

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Erin Fashoway

Date: April 8, 2021

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

At their April 6, 2021 meeting, the MLIA Council voted to approve \$170,141 in funding for the FY22 MLIA Grant Program. A total of \$250,000 was budgeted in the FY2022 Land Information Plan for the FY22 MLIA Grant Program. The Council also approved, at the April 6, 2021 meeting, a proposal to use the remaining funds (\$79,859) for the following two programs:

1. MLIA Off-Cycle Grant, [ARM 10.102.9107](#), for the sole purpose of collecting new survey control to improve digital representation of Public Land Survey System (PLSS). 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 for PLSSS would be used to develop a Training Program for the purpose 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.