

To: Education Subcommittee of Legislative Finance
 From: Senator Janet Ellis
 Re: State Library Funding
 Date: May 27, 2020

I would propose drafting bills for the following increases to the state library funding:

1. Montana Land Information Act (MLIA)

What: supports development and maintenance of land information for Montana
Current Cost of Program: \$950,923/year (\$114,000 in general fund, the rest is state special)

How Fund Currently Works:

- County clerks charge \$7.00 to individuals filing various documents such as land titles
- Of this, \$0.75 goes to the MILA account (which generates about \$820,000/year)

Proposal:

- Increase MLIA fee by \$1.00 per document filed
- Of the total, put \$1.50 in the MLIA account (it would raise an additional \$820,000/year)
- Of the total, give \$0.25 to the counties for their land information work or county treasurer account (\$273,000 for counties)

Amount raised for State Library: \$820,000/year

2. Next Generation 911 Services

What: this is putting together a GIS (Geographic Information System) data set of transportation and address data. Public safety standards call for this to be 98.0% accurate; local government data is about 47% accurate. The State Library has no money to work on this.

How the Fund Currently Works: All Montana citizens and businesses pay a \$1.00 fee on each phone line they have.

Proposal: Provide for an annual transfer of \$450,000 from this fund to the state library. It is my understanding that entities using this fund support this transfer.

Amount Raise for State Library: \$450,000/year

3. Increase Certain Agency Funding

What: in 2003 the legislature had five agencies assessed annually with a fee to support the State Library (Heritage Program). That fee has not been raised since 2003.

Proposal: (Column 4 - \$315,806)

Agency	Current \$	FY 2020 Allocations (From chart of page 6 of Funding Options Report)	Difference between FY 2020 Allocation and Current \$	Approx general fund impact of increase*	Approx state special impact of increase*	Approx federal impacts of increase*
FWP	\$ 68,857	\$ 237,354	\$ 168,497	\$ -	\$ 127,000	\$ 44,000
DNRC	\$ 48,813	\$ 139,191	\$ 90,378	\$ 38,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 4,000
DEQ	\$ 88,307	\$ 88,951	\$ 644	\$ 200	\$ 1,400	\$ 900
Transportation	\$ 31,622	\$ 56,587	\$ 24,965	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 17,000
University	\$ 43,942	\$ 75,264	\$ 31,322	\$ 27,400	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 281,541	\$ 597,347	\$ 315,806	\$ 65,600	\$ 192,400	\$ 67,900

* From chart on page 8 of Funding Options Report

Total Raised by this for State Library: \$1,585,806 annually