



MEMO

To: Montana State Library Commission
From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
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Subject: Prioritization of the FY2027-2028 MGIA Grant Funds, Proposed Grant Projects
Date: April 23, 2026

Staff request that the Commission approve eight project applications to be funded through the Montana Geospatial Information Act (MGIA) Grant Program State Fiscal Year 2027-2028, based on ARM 10.102.9105.

During the application period, state, tribal, city, and county governments submitted [fifteen grant applications](#) to the Montana State Library for consideration. The fifteen grant applicants 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 Council Grant Review Subcommittee reviewed, ranked, and prioritized eight project applications to be funded, with stipulations, totaling \$330,020. Please see attached table outlining the priorities, funding, and stipulations.

At their April 23, 2026, meeting, the full Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council took action to recommend that the State Library Commission approve these grants.