MONTANA STATE LIBRARY

TOTAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY

The total appropriation authority for the agency is shown in the pie chart below. HB 2 and HB 13 provide 54.6% of the total authority for this agency. All types of appropriation authority for this agency are described below, including total budget and the percent expended by source of authority.
Appropriation Transfers

The Montana State Library (MSL) did not receive any appropriation transfers.

Budget Amendments

The MSL added a total of $1,358,327 of federal special revenue authority through budget amendments related to various federal funding opportunities. $643,635 or 47.0% of the federal special revenue authority pertained to funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for the MSL’s Natural Resource Information System data development and delivery and for training and technical support for access to the MSL’s Natural Heritage Program data. $446,992 of that authority was established as a supplemental to the original NRCS grant and has an end date of September 30, 2022. $217,318 or 48.6% of the supplemental funds were expended in FY 2021.

$534,500 of federal special revenue authority was added for the 2020 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) formula grant from the Institute of Library and Museum Services. The total federal grant amount, $1,202,258, exceeded the 2021 HB 2 appropriation, so the budget amendment added the remaining authority. The authority added through the budget amendment was 100.0% expended.

Carryforward and/or Continuing Authority

The MSL did not have any carryforward authority established.

Non-Budgeted Proprietary Funding

The MSL is the fiscal agent for the Montana Shared Catalog (MSC), a cooperative catalog project, funded by member fees paid by participating libraries. These enterprise type proprietary funds do not require appropriation. $443,994 was budgeted for the MSC in FY 2021; $439,673 or 99.0% of those funds were expended for personal services ($214,184) and operating expenses ($225,489).

Other Bills

HB 633 established an appropriation of $100 from general fund to be transferred to the MSL’s digital library services special revenue account for providing digital library services for the 2021 biennium. That appropriation was not expended.

HB 630

The MSL did not have any authority in HB 630.

COVID-19 Authority

The following chart is provided to allow the legislature to examine the funding that is available to the agency for COVID-19 impacts. Administrative authority for CARES I and ARPA appropriations was allocated to the agency by the Governor’s Office. Administration authority is not an appropriation and thus is not included in the total appropriation authority on the shown on the previous page. The appropriation authority for CARES I and ARPA shown below remains with the Governor’s Office.
Of the total $846,573 of CARES Act funding authority added, the MSL expended $751,707 or 88.8%. The MSL was allocated $250,000 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund for purchasing e-content for local libraries during the pandemic; MSL fully expended this allocation. The MSL was also allocated $500,000 from the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) fund for expanding mobile hotspots and mobile device lending programs to help support distance learning and remote delivery; the MSL expended 100.0% of these funds.

Additionally, the MSL added $96,573 of federal special revenue authority through budget amendment for CARES Act LSTA funding, which has an end date of September 30, 2021. The MSL is using the funds to procure hotspots for local libraries, purchase additional e-content, and to make available an online summer reading program for local libraries. $1,707 of those funds were expended by the end of FY 2021, with $94,867 remaining.

Under HB 632, the MSL was appropriated the following federal ARPA funding: $1,235,444 for a hotspot lending program and broadband infrastructure in libraries; $1,000,000 for e-learning digital content; and if eligible, $120,000 for a Newsline from the funds appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services for Supporting Older Americans and Families. These appropriations are authorized to continue through the biennium beginning July 1, 2023. $1,415 or 0.1% of the funds were expended in FY 2021 for the hotspot lending and broadband infrastructure program.

**Unclassified Authority**

A total of $2,237,191 in unclassified authority was established for the MSL in FY 2021. Of that amount, $2,235,444 was for COVID-19 ARPA funds that the MSL was appropriated under HB 632, which is described in the previous section.

Also, $1,747 of unclassified authority was established for workers compensation reductions; that authority was not expended in FY 2021.

**Statutory Appropriations**

The MSL received $395,766 of statutory appropriation for formula-based state aid to local libraries as authorized in 22-1-327, MCA. The MSL distributed $394,456 or 99.7% as grants to public libraries and public library districts.
**HB 2 Budget Modifications**

The following chart shows the HB 2 budget as passed by the legislature, including the pay plan, and the ending FYE modified budget. Net modifications to the budget include operating plan changes from one expenditure account to another, program transfers, reorganizations, and agency transfers of authority. The positive modifications and negative modifications are shown by program, expenditure account, and fund type.


By expenditure account, the MSL had some modifications to its HB 2 budget in FY 2021, which are reflected in the charts above. $485,000 of LSTA federal special revenue authority was moved from grants to personal services ($50,000) and operating expenses ($435,000). This was due to the LSTA grant period crossing state fiscal years and to align with expenditures. An additional $17,000 was moved from grants to operating expenses in order to fully expend the 2020 LSTA grant funding. $361,541 of state special revenue authority was moved from operating expenses to personal services. $261,541 of that authority was moved to support modified FTE associated with the Montana Natural Heritage Program; $100,000 was moved to hire temporary staff to oversee the redesign of the MSL’s website.

By fund type, $2,832 of general fund continuing authority was established for restricted, biennial audit fees. $933 of general fund authority, $335 of state special revenue authority, and $393 of federal special revenue authority were reduced for worker's compensation premium savings. With the establishment of the continuing authority and the total worker's compensation reduction from the three fund types, the net HB 2 modifications totaled $1,171.
The MSL’s total modified HB 2 budget for FY 2021 was $5,441,985; the MSL expended $5,247,645 or 96.4% of its authority.

By fund type, the MSL’s budget consisted of the following authority by fund type: $2,609,495 of general fund; $1,953,101 of state special revenue; and $879,389 of federal special revenue. The MSL expended $2,590,494 or 99.3% of its general fund authority with $19,001 remaining. For state special revenue authority, the MSL expended $1,783,800 or 91.3%, with $169,301 remaining. The majority of the remaining authority, $162,879, was coal severance tax funds; the revenue for this fund ($369,854 in FY 2021) was lower than the authority appropriated ($567,000), which is why there was the extra authority remaining. Of the federal special revenue authority, the MSL expended $878,351 or 99.3%, with $6,038 of remaining authority.

By expenditure account, the MSL slightly over expended its HB 2 modified budget authority in personal services by $228,267 or 8.4%. In most other categories, primarily grants and operating expenses, the department under expended. The MSL expended $386,741 or 59.3% of its budgeted authority for grants, with $265,937 of remaining authority. Grants for the land information account made up $225,220 of the remaining authority. This under-expenditure was balanced by the expenditures for personal services and operating expenses within the account. Overall, the land information account budget of $937,750 was 99.3% expended in FY 2021, with
approximately $6,000 remaining. For operating expenses, $154,224 of authority remained; this was mainly due to remaining authority for the 2020 LSTA grant, which has an end date of September 30, 2021.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Information Technology Project Expenditures**

The MSL does not have any SITSD projects identified for reporting to the LFC.

**Required Reports**

A link to the MSL’s COVID-19 funding and expenditure report is available on the Education Interim Budget Committee’s (IBC) webpage in the Meeting Materials section: [https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/](https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/)

**Additional Information**

During the 67th Legislative Session, the MSL received additional funding for: the land information account in order to collect, maintain, and disseminate Montana’s land characteristic information digitally; developing a next generation 911 system; and start-up costs to build out a statewide real-time network. Reports on the current goals and measures for success related to the additional funding are available on the Education IBC’s webpage in the Meeting Materials section: [https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/](https://www.leg.mt.gov/lfd/interim-budget-committee-section-e/)