Montana Land Information Act Grant Program
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Montana State Library Now Accepting Applications for the Montana Land Information Act Off-Cycle Grant Opportunity:
For the Collection of New Survey Control to Improve Digital Representation of Public Land Survey System

In April 2021, under with the advice of the Montana Land Information Advisory Council, the Montana State Library Commission approved use of remaining MLIA FY2022 grant program funds to create an MLIA Off-Cycle Grant, ARM 10.102.9107, for the sole purposes of collecting new survey control to improve digital representation of Public Land Survey System. This aligns with the FY2022 Land Information Plan Tier 1b Grant Priorities. View a map of the MSL's identified priority areas for PLSS data collection: https://arcg.is/1O98uG.

FY2022 MLIA Off-Cycle Grant Application Guidelines

- To be considered for funding, applicants must submit a complete application online using AmpliFund grant management system: https://mt.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/7e53eb59-36b9-4836-bb48-a04f4123cf95.
- Applicants are encouraged to consult the following resources for guidance on submitting their applications in AmpliFund:
    - Video tutorial of 'How to Submit an Application' Through AmpliFund
    - MLIA FY2022 Grant Program Application Packet -   Please see exceptions to timeline, scoring, and project priority.
    - Example of a Recently Awarded Grant Applications for Survey Control Collection

Timeline

- Submission Open Date: July 7, 2021
- Submission Close Date: August 6, 2021, 5:00 PM Mountain Standard Time
- Grants will be prioritized for funding at the MLIA Council's September meeting.

Funding Information
Projected available grant funds for FY2022 Off-Cycle Grant: $80,000. Grant proposals requesting MLIA funding that exceeds the amount available will not be considered.

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MLIA Grant Program Information: https://geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/mliagrant

Grant Evaluation Criteria

Complete grant applications will be evaluated based on the following three categories:

1. Project Management and Organizational Capability – 25% – The proposal demonstrates the applicant's past record of performance with similar projects; the ability to implement the methodology described in the scope of work; the organization's capability to maintain the project; and adequate skills, qualifications, and experience of the Project Manager, key personnel, funding partners, and consultants to complete the project.
2. Scope of Work – 40% – The proposal demonstrates adequate research and preparation; ensures the completion of the project within the one-year requirement; demonstrates knowledge and use of existing data standards/best practices and existing data models; and includes a complete project timeline of defined project tasks, including equipment purchases, and outlines their interdependencies. The proposal must clearly and concisely describe how the proposed grant activities and products will accomplish goals and objectives of the identified grant category priority.
3. Budget – 35% – The proposal clearly demonstrates that the project can be completed within the proposed budget; fully justifies all project expenditures reported in the budget and equipment purchases outlined in the scope of work; clearly outlines the costs of all identified scope of work tasks/activities; and demonstrates that the organization can leverage outside funding.
   a. This MLIA Off-Cycle Grant is for the sole purposes of collecting new survey control to improve digital representation of Public Land Survey System. Funding requests for projects outside of this scope will not be considered.

Eligibility

Applicants must represent one of the following forms of government within Montana:

- Any department, agency, board, commission, or other division of state government. (This includes the Montana University System.)
- Any city, county, or other division of local government.
- A tribal government/entity within the state.

For more information - https://geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/mliagrant.