

Agency Budget Comparison

The following table compares the 2023 biennium appropriated budget and the adopted budget for the 2025 biennium by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Budget Comparison				
Budget Item	Appropriated Budget 22-23	Legislative Budget 24-25	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change
Personal Services	6,433,580	5,729,631	(703,949)	(10.94)%
Operating Expenses	6,752,300	10,373,700	3,621,400	53.63 %
Grants	974,961	950,000	(24,961)	(2.56)%
Debt Service	3,044	0	(3,044)	(100.00)%
Total Expenditures	\$14,163,885	\$17,053,331	\$2,889,446	20.40 %
General Fund	5,710,161	6,306,879	596,718	10.45 %
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	6,318,031	7,751,611	1,433,580	22.69 %
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	2,127,939	2,994,841	866,902	40.74 %
Proprietary Funds	7,754	0	(7,754)	(100.00)%
Total Funds	\$14,163,885	\$17,053,331	\$2,889,446	20.40 %
Total Ongoing	\$13,238,885	\$15,283,335	\$2,044,450	15.44 %
Total OTO	\$925,000	\$1,769,996	\$844,996	91.35 %

Agency Description

The Montana State Library Commission (MSL) has several responsibilities, which include:

- Meeting the information needs of Montana government agency management and staff
- Ensuring all Montana citizens have access to information created by their state government
- Supporting the role of all Montana libraries in delivering quality library content and services to their patrons
- Working to strengthen local community public libraries
- Ensuring that Montanans who are visually or physically handicapped are provided access to library resources

The MSL, authorized in section 22-1-101, MCA, administers state and federal library funding to operate and maintain the state library, oversees the six library federations located throughout Montana, and develops library-orientated statewide long-range planning, policy, and service coordination.

The MSL is authorized in section 90-1-401, MCA, to develop a standardized, sustainable method to collect, maintain, and disseminate information in digital formats about the natural and artificial land characteristics of Montana.

The MSL is also authorized in section 90-15-101, MCA, to establish a planning framework for the development of the natural resources information system (NRIS), to implement the system, and to establish an ongoing Montana Natural Heritage Program.

Additional responsibilities of the library include:

- Assisting all tax-supported libraries and local governments wishing to establish or improve libraries
- Maintaining an audiobook library for use by Montanans unable to utilize print materials
- Providing access to state publications
- Developing a land information plan and administering a grant process for the purposes of implementing the plan
- Maintaining and providing information related to Montana's plant and animal species and habitat and comprehensive natural resources (land) information

Please refer to the agency profile for the Montana State Library at <https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/appropriation-subcommittee-section-e/agency-montana-state-library/> for additional information about the agency's organizational structure, historical expenditures, budget analysis dashboard, audits, and agency goals and objectives.

Agency Highlights

Montana State Library Major Budget Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Montana State Library's 2025 biennium appropriations are \$2.9 million or 20.4% higher than the 2023 biennium budget. Significant biennial changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Restricted, one-time-only state special revenue funding of \$500,000 per fiscal year for additional start-up and ongoing costs related to the Montana real-time network ◦ One-time-only state special revenue funding of \$400,000 per fiscal year to continue the hot spots program for local libraries ◦ An increase of \$370,000 of federal special revenue per fiscal year in the 2025 biennium to allow the appropriation to match the anticipated federal Library Services and Technology Act grant funding ◦ Restricted general fund appropriation for legislative audit, \$29,000 in fiscal year 2024, was voided after the passage of HB 132, which modified the timing of legislative audits

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Agency Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Legislative Fiscal 2024	Legislative Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	30.46	30.46	30.46	30.46
Personal Services	3,982,274	4,176,840	2,256,740	2,857,842	2,871,789
Operating Expenses	2,249,518	2,555,911	4,196,389	5,166,418	5,207,282
Grants	474,515	499,961	475,000	475,000	475,000
Debt Service	3,043	3,044	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$6,709,350	\$7,235,756	\$6,928,129	\$8,499,260	\$8,554,071
General Fund	2,582,110	2,828,689	2,881,472	3,129,636	3,177,243
State/Other Special Rev. Funds	2,884,694	3,156,767	3,161,264	3,873,109	3,878,502
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	1,242,546	1,242,546	885,393	1,496,515	1,498,326
Proprietary Funds	0	7,754	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$6,709,350	\$7,235,756	\$6,928,129	\$8,499,260	\$8,554,071
Total Ongoing	\$6,450,710	\$6,773,256	\$6,465,629	\$7,614,262	\$7,669,073
Total OTO	\$258,640	\$462,500	\$462,500	\$884,998	\$884,998

Summary of Legislative Action

The legislature approved an increase of 31.9% or approximately \$4.1 million in the 2025 biennium compared to the FY2023 base appropriation.

The increase in appropriations can be attributed in part to the one-time-only funding for the Montana real-time network. The legislature appropriated \$1.0 million of one-time-only funding from the Montana land information account state special revenue account for additional start-up and ongoing costs for the Montana real-time network (RTN). The RTN allows for precise location data that can be used for precision agriculture, surveying, infrastructure asset management, and autonomous navigation.

The legislature also appropriated \$800,000 of one-time-only coal severance tax state special revenue funding from the basic library services account to continue the hot spot lending program for local libraries. This program was originally funded with federal special revenue from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Additionally, the legislature adopted a \$740,000 increase in federal special revenue funding to allow the Montana State Library to fully expend its federal grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The following table shows the Montana State Library's appropriated budget by fiscal year as allocated among three primary categories: central services; patron and local library development services; and geographic information system (GIS), data, and information programs. Sub-categories are included as well to provide a further breakdown of the budget. The table also shows FY 2022 actuals, the FY 2022 legislative budget, and the 2023 executive base budget as allocated by the same categories. Because the Montana State Library's funding is budgeted in one program, the agency can move funding within the program among these categories as needed without executive modifications. The categories are included to provide a better understanding of the allocation of the budget by function.

Montana State Library Budget Allocation by Category					
	2022 Actuals	2022 Legislative Budget Allocation	2023 Executive Base Allocation	2024 Legislative Budget Allocation	2025 Legislative Budget Allocation
Central Services	1,872,523	2,792,905	3,462,603	3,489,596	3,518,691
Patron & Local Library Development Services	2,041,146	1,101,464	1,276,513	2,448,183	2,458,439
<i>Patron Services</i>	478,982	458,033	319,454	609,778	615,409
<i>Consulting & Learning</i>	712,662	184,960	264,188	231,318	231,424
<i>Statewide Projects</i>	849,502	458,471	692,871	1,607,087	1,611,606
GIS, Data, & Information Programs	2,534,231	2,512,588	1,726,513	2,061,481	2,076,941
<i>MT Land Information Act (MLIA)</i>	722,684	1,161,552	532,239	604,926	608,560
<i>Information Products</i>	509,590	360,195	442,728	1,065,229	1,069,615
<i>Information Management</i>	805,990	592,143	474,330	674,096	679,303
<i>MT Natural Heritage Program</i>	495,967	398,698	277,216	217,230	219,463
Unallocated Funding	-	47,185	-	-	-
COVID-19 LSTA	2,810	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	6,450,710	6,454,142	6,465,629	8,497,160	8,551,971

Funding

The following table shows adopted agency funding for all sources of authority.

Total Montana State Library Funding by Source of Authority 2025 Biennium Budget Request - Montana State Library						
Funds	HB2 Ongoing	HB2 OTO	Non-Budgeted Proprietary	Statutory Appropriation	Total All Sources	% Total All Funds
General Fund	6,336,883	(30,004)	0	1,084,226	7,391,105	36.86 %
State Special Total	5,951,611	1,800,000	0	999,794	8,751,405	43.64 %
Federal Special Total	2,994,841	0	0	0	2,994,841	14.94 %
Proprietary Total	0	0	914,401	0	914,401	4.56 %
Other Total	0	0	0	0	0	0.00 %
Total All Funds	\$15,283,335	\$1,769,996	\$914,401	\$2,084,020	\$20,051,752	
Percent - Total All Sources	76.22 %	8.83 %	4.56 %	10.39 %		

The Montana State Library is funded through a combination of general fund, state special revenue, federal special revenue, and proprietary funds.

HB 2 Authority

General fund in the Montana State Library supports:

- General agency operations
- The statewide interlibrary resource sharing program
- Natural resource information system (NRIS)
- The Montana natural heritage program

State special revenue in the 2025 biennium supports:

- The digital library services account, which receives assessments paid by certain state agencies that use the Natural Resource Information System (NRIS)/Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- The Montana land information account, which receives a portion of the document recording fees assessed at the local level, funds GIS and land information services and grants
- The coal severance tax library account, which receives a 0.9% distribution of coal severance tax funds and is used for general operations, statewide technology contracts, and the library federation grants to assist local libraries in providing basic services

Federal special revenue is primarily comprised of Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). These funds:

- Are a formula grant to the Montana State Library from the IMLS rather than a competitive grant
- Require a 2:1 federal/state match and a five-year plan
- Are used for collection content and access, training and outreach to local libraries, and services to patrons with disabilities

Proprietary Authority

Approximately 4.6% of the Montana State Library’s total budget is non-budgeted proprietary funding for the Montana Shared Catalog project; funding is member fees paid by participating libraries.

Statutory Authority

Statutory authority for the Montana State Library is estimated to be approximately \$2.1 million or 10.4% of the total budget. The funding for this authority includes state special revenue from fees imposed for 9-1-1 mapping services; in accordance with 10-4-304(5), MCA, the Montana State Library’s 9-1-1 GIS mapping account receives a transfer of \$450,000 of state special revenue each fiscal year through FY 2030. Statutory authority for the agency also includes general fund for state aid to public libraries, as authorized under 22-1-327, MCA.

Budget Summary by Category

The following table summarizes the total budget by base, present law adjustments, and new proposals. For a description of these categories, please see the glossary.

Budget Item	-----General Fund-----				-----Total Funds-----			
	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget	Budget Fiscal 2024	Budget Fiscal 2025	Biennium Fiscal 24-25	Percent of Budget
2023 Base Budget	2,881,472	2,881,472	5,762,944	91.38 %	6,465,629	6,465,629	12,931,258	75.83 %
SWPL Adjustments	191,793	231,572	423,365	6.71 %	718,359	765,396	1,483,755	8.70 %
PL Adjustments	164,675	164,704	329,379	5.22 %	164,675	164,704	329,379	1.93 %
New Proposals	(108,304)	(100,505)	(208,809)	(3.31)%	1,150,597	1,158,342	2,308,939	13.54 %
Total Budget	\$3,129,636	\$3,177,243	\$6,306,879		\$8,499,260	\$8,554,071	\$17,053,331	

Other Legislation

HB 91 - Revise laws related to public library state aid

In accordance with 22-1-327, MCA, the Montana State Library Commission distributes state aid grants to public libraries and public library districts on a per capita and per square mile basis for the purpose of broadening access to existing information, augmenting and extending services provided by public libraries and public library districts, and permitting new types of library services based on local need. These grants are funded with general fund and are statutorily appropriated. The authorization for this funding was set to terminate July 1, 2023. HB 91 extended that termination date to July 1, 2029 and increased the funding by \$0.10 per capita. It also added accredited tribal college libraries that provide services to the public as eligible entities to receive grants.

HB 343 - Generally revise library geospatial and natural resource information laws

The purpose of the Montana Land Information Act (MLIA) is to develop a standardized and sustainable way to collect, maintain, and disseminate information in a digital form about the land characteristics of Montana. The Montana State Library receives funding from fees for filing documents such as land titles with county clerks for the purposes of implementing the Montana Land Information Act. HB 343 renames MLIA to the Montana Geospatial Information Act (MGIA). It revises the membership and terms of the associated advisory council; provides standards for geospatial information grants, eliminates reporting requirements, eliminates the Natural Resource Data System Advisory Committee, and provides rulemaking authority for the Montana State Library with regard to the MGIA.

HB 946 - Implement provisions of HB 2 - Section E - Education

The 68th Legislature provided one-time-only state special revenue funding for the Montana State Library Commission to continue the local library hot spot lending program during the 2025 biennium. The Montana State Library will be required to report on its hot spot program activities to the education interim budget committee. Reporting will include: library deployment locations; the comparison of rural and urban deployment locations; hot spot usage measured by gigabytes for each device and by library; and verification that any commercial activity usage of the hot spots is consistent with library policy.

SB 60 - Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network

The 2021 legislature provided one-time-only state special revenue funding for start-up costs to build out a state real-time network, which is a network of permanent continuously operating reference stations (CORS) spread throughout the state. The CORS are mounted with global navigation satellite system receivers and communication equipment to continuously receive and stream global navigation satellite system (GNSS) data. This precise location data supports a variety of needs including precision agriculture, surveying, infrastructure asset management, and autonomous navigation. SB 60 creates an enterprise fund for the Montana State Library to receive funding from users of the network to support its operation and provides rulemaking authority for the Montana State Library for administration of the network.

Executive Budget Comparison

The following table compares the legislative budget for the biennium to the budget requested by the Governor by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Executive Budget Comparison								
Budget Item	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Executive Budget Fiscal 2024	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2024	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2024	Executive Budget Fiscal 2025	Legislative Budget Fiscal 2025	Leg — Exec. Difference Fiscal 2025	Biennium Difference Fiscal 24-25
FTE	30.46	30.46	30.46	0.00	30.46	30.46	0.00	0.00
Personal Services	2,256,740	2,887,890	2,857,842	(30,048)	2,901,983	2,871,789	(30,194)	(60,242)
Operating Expenses	4,196,389	4,682,820	5,166,418	483,598	4,715,764	5,207,282	491,518	975,116
Grants	475,000	475,000	475,000	0	475,000	475,000	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Costs	\$6,928,129	\$8,045,710	\$8,499,260	\$453,550	\$8,092,747	\$8,554,071	\$461,324	\$914,874
General Fund	2,881,472	3,239,987	3,129,636	(110,351)	3,279,766	3,177,243	(102,523)	(212,874)
State/other Special Rev. Funds	3,161,264	3,482,264	3,873,109	390,845	3,487,705	3,878,502	390,797	781,642
Federal Spec. Rev. Funds	885,393	1,323,459	1,496,515	173,056	1,325,276	1,498,326	173,050	346,106
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$6,928,129	\$8,045,710	\$8,499,260	\$453,550	\$8,092,747	\$8,554,071	\$461,324	\$914,874
Total Ongoing	\$6,465,629	\$7,545,710	\$7,614,262	\$68,552	\$7,592,747	\$7,669,073	\$76,326	\$144,878
Total OTO	\$462,500	\$500,000	\$884,998	\$384,998	\$500,000	\$884,998	\$384,998	\$769,996

The legislature adopted appropriations that, in total, are approximately \$915,000 higher than the proposed budget. This includes adoption of ongoing appropriations that are approximately \$145,000 higher than proposed for the 2025 biennium and adoption of one-time-only appropriations that are approximately \$770,000 higher than proposed. These differences are primarily for state and federal special revenue appropriations.

The major differences in the legislative budget compared to the proposed budget include:

- The legislature adopted an ongoing increase of federal special revenue appropriations totaling \$370,000 per fiscal year. The federal special revenue increase in the proposed budget was \$195,000 per fiscal year. The difference in the legislative budget compared to the proposed budget, totaling \$175,000 per fiscal year, is due to an anticipated higher amount of federal grant funding awarded to the Montana State Library
- The legislature adopted a one-time only appropriation of state special revenue funds totaling \$400,000 per fiscal year for the continuation of the Montana State Library's hot spot program. This program was originally funded with federal American Rescue Plan Act funding, granted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, for which the period of performance ended April 30, 2023
- Contingency language in HB 2 voided the appropriation for legislative audit, \$29,000 of general fund in FY 2024, with the passage and approval of HB 132, which modified the timing of legislative audits
- The legislature adopted an ongoing increase of \$15,000 of general fund per fiscal year for insurance premium payments to the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division's proprietary fund. The legislature also adopted a one-time-only reduction of \$15,000 of general fund per fiscal year for the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division's insurance premium holiday. The net impact of these changes is zero and results in the designation of the insurance premium holiday as one-time-only
- The legislature adopted an additional 1.0% vacancy savings and a reduction to the statewide present law adjustment for inflation

Language and Statutory Authority

The legislature adopted the following language in HB 2:

"Statewide Library Resources includes a one-time-only reduction in FY 2024 and FY 2025 for a suspension of insurance premium payments to the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division's proprietary fund."

Additionally, the legislature adopted the following HB 2 language, contingent on the passage and approval of other bills, and the adjustments to the HB 2 appropriations are included as decision packages and incorporated in the tables in the fiscal report.

"If HB 314 is passed and approved, the Montana State Library Commission is increased by \$2,100 general fund in FY 2024 and \$2,100 general fund in FY 2025."

"If HB 132 is passed and approved by the Legislature, Legislative Audit is void."

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison

The following table compares FY 2022 actual expenditures, FY 2022 and FY 2023 appropriations, and the adopted budget for FY 2024 and FY 2025 by type of expenditure and source of funding.

Program Actuals and Budget Comparison					
Budget Item	Actuals Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2022	Approp. Fiscal 2023	Legislative Fiscal 2024	Legislative Fiscal 2025
FTE	0.00	30.46	30.46	30.46	30.46
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Present Law Adjustments

The "Present Law" Adjustments table shows the changes from the base appropriation to the adopted budget. "Statewide Present Law" adjustments (DP 1, DP 2, DP 3) are standard categories of adjustments made to all agencies. Decisions on these items were applied globally to all agencies.

Present Law Adjustments	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 1 - Personal Services	0.00	219,584	283,500	243,066	746,150	0.00	226,419	288,941	244,883	760,243
DP 2 - Fixed Costs	0.00	(213,607)	0	0	(213,607)	0.00	(242,542)	0	0	(242,542)
DP 3 - Inflation Deflation	0.00	185,816	0	0	185,816	0.00	247,695	0	0	247,695
DP 20 - SABHRS Rate Adjustment	0.00	133	0	0	133	0.00	133	0	0	133
DP 30 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment	0.00	(458)	0	0	(458)	0.00	(429)	0	0	(429)
DP 222 - RMTD Adjustment	0.00	15,002	0	0	15,002	0.00	15,002	0	0	15,002
DP 223 - RMTD Adjustment (OTO)	0.00	(15,002)	0	0	(15,002)	0.00	(15,002)	0	0	(15,002)
DP 51507 - Off-Campus Location Lease	0.00	165,000	0	0	165,000	0.00	165,000	0	0	165,000
Grand Total All Present Law Adjustments	0.00	\$356,468	\$283,500	\$243,066	\$883,034	0.00	\$396,276	\$288,941	\$244,883	\$930,100

***Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 1 - Personal Services -

The legislature adopted adjustments to the present law personal services budget for expected changes, management decisions and budget modifications.

DP 2 - Fixed Costs -

The legislature adopted adjustments to provide the funding required in the proposed budget to for fixed costs assessed by other agencies within state government for the services they provide. Examples include: warrant writer, motor pool, information technology services, etc. The rates charged for these services are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 3 - Inflation Deflation -

The legislature adopted adjustments to reflect budgetary changes generated from the application of inflation and deflation factors to specific expenditure accounts. Affected accounts include: other services, supplies and materials, communications, in-state motor pool and motor pool leased vehicles, and repair and maintenance.

DP 20 - SABHRS Rate Adjustment -

The legislature adopted an increase to proposed SABHRS rates.

DP 30 - Motor Pool Rate Adjustment -

The legislature adopted a reduction to proposed motor pool rates.

DP 222 - RMTD Adjustment -

The legislature adopted an adjustment to the insurance premiums paid to the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division proprietary fund. This decision package eliminates the reduction included in DP 2. This change is necessary to designate the reduction as one-time-only in the budgeting system.

DP 223 - RMTD Adjustment (OTO) -

The legislature adopted an adjustment to the insurance premiums paid to the Risk Management and Tort Defense Division proprietary fund. This decision package designates the reduction as one-time-only.

DP 51507 - Off-Campus Location Lease -

The legislature adopted a general fund appropriation in each year of the 2025 biennium for an off-campus lease location. The Montana State Library moved from a 25,000 square-foot space in an on-campus building, rented at \$293,000 per year, to a 7,200 square-foot building, rented at \$165,000 per year. The reduction of general fund for the former location rent amount is included in DP 2 – Fixed Costs.

New Proposals

The "New Proposals" table shows new changes to spending.

New Proposals	-----Fiscal 2024-----					-----Fiscal 2025-----				
	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds	FTE	General Fund	State Special	Federal Special	Total Funds
DP 8 - Real Time Network (RST/OTO)	0.00	0	500,000	0	500,000	0.00	0	500,000	0	500,000
DP 10 - Hot Spot Program (OTO)	0.00	0	400,000	0	400,000	0.00	0	400,000	0	400,000
DP 99 - New Fixed Costs	0.00	1,722	0	0	1,722	0.00	1,722	0	0	1,722
DP 333 - Adjustment to Inflation	0.00	(64,067)	0	0	(64,067)	0.00	(85,286)	0	0	(85,286)
DP 555 - Additional Vacancy Savings	0.00	(18,949)	(9,155)	(1,944)	(30,048)	0.00	(19,041)	(9,203)	(1,950)	(30,194)
DP 1400 - HB 314	0.00	2,100	0	0	2,100	0.00	2,100	0	0	2,100
DP 1401 - HB 132	0.00	(29,110)	0	0	(29,110)	0.00	0	0	0	0
DP 51506 - Increase Federal Authority	0.00	0	0	370,000	370,000	0.00	0	0	370,000	370,000
Total	0.00	(\$108,304)	\$890,845	\$368,056	\$1,150,597	0.00	(\$100,505)	\$890,797	\$368,050	\$1,158,342

**"Total Funds" amount includes funding from sources other than General Fund, State Special, or Federal Special (i.e. Proprietary).

DP 8 - Real Time Network (RST/OTO) -

The legislature adopted restricted, one-time-only state special revenue funding for additional start-up costs and operational costs for the statewide Real Time Network, a network of permanent continuously operating reference stations (CORS) spread throughout the state to provide precise location data.

DP 10 - Hot Spot Program (OTO) -

The legislature adopted one-time-only state special revenue funding for the hot spots program to allow continuation of the hot spots lending program.

DP 99 - New Fixed Costs -

The legislature adopted an appropriation for the agency to provide funding for a new fixed cost for the State Management Training Center. The rates charged for this service are approved in the section of the budget that provides the services.

DP 333 - Adjustment to Inflation -

The legislature adopted an adjustment to inflation included in DP 3.

DP 555 - Additional Vacancy Savings -

The legislature adopted an additional 1.0% vacancy savings.

DP 1400 - HB 314 -

The legislature adopted contingency language to increase appropriations if HB 314 was passed and approved, and this decision package implement this language. HB 314 increased compensation for members of boards, commissions, and councils.

DP 1401 - HB 132 -

The legislature adopted contingency language to void the Legislative Audit appropriation if HB 132 was passed and approved, and this decision package implements this language. HB 132 modified the timing of audits by the legislative auditor, allowing the auditor to determine audit intervals based on agency operations, complexity of the agency's fiscal structure, and the nature and extent of previous audit findings.

DP 51506 - Increase Federal Authority -

The legislature adopted an increase to the Library's federal special revenue authority in each year of the 2025 biennium. This increase is for the Montana State Library's base federal authority to match the anticipated federal grant amounts.

Other Issues

Proprietary Program Description

The Montana Shared Catalog (MSC) is a cooperative project involving approximately 180 libraries in 99 Montana communities. Public school, academic, medical, and other special libraries have pooled resources to purchase a library automation system. Members enjoy the benefits of shared expertise and the ability to provide services to library customers. The Montana State Library became the fiscal agent for the MSC in FY 2008. The MSC is funded with enterprise type proprietary funds. Since proprietary funds do not require an appropriation, they are not typically included in appropriation tables. The source of the funding is from member fees paid by the libraries to belong to the MSC.

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Fund	Fund Name	Agency #	Program Name			
6021	MT Shared Catalog	51150	Statewide Library Resources			
			Actual FY 22	Budgeted FY 23	Budgeted FY 24	Budgeted FY 25
Operating Revenues						
	Fees and Charges		448,867	458,583	472,340	472,340
	Total Operating Revenues		448,867	458,583	472,340	472,340
Expenses						
	Personal Services		297,771	214,662	221,102	227,735
	Other Operating Expense		204,318	204,568	210,705	217,026
	Total Operating Expense		502,089	419,230	431,807	444,761
	Operating Income (Loss)		<u>(53,221)</u>	<u>39,353</u>	<u>40,534</u>	<u>27,579</u>
	Beginning Net Position - July 1		211,714	158,492	197,845	238,379
	Prior Period Adjustments					
	Change in Net Position		<u>(53,221)</u>	<u>39,353</u>	<u>40,534</u>	<u>27,579</u>
	Ending Net Position - June 30		<u>158,492</u>	<u>197,845</u>	<u>238,379</u>	<u>265,958</u>

Proprietary Revenue and Expenses

The MSC members pay membership dues that are used to pay operating expenses. There are approximately 180 member libraries that pay membership fees each year. Expenditures include personal services for 2.62 FTE and the payment of required fees for software licensing, user interface, indexing to make the system run, payment for required yearly catalog director station maintenance, travel budget for meeting with stakeholders and conference attendance, member training, and equipment replacement.

Proprietary Rate Explanation

In accordance with the written agreement each participating library signs upon joining this consortium, the annual fee assessed to each library is established on the basis of a membership-approved cost formula. The goal of the cost formula is to distribute MSC operational costs as fairly and evenly as possible based on the following:

- Individual library's title count
- Patron count
- Circulation count
- Equal share contribution