



CIO Report

Legislative Finance Committee

Fiscal Years 2026 – 2027

Reporting Period: March 3 – May 15, 2026

State Information Technology Services Division

Exceptions Granted to State Agencies

(2-17-515, MCA)

1. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks was granted an exception from the statewide Windows 11 upgrade requirement to allow enforcement staff to continue using existing Toughbook M1 devices that cannot be upgraded until replacements are procured, avoiding service disruption in the field while maintaining other security controls in place.
2. The Department of Public Health and Human Services was granted an exception from the statewide Windows 11 upgrade requirement for a Windows 10 workstation that operates the Child Support Services Division mail-sorting machine, with the device retained on the state network under purchased Windows 10 extended support and associated security controls until the underlying equipment can be modernized.
3. The Public Service Regulation program (Public Service Commission) was granted an exception from the statewide Windows 11 upgrade requirement for three Windows 10 workstations used by an elected official, a railroad inspector, and legal counsel, recognizing the need to avoid operational disruption while replacement devices are planned, with the expectation that extended support and compensating controls remain in place during the transition.
4. The Department of Agriculture was allowed a limited exception and quarantine period from the statewide Windows 11 upgrade requirement for a set of replaced Windows 10 workstations so staff could recover files and ensure continuity of service during the Windows 11 device rollout; after files were recovered, the machines were removed from the state network, obviating the need for a standing exception.

Policy Changes

(5-12-205, MCA)

None.

IT Procurement Requests (ITPR)

- Total Number of ITPRs – 423
- Denied ITPRs – **None**
- Total Costs – \$121,659,976.59
- Annual Ongoing Cost – \$44,892,940.43
- ITPRs with \$0.00 Cost – **None**

Agency Procurement Report

This section presents a summary of IT-related purchases across all reporting agencies. It translates individual transaction lines into a simple view of how many IT items were purchased, how much was spent, and which agencies and purchase types are driving that activity. The goal is to provide a high-level picture of routine IT spending that underpins day-to-day government operations.

Total IT purchases

ITEM	VALUE	DESCRIPTION
TOTAL PURCHASES	1,576	These purchases are operational IT: they sustain day-to-day work across agencies.
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$1,179,368	Hardware and office-machine purchases (including end-user devices) make up the largest share of spend, followed by connectivity and software subscriptions.
AGENCIES REPORTING	30	The distribution across 30 agencies indicates broad participation; a smaller number of agencies account for the majority of dollars, reflecting differing mission needs and project cycles.

IT purchases by category

CATEGORY	COUNTS	COST	PURCHASE DETAILS
Computers and monitors	380	\$631,377.15	Laptops, rugged devices, monitors, docks, scanners.
Connectivity and telecom	591	\$148,255.11	Starlink and other internet service, wireless plans, telecom charges.
Software and subscriptions	260	\$91,637.41	Office and creative software, mapping tools, AI tools, video conferencing, online services.
Accessories and peripherals	391	\$44,925.25	Keyboards, mice, headsets, speakers, webcams, hubs, cables.
Web, domain, and security services	45	\$12,646.01	Domain registration, SSL certificates, security tokens and related services.

Agency spend by category

Agency	Accessories and peripherals	Computers and monitors	Connectivity and telecom	Other IT-related purchases	Software and subscriptions	Web, domain, and security	Grand Total
Fish, Wildlife & Parks	\$3,618.07	\$165,495.24	\$5,219.46	\$196,535.33	\$14,473.19	\$22.98	\$385,364.27
State Fund	\$476.40	\$94,265.88	\$10,060.39	\$4,996.76	\$5,915.09		\$115,714.52
Natural Resources & Conservation	\$953.74	\$57,973.99	\$17,102.02	\$21,974.64	\$5,973.36	\$4,338.10	\$108,315.85
Administration	\$906.35	\$71,864.70	\$1,891.27	\$13,504.11	\$7,522.28	\$1,762.17	\$97,450.88
Labor and Industry	\$1,272.42	\$319.35	\$56,246.69	\$931.99	\$4,181.39		\$62,951.84
Military Affairs	\$387.66	\$31,272.50	\$11,002.34	\$9,709.72	\$685.85		\$53,058.07
Commerce	\$1,116.60	\$34,457.26	\$490.61	\$3,714.85	\$2,867.76	\$355.28	\$43,002.36
Public Health & Human Services	\$4,810.20	\$24,770.65	\$2,081.72	\$5,255.13	\$5,658.47	\$23.19	\$42,599.36
State Auditor's Office	\$557.89	\$31,534.70	\$2,335.76		\$892.62		\$35,320.97
Revenue	\$589.85	\$17,576.61	\$109.95	\$13,480.67	\$1,962.74		\$33,719.82
Transportation	\$1,071.11	\$2,418.46	\$18,777.78	\$5,659.76	\$2,354.56	\$999.98	\$31,281.65
State Library	\$125.56	\$29,664.72		\$179.88	\$146.33	\$250.33	\$30,366.82
Agriculture	\$39.99	\$27,034.38		\$0.00	\$543.99	\$23.19	\$27,641.55
State Public Defender	\$1,538.25	\$19,124.11	\$132.72	\$98.73	\$1,350.19		\$22,244.00
Public Instruction	\$1,609.97	\$279.89	\$1,191.44	\$460.13	\$11,378.92	\$1,047.50	\$15,967.85
Corrections	\$948.23	\$8,683.65	\$1,536.62	\$716.15	\$485.12	\$337.46	\$12,707.23
Historical Society	\$119.52	\$970.58	\$62.71	\$3,124.77	\$7,808.10	\$36.38	\$12,122.06
Public Employee's Retirement		\$10,771.62	\$129.05	\$100.10	\$119.99		\$11,120.76
Justice	\$1,974.03	\$88.36	\$2,302.24	\$3,103.40	\$2,818.69		\$10,286.72
Higher Education		\$57.81		\$1,596.00	\$4,902.63	\$2.20	\$6,558.64
Legislative Branch				\$269.85	\$2,794.94		\$3,064.79
Public Service Commission		\$744.30	\$1,452.46	\$239.99			\$2,436.75
Judicial Branch	\$716.10	\$407.04	\$830.79	\$416.86			\$2,370.79
Livestock	\$42.98	\$992.13	\$564.99	\$42.91	\$346.00		\$1,989.01
School for the Deaf and Blind					\$1,867.50		\$1,867.50
Secretary of State	\$132.32				\$312.66	\$1,302.18	\$1,747.16
Arts Council					\$1,499.00		\$1,499.00
Environmental Quality	\$668.72	\$175.55	\$385.52	\$1.73	\$235.00		\$1,466.52
Governor's Office		\$16.99	\$567.15			\$23.19	\$607.33
Teacher's Retirement				\$285.82			\$285.82
Grand Total	\$23,675.96	\$630,960.47	\$134,473.68	\$286,399.28	\$89,096.37	\$10,524.13	\$1,175,129.89

Information Technology Projects Report

(2-17-512, MCA and 2-17-526, MCA)

The information technology project portfolio report detail, supplemental reports, and post implementation reports are located at <https://lfcreports.mt.gov>.

Total Projects Reporting: 81

Current Value of IT Project Portfolio: \$334,696,967.00

The IT portfolio remains largely stable this quarter, with most projects reported as on track and a strong pipeline of work in active execution. Of 81 projects in the June 2026 report, 57 are reported as Green, 23 as Black, and 1 as Yellow, with an average reported completion of about 42 percent and the majority of efforts in Executing and Initiating phases.

Most work is in active implementation: 38 projects are in Executing, 25 in Initiating, 9 in Closing, 5 in Planning, 3 in a 6-month post-implementation reporting phase, and 1 marked On-Hold for this quarter. The portfolio is currently weighted toward delivery activity, with few projects reported in planning or final closeout, and many 'Black' projects reflecting work that is moving from pre-initiation staging into formal initiation.

Total project budget and expended by Agency:

AGENCY NAME	BUDGETED AMOUNT	REVISED BUDGET	EXPENDED AMOUNT
Department of Agriculture	\$695,565	\$0	\$667,661
Department of Corrections	\$20,861,000	\$1,500,000	\$8,173,429
Department of Labor and Industry	\$1,001,840	\$0	\$994,089
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	\$6,767,000	\$5,488,393	\$4,141,861
Department of Administration	\$9,272,800	\$0	\$3,797,431
Department of Justice	\$50,511,000	\$50,511,000	\$48,399,383
Department of Public Health and Human Services	\$177,860,357	\$76,583,275	\$72,214,573
Fish, Wildlife and Parks	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$3,037,849
Historical Society	\$947,500	\$0	\$10,204
Judicial Branch	\$2,715,099	\$0	\$555,830
Legislative Branch	\$2,750,000	\$0	\$1,261,997
Department of Livestock	\$575,000	\$0	\$437,230
Montana Department of Transportation	\$16,437,437	\$13,422,752	\$8,869,656
Commissioner of Higher Education	\$5,018,360	\$0	\$1,824,849
Office of the Public Defender	\$124,135	\$0	\$0
Office of Public Instruction	\$20,731,874	\$20,040,397	\$18,941,423
State Auditor's Office	\$650,000	\$0	\$511,471
Montana State Fund	\$7,778,000	\$0	\$4,865,993

Change highlights since last quarter:

This section summarizes IT projects that have changed since the last report. It focuses on new projects, phase changes, schedule changes, budget changes, and projects whose plan was reset this quarter. For the June 2026 report, 23 of 81 projects met at least one of those conditions.

CATEGORY	# OF PROJECTS	DESCRIPTION	PROJECT TITLES
New Project	5	Brand new projects added to this quarter's report.	• DPHHS - CCWIS Phase 4: Design & Build • DPHHS - Electronic Benefits Transfer Replacement- Phase 2 WIC • DPHHS - MAQCS - Phase 2 • DPHHS - SEARCHS Replacement: Phase 1 Planning • STF - Pre Work Effort for Guidewire Cloud Migration
New Phase	10	Projects moving to a different phase of the project lifecycle.	• DOA - eProcurement System Replacement • DOA - ServiceNow Enterprise Platform Initiative • AGR - Pesticide Licensing, Certification, Education, and Enforcement Modernization • LIV - Animal Health System Replacement • DPHHS - CCWIS Phase 3 Start Up & Discovery • DPHHS - CHIMES Improving Timeliness of Public Benefit Recipient Notifications • DPHHS - System Integration Services High Availability Phase 3 (MES) • LEG - Branch Integration of Finance (BIF) • MDT - Truck Parking Availability Information System (TPAIS) • STF - ClaimCenter Cloud Migration Development Project
Revised Delivery Date	8	Original delivery date has changed, affecting when the project will be completed.	• DOA - eProcurement System Replacement • COR - Comprehensive Safety & Security Project • LIV - Snowflake Integration • DPHHS - CCWIS Phase 3 Start Up & Discovery • DPHHS - CHIMES Improving Timeliness of Public Benefit Recipient Notifications • DPHHS - Interoperability Integration (MES) Patient Access - Phase 1 • DPHHS - Interoperability Integration (MES) Provider Directory - Phase 4 • OPI - Data Systems Modernization
Revised Budget	11	Original budget has been updated, affecting the total cost of the project.	• DOA - eProcurement System Replacement • COR - Offender Management System Modernization • DPHHS - CCWIS - Phase 3 Start Up & Discovery • DPHHS - CCWIS - Phase 4: Design & Build • DPHHS - Electronic Benefits Transfer Replacement- Phase 2 WIC • DPHHS - MAQCS Phase 1 • DPHHS - MAQCS Phase 2 • DPHHS - SEARCHS Replacement: Phase 1 Planning • DPHHS - Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer Phase 2 • OPI - Data Systems Modernization • STF - Pre Work Effort for Guidewire Cloud Migration
Project Re-Baselined	3	Projects marked as having core planning details formally updated.	• DPHHS - CCWIS - Phase 3 Start Up & Discovery • DPHHS - MAQCS - Phase 1 • DPHHS - Summer Electronic Benefits Transfer (SEBT) Phase 2