

Q1. Will my agency need to provide funding for the Geodetic Reference Center?

A1. Not necessarily. The GRC will have its own sources of funding.

Q2. How is the GRC funded? Limited (or no?) initial budget

A2. The GRC funding is not yet realized, but potential sources are being pursued. Some possible funding sources are: the US Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Geodetic Survey Height Modernization Program funding; The Montana Land Information Act granting process, service subscriber fees; ...

Q3. How much office/equipment space does the GRC need?

A3. Initial space requirement for the GRC is probably around 200 sq ft for office and equipment, which must include internet connectivity.

Q4. Who will provide the technical expertise to run the GRC?

A4. Once established, the GRC will be run by an administrator/director who will be able to draw from a pool of technical experts for advice. Most activities of the Center may be executed via contracts and service agreements, although some support staffing may be required in the future as programs and projects mature.

The Height Modernization Executive Committee and the Montana Geodetic Control Working Group can assist with developing job descriptions and assist with recruitment screening as needed.

Q5. What is the host agency's time commitment to support the GRC?

A5. The host agency's time commitment may be a function that agency's policies and the GRC program size and funding sources. Public agencies' policy on the level of administrative support for grant administration varies by agency and may be based on a percentage of grant amounts. GRC funding may be any combination of grants, fees, or other funding basis. The GRC budget proposal is listed in the Height Modernization Program document.