

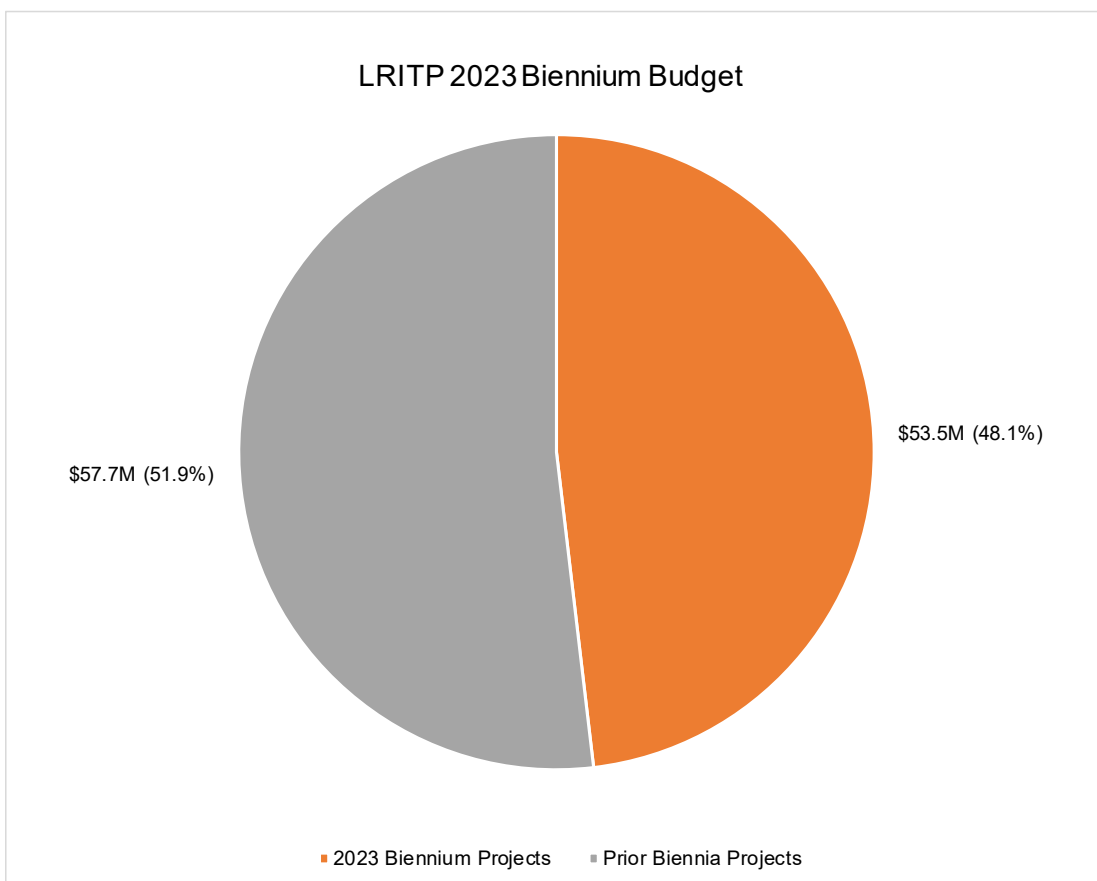
LONG-RANGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Long-Range Information Technology Program (LRITP) provides a comprehensive method for funding large information technology (IT) investments under a single program. The LRITP consolidates all major IT projects in one appropriation bill and defines major IT investments as capital projects. All executive branch projects included in the LRITP are administered by the Department of Administration, State Information Technology Support Division (SITSD).

BUDGET & EXPENDITURE

The following chart shows the budget established for LRITP for the current biennium.



\$53.5 million was appropriated under HB 10 for the following five LRITP projects in the 2023 biennium:

Department of Administration

1. MT Cybersecurity Enhancement Project (SITSD) – This project, funded with \$500,000 of general fund transferred into the LRITP capital project fund, is to facilitate the tracking of the location of the state’s data, determining what type of data is in each cloud, and implementing a Cloud Access Security Broker (CASB) to serve as a policy enforcement point. This will allow SITSD to identify all the state’s data in

every cloud service and ensure security policies are enforced based on data classification and regulatory requirements.

2. HVAC (define HVAC here) Systems Network and Monitoring (GSD define) – This project, funded with \$500,000 in state special revenue funds, is to upgrade capitol complex building systems by upgrading outdated controllers and wiring, resolving programming issues, implementing an alarm management system for the HVAC systems, and upgrading utility analytics.

Department of Labor and Industry

3. STAARS (define STAARS here) Version Upgrade – This project, funded with \$5.0 million of federal funds, will move STAARS to a newer version of the vendor software.
4. UI Benefits System Replacement – This project, funded with \$45.0 million of federal funds, is for the replacement of the legacy unemployment benefits system due to age of system and risks associated with future lack of support for an Oracle-based system.

Department of Transportation

5. Federal Billing System– This project, funded with \$2.5 million in state special revenue funds, is an increase to the federal billing system project initially funded in the 2019 session. Costs were increased with the renegotiation of the initial contract. The project will implement internal controls to determine that federal awards are used in accordance with applicable federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award instrument.

For the 2023 biennium projects, \$50 million or 93.0% of the 2023 projects budget is funded with federal funds, specifically for the two Department of Labor and Industry projects.

The budget for projects authorized in prior biennia is approximately \$57.7 million., Federal funds provide \$42.6 million of that budget, with \$28.6 million budgeted for a project under the Department of Public Health and Human Services.

SITSD transfers authority for projects to other state agencies through budget modifications; in FY 2022 through November 2021, one transfer occurred, \$770,000 to the Montana Department of Transportation for its federal billing project.

For additional detail about SITSD’s projects and expenditures, SITSD has a dashboard available:

<https://tinyurl.com/SITSDdashboard>. The Project Search tab displays projects by name, agency, and phase, and clicking on the information icon will bring up additional details for each project, including budget, expenditure, and status.