



319 NPS Project Funding Request

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Project Title Big Sky Watershed Corps Host Site Support

Project Sponsor Information

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Project Funding

319 Funds Requested	\$108,300.00
Non-Federal Matching Funds	\$72,200.00
Federal Funds	
Total Project Budget	\$180,500.00

Project Location

Watershed Name or HUC # many
 Latitude n/a Longitude n/a
 Is the waterbody on the 2016 List of Impaired Waters? Yes
 Does this project implement a WRP? Yes

Nonpoint Source (NPS) Information and Project Planning

Project Focus

The focus of this project is to expand the work of watershed groups implementing water quality projects that address non point source pollution through the Big Sky Watershed Corps Program.

Does the landowner support this project? Yes

Project Description

Timeline: Please detail the proposed timeline for this project.

June 2017: Advertise Funding for 2018 BSWC host sites. July-August 2017: Approve host sites and offer funding. January 2018: Award host site funding. Jan 2018-November 2018: Advertise and award professional development & project funds.

Please provide a brief overview of the proposed project, including background, purpose, partners and methods.

Background: Successful long term WRP implementation depends on broad stakeholder commitment, local leadership and strong organizational capacity to ensure sustainability. **Purpose:** Help build or strengthen local capacity to improve watershed health and protection, and implement approved WRPs. **Partners:** Local watershed groups and conservation districts, Soil & Water Conservation Districts of Montana, Montana Conservation Corps, Montana DNRC, and Montana DEQ. **Method:** Provide cost share support, professional development funding, and project dollars for Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) members within 13 or more qualified watershed groups and conservation districts across Montana. Each professional BSWC member will live and work in their host site community for 10.5 months and provide professional organizational capacity to enable focused efforts for WRP project development, implementation and outreach to effectively and efficiently implement Water Quality Restoration and TMDL plan goals over the next 2 years. 2016 BSWC members have drafted WRPs, managed volunteer monitoring, and designed water restoration projects.