

Montana State Library ARPA Funding Options 3/18/2021

Broadband Requests	Cost	Description	Current Funding	Ongoing Funding Need
Statewide Broadband Mapping	\$ 250,000	Map currently available broadband in Montana to evaluate and prioritize broadband deployment.	N/A	N/A
Internal Wiring in Montana Libraries	\$ 3,800,000	Replace outdated internet equipment including cabling, routers, and wireless access points in libraries throughout the state.	N/A	N/A
Total	\$ 4,050,000			
Other Requests	Cost	Description	Current Funding	Ongoing Funding Need
Lidar	\$ 8,000,000	Collect statewide aerial elevation data used for floodplain mapping, fire management planning, and public and private infrastructure planning.	Limited funding provided by partner support.	N/A
Wetland Mapping	\$ 1,500,000	Complete mapping of Montana's wetlands for natural resource management and infrastructure development.	Limited funding provided by partner support.	N/A
Real Time Network (RTN)	\$ 4,000,000	Establish a statewide RTN to support cost effective hyper-accurate survey data used in precision agriculture, infrastructure projects, and autonomous vehicles.	N/A	Provided for in subscription fees.
Hot Spot Lending Program	\$ 1,200,000	Increase statewide hot spot lending program capacity offered through local libraries.	N/A	N/A
E-learning Digital Content	\$ 1,000,000	Expand K-12 ebook program to include all school libraries.	N/A	If requested in future sessions.
Workforce Development Resources	\$ 1,500,000	Procure work force technology kits to be lent to patrons by libraries.	N/A	N/A
Newsline	\$ 240,000	Fund services that provide Montana newspaper recordings to blind and low vision Montanans.	N/A	If requested in future sessions.
Total	\$ 17,440,000			



Jennie Stapp
State Librarian
(406) 422-2929
Jstapp2@mt.gov