



**MEMO**

**To:** Joint Appropriations Subcommittee for Education  
**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian  
**Subject:** Fiscal Year 2025 budget reductions  
**Date:** February 7, 2025

As requested by Representative Matthews, the following is a list of the cuts to planned spending the Montana State Library adopted for fiscal year 2025 due to declining Montana Geospatial Information Act revenue:

<b>Budget item</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Montana Geospatial Information Act (MGIA) Grants	(-\$500,000)
GIS architecture modernization	(-\$300,000)
MT Spatial Reference Network (MTSRN) Equipment *	(-\$225,000)
MTSRN technician *	(-\$90,000)
Cadastral data: reduce data update frequency	(-\$100,000)
Montana Library 2 Go procurement to reduce hold times	(-\$70,000)
Cadastral application updates	(-\$40,000)
MGIA grant management system	(-\$35,000)
Statewide Courier	(-\$35,000)
Montana Natural Heritage Program operations	(-\$20,000)
Montana History Portal (MHP) Digitization	(-\$25,000)
State Government digitization and cataloging	(-\$20,000)
Staff Travel	(-\$78,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(-\$1,538,000)</b>

\*One-time-only authority spending reduction

Source: [Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Memo](#), June 12, 2024 State Library Commission meeting