

MEMO

To: Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council
From: MGIA Grant Review Subcommittee
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Subject: Prioritization of the FY2027-2028 MGIA Grant Funds, Proposed Grant
Projects
Date: April 10, 2026

The attached report outlines the finalized priority order of grants for the Montana Geospatial Information Act Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2027-2028, based on ARM 10.102.9105.

A total of [fifteen grant applications](#) were submitted by state, tribal, city, and county governments to the Montana State Library for consideration for the [FY27 MGIA Grant Program](#). The Grant Review Subcommittee of the Council reviewed, ranked, and prioritized funding for projects.

The fifteen grant applications requested a total of \$691,203 in MGIA dollars and included over \$315,220 partner-matched funds. The FY2027-2028 Geospatial Information Plan budgeted \$500,000 for grant projects, less \$169,980 for [previously approved FY2027 projects](#).

The Subcommittee prioritized [eight project applications](#) to be funded, with stipulations, totaling \$330,020. Please see attached table outlining the priorities, funding, and stipulations.

Action to be taken on these prioritized grants will be conducted at the [April 23, 2026 Council Meeting](#). Final funding and award decisions will receive final approval at the [May 6, 2026 MSL Commission meeting](#).

Montana Geospatial Information Act (MGIA) FY2027-2028 Grant Program

MGIA Grant Review Subcommittee Recommendations for FY2027-2028 Prioritization of Grant Funding

Rank	Organization	Project Title	Montana Geospatial Information Plan - Defined Priority	Approved MGIA Dollar Amount	Grantees Matching Funds	Total Grant Budget (MGIA Funds & Grantee Matching Funds)	Notes & Stipulations
1	Butte-Silver Bow County	Public Land Survey System (PLSS) Control Collection in Silver Bow County	Improving the MSDI Cadastral Framework	\$50,000.00	\$31,746.00	\$81,746.00	Fully Fund
2	Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation	Develop Gallatin Watershed Hydrography Data for 3DHP	Improving the MSDI Hydrography Framework	\$41,875.00	\$41,907.00	\$83,782.00	Fully Fund - Grant Will Not Pay for Field Equipment. Budget does not need to be adjusted.
3	Custer County	Custer County Improve Land Records: PLSS	Improving the MSDI Cadastral Framework	\$56,458.00	\$12,792.00	\$69,250.00	Do not fund Task 1.3.1 (\$3,020) MTSRN Subscription for Contractor
4	Valley County	Improvements to Public Land Survey System (PLSS) – Valley County	Improving the MSDI Cadastral Framework	\$15,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$17,000.00	Fully Fund
5	Lewis & Clark County	Lewis and Clark County Road Ownership and Centerline Classification Project	Improving the MSDI Transportation Framework	\$65,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$145,000.00	Fully Fund
6	Carbon County	Enhancement of Geodetic Control for Carbon County	Improving the MSDI Cadastral Framework	\$60,000.00	\$13,859.86	\$73,859.86	Fully Fund
7	Musselshell County	Musselshell County E-911/GIS Modernization & Addressing Project	NG9-1-1 Geospatial Data Development	\$8,140.00	\$580.00	\$8,720.00	Partially Fund - Fund Tasks
8	Dept. of Revenue	Improvements to Public Land Survey System (PLSS) – Golden Valley, Musselshell, and Wheatland Counties	Improving the MSDI Cadastral Framework	\$33,547.00	\$10,000.00	\$43,547.00	Partially Fund: Collection Plan will be Modified to Reflect Approved Award Amount
Totals:				\$330,020.00	\$192,884.86	\$522,904.86	