

# Memo

**To:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian      **To:** Montana Land Information Advisory Council

**From:** Evan Hammer  
Digital Library Director

**Date:** April 13, 2017

**Re: Available Grant Funds Report and Grant Funding Recommendation**

Please find the attached report on available grant funds based on [MAR 10.102.9102](#).

This report identified \$339,036.67 in available grant funds for the FY2018 MLIA Grant Cycle. In its current form the FY2018 Montana Land Information Plan identifies \$230,000 in MLIA funding for the FY2018 grant cycle.

Based on this grant report MSL recommends increasing the grant funding through the FY2018 Montana Land Information Plan to \$250,000. With modestly increasing collections of the last two fiscal years, this increase is in line with council efforts to increase the amount of grant funding made available. It also ensures a comfortable cushion to help avoid a situation where next year's grant funding would have to be dramatically cut in response to an unanticipated drop in collections.

We welcome additional discussion about this recommendation at the April 20, 2017 meeting of the Montana Land Information Advisory Council.

## Report to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council on "Available Grant Funds" for the FY18 MLIA Grant Cycle

(1) "Available grant funds" means the **balance of the Montana land information account on March 31 of each fiscal year**, plus **an estimate of not-yet-deposited state funds held by counties as of that date**, less **the state library's budget associated with duties and responsibilities defined in 90-1-404, MCA, for the fiscal year** and **any funds committed to grants**.

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<b>+ balance of the Montana land information account on March 31 of each fiscal year</b>	1,017,628.00
This is the Montana Land Information Account Balance on 3/31/2017 as reported by the MSL Accountant	
<b>+ an estimate of not-yet-deposited state funds held by counties as of that date</b>	209,262.65
This is estimated by summing the average monthly collections for April, May and June for the last five years	
<b>- the state library's budget associated with duties and responsibilities defined in 90-1-404, MCA, for the fiscal year</b>	(735,657.33)
This is the sum of the FY18 Land Plan allocation and the balance of the FY17 Land Plan Allocation (as of 3/31/2017)	
<b>- any funds committed to grants.</b>	(152,196.65)
This is the balance of all FY17 Grants as of 3/31/2017	
<b>="Available grant funds"</b>	<b>\$ 339,036.67</b>



April 12, 2017