps through a different technical solution. At the same time, we will start contract negotiations with grant applicants at the top of the list, working our way toward the bottom. If we identify potential savings during these negotiations, funding may be available to solve the issues documented by the lower scoring applicants.

In other words, I have not determined a cut-off point in the priority list, preferring to let the process play out as outlined above and/or to see where we reach our MLIA funding capacity.

Thank you to all the Council members who assisted with this year's Land Information Plan and grant review; they contributed many hours and significant effort on behalf of the Council and the entire Montana GIS community. We continue to learn from our experiences and I look forward to improving the process each year.