

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian; Erin Fashoway, State GIS Coordinator

**Date:** December 6, 2017

**Re: Recommendation for approval of the FY '19 Land Information Plan from the Montana Land Information Advisory Council**

The Montana Land Information Advisory Council (MLIAC) recommends adoption of the FY '19 Land Information Plan as approved at their November 9, 2017 meeting.

In order to strengthen the impact of the MLIA grant program, the Council lengthened the Land Plan drafting process to include a discussion of the key issues local governments (the majority of MLIA grant recipients) in Montana currently face. Issues include public safety, the need to improve data to support government workflows, business processes, and operations, and the need to improve land records. The proposed Land Plan reflects these issues in the priorities for FY 19 grant awards. Additionally, the Land Plan sets council work priorities for FY 19. Finally, the Land Plan identifies theme-specific priorities and identifies priorities that are "at risk" due to recent budget cuts. Included in the theme-specific recommendations from the Council is a recommendation that, if adequate MLIA funds are available in FY 19, they be spent to rewrite the Cadastral application.

It should also be noted that, due to the threat of budget cuts at the time of the November MLIAC meeting, the Council did not have full information about the complete Digital Library budget when they acted on the Land Plan. Now that the State Library has a finalized FY 18/19 budget, a complete budget is included in plan presented for adoption. The MLIA Land Plan budget did not change; it is the same as was recommended by the Council.

We respectfully submit the plan to the Commission with a recommendation for approval at the December Commission meeting.