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**To:** Montana Land Information Advisory Council

**From:** Erin Fashoway

**Date:** April 6, 2021

**Re: Remaining Grant Budget Funds - Off-Cycle MLIA Grant for PLSS Data Collection and Training Program**

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The MLIA Grant Review Subcommittee has recommended \$171,141 in funding for the approved FY2022 Grant Applications. The Council approved a total of \$250,000 for MLIA Grant Funds FY2022. The remaining funds totals \$78,859. We would like to recommend using the remaining funds the following two programs:

1. MLIA Off-Cycle Grant, [ARM 10.102.9107](#), for the sole purposes of collecting new survey control to improve digital representation of Public Land Survey System. This aligns with the FY2022 Land Information Plan Tier 1b Grant Priorities.
  - a. Proposed Process:
    - i. Use Amplifund to create the Off-Cycle Application.
    - ii. Grant Review Subcommittee would review all applications.
    - iii. MLIA Council would approve prioritization at the June Council Meeting.
    - iv. MSL Commission would approve funding at the June Commission Meeting.
2. Remaining funds not allocated to MLIA Off-Cycle Grant would be used to develop a Training Program for the purposes of educating local, state, and tribal government professionals on MSDI Data Standards/Best Practices, MSDI Data Development, and Grant Writing/Project Management. This aligns with the FY2022 Land Information Plan Tier 1 & 2 Grant Priorities.
  - a. Proposed Process:
    - i. Partner with MSDI Theme Leads, the Council, MAGIP, and other stakeholders to conduct a Training Needs Assessment for MSDI Data Partners and MLIA Grant Applicants.
    - ii. Develop a training plan for MSDI Data Partners and MLIA Grant Applicants.
    - iii. Implement Training Plan.