

## **PLSS Preservation Committee Workplan and Accomplishments**

### **Goals for 2024**

- Award \$9.1 million in grants to Minnesota Counties
- Monitor and track grant projects
- Request applicant feedback on application experience & review for quality improvements
- Revise and improve program processes and eligibilities for anticipated future RFPs
- Continue outreach to counties and geospatial community

### **Successes from 2023**

- Developed first RFP
- Outreached to several organizations and the geospatial community
- Developed Foundant Grant Management Solution
- Opened first application window and received 70 Letters of Intent (LOI) from 65 counties
- Developed evaluation process and related forms
- Developed quarterly progress reports for grant projects

### **Barriers**

- We need permanent funding and the budget and political climate is not favorable. Need MNIT support to include a line item for funding the program in the governor's next budget.

### **Next task**

- Develop review panel for grant applications
- Review completed grant applications
- Advise GIO on grant award recommendations
- Work through procurement and finance process to award grant contracts

## **Request for assistance**

- Contact your local representatives and let them know why funding this program is vital to Minnesota and the geospatial community.

## **Date approved by Geospatial Advisory Council**

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