

**MONTANA GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION ACT
GRANT APPLICATION
STATE FISCAL
YEARS 2027-2028
JULY 1, 2026 – JUNE 30, 2028**

***LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY ROAD
OWNERSHIP AND CENTERLINE
CLASSIFICATION PROJECT***



APPLICATION FOR FY2027 MGIA GRANT FUNDING

SECTION 1 – ORGANIZATION, PARTNER, AND PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Provide basic information about your organization, the total MGIA grant request and any match, and a short executive summary of your project (up to 400 words). Identify the FY2027 MGIA grant program priority, whether the project is one or multiple years, and list all funding partners.

Primary Applicant Contact Information <i>(Please fill this section out in its entirety)</i>	
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County:	Click or tap here to enter text.
State:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Contact Email Address:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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NOTE: Each identified Funding Partner MUST also submit a letter of support.

Proposal Information	
Date Submitted:	2/24/26
Identified Grant Priority: <i>*See the Montana Geospatial Info Plan for information on priorities.</i>	Transportation MSDI Framework Theme NG9-1-1 Data Development
Proposal Prepared By:	Lewis and Clark County
Short Title of Proposal:	Lewis and Clark County Road Ownership and Centerline Classification Project
Executive Summary	
<p>The Lewis and Clark County Public Works Department, in collaboration with the Community Planning and Development Department and GIS Department, is undergoing a research effort to establish road ownership data and update and verify road centerline information. Road ownership inquiry remains one of the most frequent requests from other County departments, the County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, local fire districts, utility companies, realtors and title companies, and the public. Access to this information through a quick, GIS-based online search will greatly benefit state and local agencies, first responders, private business, and the public. Further, this research includes verification of road centerline data for streamlined integration into the MSDI Transportation Framework according to Next Generation 9-1-1 best practices and National Emergency Number Association (NENA) standards.</p>	
MGIA Grant Funding Request and Match	
Total Requested MGIA Funds:	\$65,000
Total Matched Funds:	\$80,000

SECTION 2 – PUBLIC BENEFIT

Briefly explain how your project supports one or more MSDI Themes or initiatives, what you will deliver, and how the results will benefit multiple agencies and Montana communities through local impact, cost savings, or efficiency gains.

10% of the Total Score - 300-word limit

The County Road Ownership and Centerline Classification Project is a collaboration between the Public Works, Community Development and Planning, and GIS Departments to provide a centralized and accessible database of road information to the public and government agencies. These results will serve to answer inquiries about the status of road ownership, right-of-way and easement locations, and assist in identifying locations of emergency access in a matter of minutes versus hours, saving the time of researchers, emergency responders, and the public.

Road ownership inquiries are one of the most frequent requests received by multiple County departments. Requests from other departments, the County Sheriff's Office, Montana Highway Patrol, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Department of Agriculture, local fire districts and service areas, utility companies, realtors, prospective home buyers, title companies, recreationalists, and the public are received on a nearly daily basis. The Road Ownership and Centerline Classification Project will be a research-based effort to identify and document road ownership status, right-of-way widths, and easement information. Research results will be used to verify and update the County GIS road centerline data for incorporation into the State's MSDI Transportation Framework and Next Generation 9-1-1 location validation.

No new data will be created; however, the results of this project will verify and define centerline data on major roadways and evacuation routes in the County and be used to update the ownership field in the current Transportation Framework schema. Ownership data will be very useful for multiple County departments, emergency first responders, disaster and emergency service coordination, multiple local and state agencies, law enforcement jurisdictions, utility companies, and all County residents. Additionally, this information will assist the County Public Works in prioritizing road maintenance and improvement projects, and in identifying evacuation routes and wildland fire defensible space maintenance projects.

SECTION 3 – PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY

Use this section to show that your organization and team can successfully deliver and manage the project. Briefly describe your relevant experience with similar projects or grants, name the primary and secondary Project Managers and their roles, and explain how you will oversee any consultants, meet reporting requirements, and invoice the State Library for reimbursement.

10% of Total Score - 2-page limit

Government agencies continually face an increasing demand for public services, without budgets to support all desired services. As the need for road maintenance services reached a point that was unsustainable compared to revenue in the County, it became necessary to prioritize the most critical road networks in an equitable way. In 2019, the County worked with a consultant to evaluate and prioritize all roads in the County and assign road scores based on objective criteria, such as average daily traffic, evacuation routes, bus routes, speed, etc. As a result, the County has a robust dataset of road priority inventory and can use this information to objectively determine where to focus resources.

Additionally, as the County plans for needed improvements and maintenance on aging road infrastructure, it is necessary to know right-of-way widths and road ownership history prior to making investments with public funds. While many main corridors have historically been maintained by the County, it is required by statute to have these roads specifically adopted as county roads by the Board of County Commissioners through resolution, which requires research into historic records to prove ownership and right-of-way details. Existing County staff have worked on this research as time allowed; however, the County does not have a staff member with capacity to focus on this effort as a primary job duty.

Due to the need for this data and the time restraints faced, the County initiated a pilot project in 2025, which established the goals, objectives, and tasks necessary to complete this effort. Project objectives included hiring a qualified consultant to research historical files, including County Commission journals, maps, aerial photos, current and past surveys, and right-of-way determination to gather the necessary documentation to declare roads a "County Road" as defined by 7-14-2101, MCA, and developing a resolution of County Road adoption for review and consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. Methodology and supporting documentation needed for each resolution will depend on what historical information and lines of evidence exist for a certain roadway. Though the pilot project was initiated on a significantly smaller scale, its scope aligns very closely with the goals, objectives, and tasks proposed for this MGIA grant application and provided us with realistic expectations of budget and timeline information.

Jessica Makus, Special Districts Coordinator/Public Works, and Jenny Chambers, Public Works and Community Development and Planning Director, will serve as the Project Manager and Secondary Project Manager, respectively. The Public Works Department has successfully

managed and completed more than ten grant projects over the past five years. In addition, we are currently working on several grant start-ups, actively managing ongoing grants, including financial tracking, meeting reporting requirements, and fulfilling commitments to successful grant closeout and project success. These projects vary from planning and preliminary engineering reports to large scale road improvement, bridge replacement, and facility upgrades within a variety of state and federal grant programs. Additionally, the Public Works Department has a long and successful history of overseeing and working with outside contractors on a diverse breadth of projects.

Eric Spangenberg, GISP, GIS Coordinator, and Jason Danielson, GISP, Address Coordinator, will share the GIS data management component to ensure data aligns with the MSDI Framework for efficient integration. They bring a combined 50 years of experience in the GIS field, 22 of those with Lewis and Clark County. They have successfully managed both large and small aerial imagery acquisition projects and MLIA/MGIA grants. The County GIS Department has a long and very successful working relationship with MSDI Framework leads, and they look forward to sharing the results of this project to continue improving the statewide MSDI Transportation Framework dataset and NG9-1-1 data initiative.

The County Grants and Procurement Department will oversee the advertisement for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to solicit statements of qualifications from interested consulting firms to conduct the research process. The RFQ will incorporate much of the same information developed during the pilot project. Consultants will be asked to submit statements detailing their related experience, qualifications and certifications, methodology, ability to meet budget and timeline, and a summary of recent or current related projects. A team of staff will evaluate and score proposals to identify the most qualified consultant for the project. Upon selection, the County will proceed with a notice of intent to award a contract, contract negotiations, including a timeline and billing schedule, and final contract execution prior to starting the project. Once contract deliverables are received, the County will submit a reimbursement request to MSL (see attached invoice sample for example).

The County will provide historic commission journals and records, maps, surveys, and other historic files to the selected consultant to assist with research. Additionally, the County will work closely with the consultant to ensure road research is conducted to the detail level necessary to support resolutions for adoption, as well as the centerline data needed to update the MSDI Framework and NG9-1-1 validation.

SECTION 4 – SCOPE OF WORK

The Scope of Work (SOW) section explains what your project will accomplish, how it will be carried out, and what it will produce. Applicants should develop their SOW using the Workbook provided, then copy the completed version into this section. Define goals, objectives, and tasks concisely but with enough detail to show clear, logical steps from project purpose to on-the-ground work and deliverables, and ensure that your SOW directly supports the Geospatial Information Plan priority you selected.

Formatting of the SOW is critical. Use the required multilevel list structure provided in the Workbook. If needed, the required formatting can be found within this word document in the *Home Menu Ribbon > Paragraph Section > Multilevel List > List Library*.

Tasks must appear in chronological order, each with a specific completion date. All hardware or equipment purchases must be listed as separate, clearly justified tasks.

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Goal 1. Refine Scope of County Road Research and Procure a Qualified Consultant

Objective 1.1. Define Workgroups and Schedule

Task 1.1.1. Project Kickoff Meeting – Define roles and responsibilities for County team members and set a schedule of workgroup meetings for the project term
-Completion Date: 6/1/2026

Task 1.1.2. Assign Procurement Team – Coordinate with County Procurement Officer to assign a team to prepare Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and evaluate submitted statement of qualifications (SOQs)
-Completion Date: 6/1/2026

Objective 1.2. Identify Road List for Incorporation into final RFQ

Task 1.2.1. Road Prioritization – Use the road scores identified objectively through the Road Prioritization project to develop the scope of roads included in the RFQ (higher scores = higher priority).
-Completion Date: 6/1/2026

Objective 1.3. Procurement Process – RFQ

Task 1.3.1. RFQ - Draft and finalize RFQ solicitation for advertisement
-Completion Date: 6/15/2026

Task 1.3.2. Review Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) – Procurement team will review and score SOQs, hold interviews if necessary, and make final consultant recommendation
-Completion Date: 7/15/2026

Objective 1.4. Contract Award and Execution

Task 1.4.1. Contract Negotiations – determine final road list based on cost and timeline and prepare final contract including invoice and billing schedule
-Completion Date: 7/31/2026

- Task 1.4.2. Professional Services Contract – present final contract to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) for execution, establishing project start date
 - Completion Date: 8/4/2026

Goal 2. Compile County Road Research and Resolution Documents

Objective 2.1. Project Kick-off and File Share

- Task 2.1.1. Kick-off Meeting with Consultant – hold first meeting with consultant to establish roles and responsibilities and deliver County files, including County Commission Journals, maps, and aerial photos, current and past surveys, and right-of-way determination
 - Completion Date: 8/5/2026
- Task 2.1.2. Establish Schedule for Deliverables – set up process with the consultant to deliver road research files by road, once complete
 - Completion Date: 8/5/2026
- Task 2.1.3. Establish Billing and Payment Schedule – set up process for invoicing and payment based on receipt and approval of deliverables
 - Completion Date: 8/5/2026
- Task 2.1.4. File Structure – establish file structure template for streamlined file organization, transfer from consultant, and long-term storage.
 - Completion Date: 8/10/2026

Objective 2.2. Collect and Document County Road Research

- Task 2.2.1. Complete Research – Consultant will research each road in the scope of the solicitation, including County Commission Journals, maps, aerial photos, current and past surveys, and right-of-way determinations, and create standardized files of documentation
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first roads anticipated by 9/14/2026, and remaining roads completed by contract conclusion, no later than 5/2028
- Task 2.2.2. Provide Evidence of County Road Research – documentation including but not limited to: petition information, assignment of viewers or surveyors, initial road improvement estimates, County Road dedication, historic evidence of road maintenance by the County, County Road resolution adoption, if any, and documentation of any missing records if necessary.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first road anticipated by 9/14/2026, and remaining roads completed by contract conclusion, no later than 5/2028 -
Deliverable
- Task 2.2.3. Verify Research - County team will review documentation collected from the consultant as available to verify road ownership, right-of-way width, survey detail, etc. Staff will ensure information is complete and sufficient for resolution adoption and centerline validation.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first roads anticipated by 9/21/2026, and remaining roads completed by contract conclusion, no later than 5/2028 -
Deliverable
- Task 2.2.4. Resolution Development – Prepare draft resolution documents for presentation to the BOCC, including appropriate exhibits proving ownership and right-of way details.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first roads anticipated by 9/28/2026, and remaining roads completed by contract conclusion, no later than 5/2028

- Task 2.2.5. Legal Review – Each resolution draft must be submitted and reviewed by Lewis and Clark County Legal Department to ensure resolution materials comply with state statute for County Road adoption.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first roads anticipated by 10/12/2026, and remaining roads completed by contract conclusion, no later than 5/2028

Goal 3. Present Resolutions to the BOCC to Formally Adopt County Roads

Objective 3.1. Finalize Resolution Documents

- Task 3.1.1. Finalize Resolutions Documents – incorporate changes needed per the legal department and organize evidence as resolution attachments
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first resolutions anticipated by 11/9/2026, and remaining resolutions completed by 5/2028

Objective 3.2. Hold Public Meetings and Record Resolutions

- Task 3.2.1. Provide Public Notice – Mail notice to all property owners along affected roadway
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first meetings anticipated by 11/9/2026 and remaining meetings completed by 5/2028

- Task 3.2.2. Publicly Notice Commission Meeting - Public meetings must be noticed to the public a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the meeting.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first meetings anticipated by 11/9/2026 and final meetings completed by 5/2028

- Task 3.2.3. Record Resolution – Add signed and adopted resolution to the County Road file for future record keeping
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, with first resolutions anticipated by 11/9/2026 and final resolutions completed by 5/2028 - **Deliverable**

Goal 4. MSDI Transportation Framework Updates

Objective 4.1. Update GIS Road Ownership

- Task 4.1.1. Update GIS Road centerline ownership attribute field with ‘County’ and note the resolution number.
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, (see Task 3.2.3) with first updates anticipated by 11/16/2026 and final updates completed by 5/2028

- Task 4.1.2. Provide an updated County GIS Road feature to MSDI Framework lead for integration into dataset
 - Completion Date: Rolling basis, an update schedule will be determined with the MSDI Theme lead and final integration anticipated to be complete. - **Deliverable**

Goal 5. Present to Public and Partners

Objective 5.1. Create a public-facing web application

- Task 5.1.1. Develop either an ArcGIS Online web map application or dashboard application to allow easy access and search tools to identify road jurisdiction decisions and resolution
 - Completion Date: 6/30/2028 or sooner – **Deliverable**
- Task 5.1.2. Present results to stakeholders as needed

Goal 6. Grant Closeout and On-going Maintenance

Objective 6.1. Grant completion and contract conclusion

Task 6.1.1. Provide final invoice to Montana State Library
-Completion Date: No later than 6/30/2028

Task 6.1.2. Provide final grant closeout report to Montana State Library.
-Completion Date: No later than 6/30/2028

Note: all grant reporting necessary, while not noted above, will be completed on timelines provided by State Library staff.

Objective 6.2. Continue road research efforts/maintenance

Task 6.2.1. Seek funding from other sources to continue road research on ownership and centerline verification until complete for the County

Task 6.2.2. Continue to provide maintenance on public-facing web application as needed

SECTION 5 – BUDGET JUSTIFICATION AND BUDGET TABLE

Use this section to explain your project’s financial need and overall funding plan, including how MGIA funds, your own funds, and any partner contributions will cover the full cost of the work. Briefly state whether this is one-time project work or support for ongoing maintenance, and summarize any matching funds (cash or in-kind) and the approximate share of the total project they represent.

You must also complete Budget Table using the provided Excel spreadsheet. Applications without a completed budget table will be rejected.

30% of total score – 2-page limit

Lewis and Clark County is requesting \$65,000 of MGIA funds to support the hiring of a qualified professional services consultant to perform research, transcription, and analysis of historic records containing road ownership attribute and right-of-way width information. The information identified will be incorporated into the County GIS Road centerline feature with full integration into the MSDI Transportation theme and NG9-1-1 initiative.

In January of 2023, Lewis and Clark County received notice from the Montana Department of Transportation that, following the 2020 Census, the Helena area exceeded the 50,000-person threshold and the requirement to form a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The urban area following the census also includes the Cities of Helena and East Helena. MPOs are federally mandated transportation planning organizations comprised of local government organizations that work together on transportation planning for the area. While MPO status may not provide additional transportation construction and maintenance funding, it can provide more direct access to federal funds through planning dollars and improve communication and planning coordination. The County will use these MPO planning dollars for \$60,000 of the proposed project match. Additionally, the County will commit \$20,000 of local MGIA funds for a total of \$80,000 cash match to the \$65,000 grant request.

Lewis and Clark County is committed to this project as a critical need for the County and will commit the \$80,000 identified for match towards this project regardless of award. Full funding of the grant will allow the County to complete the highest priority roads and lead to a comprehensive management tool to assist multiple County departments, as well as other state and local agencies, and first responders. However, due to the quantitative nature of this effort, partial funding would still be effective and allow the County to complete as much of this work as possible, while continuing to prioritize full project completion in the future.

The hourly rate in the detailed budget table is based on an average of rates provided to the County during the solicitation of professional services for the pilot project. Using that rate, the number of hours for this project have been estimated by total project budget divided by hourly rate.

All County project managers and staff involved with this project are local to the Helena area; there is no additional cost for travel requested. Additionally, should the Montana State Library request this project to be presented at any MGIA Council meetings or Big Sky GeoCon, those travel expenditures will be absorbed into existing budgets and not require grant funding.

SECTION 6 – PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY

Use this section to explain how the results of your project will be maintained and used after the grant ends, including who will be responsible, how ongoing costs will be funded, and how the work will fit into your regular operations. Describe how you will coordinate with the Montana State Library on any MSDI data updates and, if you are new to GIS, how this project will help you establish sustainable workflows and build long-term GIS capacity.

10% of score - 300-word limit

As evidenced by the pilot project noted earlier, the County is committed to researching and establishing jurisdictional status of the roads within the County. This commitment by the County will eventually be completed for all matrix prioritized roads due to the need from emergency services, numerous public requests, utility service permitting, law enforcement jurisdictional authority, and efficiency across multiple departments.

The deliverables from this project will be submitted for review to the County legal division for approval prior to presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. The result will be an approved County Resolution declaring a given road as a County Road. This information will be reflected in an updated GIS road centerline and shared with the MSDI Transportation lead on a regular basis.

This project aligns with County priorities and will be maintained and accessible through our existing public GIS resources, including, but not limited to public facing web mapping applications and road classification dashboards. The ability for the public, government office, or private sector to quickly identify road jurisdiction aligns with the County's priority of transparency and accountability.

The County GIS Department has a robust partnership with the Montana State Library and regularly shares data and best practices. Additionally, the GIS staff are committed to supporting and strengthening the MSDI, not just through this grant-related project, but well into the future. Where the local government succeeds, so does the state.

SECTION 7 - RENEWABLE GRANT ACCOUNTABILITY

Please use [this web map to research and identify past awarded MGIA Grants](#).

Applicants awarded MGIA Grants within the past five years, must provide a written narrative for each grant awarded, outlining the successes and failures of the grant. Explain how tasks, timelines, and deliverables of the project were or were not met. Demonstrate how past project failures will ensure future successes. (200-word limit each).

The last MGIA grant received by Lewis and Clark County was the FY2017 Corner Records project. The County GIS office contracted with a local Helena GIS provider that researched the County corner recordation files and created a digital feature representing those corners. The grant was completed successfully on time with all final reporting and deliverables provided.

Additionally, the County Public Works department has a long and successful history of completing state and federal grants, with over ten grant projects in the last five-year period alone. These projects vary from planning and preliminary engineering reports to large scale road improvement, bridge replacement, and facilities upgrades within a variety of state and federal grant programs.



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February 3, 2026

Montana State Library- Grant Review Subcommittee
Montana Geospatial Information Advisory Council

Dear MGIA Council and MSL Commission,

I am writing to express my strong support for Lewis and Clark County's application to the Montana Geospatial Information Act grant program.

The County's proposed project to improve road ownership data and refine centerline classifications is essential to strengthening the accuracy and reliability of our geospatial information. These updates will greatly enhance our ability to verify road-related data and will directly benefit the implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1), particularly with respect to location validation.

Accurate road ownership information is vital to law enforcement, as the County's transportation network plays a critical role in public safety and emergency response. A well-maintained and clearly documented dataset of County-owned and maintained roads speeds route planning during emergency responses and improves our ability to determine jurisdictional authority during incidents, investigations, or necessary road closures.

Additionally, the verification and improvement of County road centerline data will move Lewis and Clark County closer to full statewide NG9-1-1 implementation. This advancement will offer significant benefits to first responders and law enforcement agencies, including enhanced location precision, more detailed incident information, and improved ability to deploy resources effectively in emergency situations.

We are enthusiastic about the potential improvements this project will bring and the direct positive impacts it will have on the residents of Lewis and Clark County. I respectfully urge your support for this valuable and necessary initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leo C. Dutton".

Leo C. Dutton
Sheriff/Coroner



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Further, verifying centerline data for County roads will help Lewis and Clark County move closer to statewide implementation of NG9-1-1, which will have many benefits to first responders, including enhanced location accuracy, improved incident details, and the ability to deploy resources more effectively based on the emergency.

We're excited about the possibility of these needed upgrades and the benefits they will add to residents in Lewis and Clark County. We ask that you please support this important project.

Thank you for your time,

Clinton Loss



Baxendale Volunteer Fire District 2520 Baxendale Drive, Helena, MT 59601

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We're excited about the possibility of these needed upgrades and the benefits they will add to residents in Lewis and Clark County. We ask that you please support this important project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zach Muse", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Zach Muse



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Thank you,
David Hamilton
Fire Chief, West Valley Fire Rescue



Tri-Lakes Fire Service Area

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Dear MGIA Council and MSL Commission,

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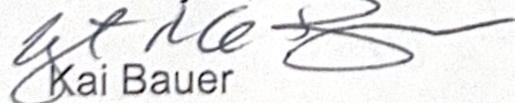
The road ownership and centerline classification project proposed by Lewis and Clark County will address and clarify much-needed road ownership information as well as verify data that will assist with Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) location validation.

Road ownership information is very useful for first responders as the County road network supports public safety and emergency response. Having a clear dataset of County-owned and maintained roads available assists in fast route determinations during emergency response or when planning evacuation routes or wildland fire defensible space. It also allows Fire Districts to determine road and bridge limitations for heavy fire apparatus and supplemental equipment (e.g. dozers).

Further, verifying centerline data for County roads will help Lewis and Clark County move closer to statewide implementation of NG9-1-1, which will have many benefits to first responders, including enhanced location accuracy, improved incident details, and the ability to deploy resources more effectively based on the emergency. With the continual growth in wildfire in the urban interface this would be a critical piece to the Incident Command System (ICS) as well.

We're excited about the possibility of these needed upgrades and the benefits they will add to residents in Lewis and Clark County. We ask that you please support this important project.

Thank you,



Kai Bauer
Fire Chief
Canyon Creek Rural Fire District

Lewis & Clark Co. Public Works

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QTY	DESCRIPTION	RATE	AMOUNT
	Lewis and Clark County Road Ownership & Centerline Classification MGIA Agreement No. ##### Grant Draw for the Period - xx/xx/xx thru xx/xx/xx [Supporting documentation will include an activity report printed from the County finance system showing expenses i.e. vendors, check numbers, dates, etc. and copies of all invoices.]		0,000,000.00
		TOTAL	\$0.00

Questions concerning this invoice?

Call: **Audra Zacherl**
(406) 447-8035

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