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Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Program	60/40 Cost Share. Must be for Water Quality Protection, Improvement or Planning. 4 Categories of applications: 1. Watershed TMDL Planning 2. Watershed Restoration 3. Groundwater 4. Information & Education.	Governmental Entities and Non Profit Organizations 501c(3)	Rob Rung DEQ/WQPB 406-444-6756 rrung@mt.gov	\$1.2 Million Annually	Federal	Annual	Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	2yrs	Yes	Quarterly & Final	no more frequently than monthly, at least quarterly Reimbursement	Yes	10%	No
DEQ/EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Wetland Development Grant	Grant purpose is to develop the capacity for State and Local governments to protect their wetland resources. Actual restoration does not qualify. Tribal governments apply directly to EPA.	State, local governments, universities, nonprofits	Lynda Saul, DEQ 406-444-6652 lsaul@mt.gov	Competitive w/in Region 8 (typically about \$350,000 annually)	Federal	Annual-Winter	Approx. Dates Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	Varies	Yes	Task Based	Upon completion of Tasks	25% of Total Project Cost	Allowed-usually incorporated into in-kind match	\$100,000
DEQ Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) Loan Program	Wastewater projects including: system rehabilitation, interceptors, treatment facilities, outfall sewers, infiltration & inflow, lagoons, separation of storm sewers, storm sewers; nonpoint source projects including: certain solid waste projects as per 2000 amendments. Ranking criteria: Impairment of water uses, extent project will restore water quality, public health improvement and readiness to proceed. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated.	Municipalities (any state agency, city town or other public body created pursuant to state law) for wastewater projects municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects	Paul LaVigne, DEQ 406-444-5321 plavigne@mt.gov	Approximately \$8 Million annually	Federal and State	Open-final approval of engineering review must occur prior to review and approval of application	Varies	Varies	Yes	DEQ repots annually to EPA	Loan repayment period: Payment schedules of 20 years or less; up to 3 years for interim financing	No	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown
DEQ Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program	Drinking water project which achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Ranking criteria: Protect public health, comply with Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, affordability of the system. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated. Adequate technical, financial and managerial resources to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.	All community public water systems owned by private persons or municipalities and nonprofit noncommunity water systems (qualifying as a tax-exempt organization per IRS code (section 501(c)(3) and organized under Montana Law)	Mark Smith, DEQ 406-444-5325 marks@mt.gov	Approximately \$8 Million annually	Federal and State	Open-final approval of engineering review must occur prior to review and approval of application	Varies	Varies	Yes	DEQ repots annually to EPA	Loan repayment period: Payment schedules of 20 years or less; qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 30 years and term cannot exceed the design life of the project or up to 3 years for interim financing	No	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown
MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) Future Fisheries	Projects that restore or enhance habitat for naturally reproducing populations of wild fish.	Anyone, but coordination with local fishery biologist recommended	Mark Lere 406-444-2432	Varies, but about \$750,000 Annually	State	6 months	Jan 1 and July 1	Varies	Yes	Final	As bills are submitted	Yes	No	No
MFWP Living with Wildlife	Living with Wildlife is a grant program developed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and funded by the Montana Legislature to promote the successful coexistence of people and wildlife in urban and suburban settings. Living with Wildlife will fund projects that emphasize local involvement, partnership approaches, cost sharing, innovation, prevention and proactive solutions to human/wildlife conflicts.	Private, NPO's, Local, State, Federal Gov.	Joe Weigand FWP-Field Services 406-444-3065 joweigand@mt.gov	\$65,000 Biennial	State	Varies-Usually every other year	Varies-this year is 6/15	2 yrs	Yes, usually not warranted-grant funds are used up quickly and people want their final check.	Interim and Final	Half at contract signing. Remainder after receipt and approval of Final Report	Yes	Allowed-usually incorporated into in-kind match	\$5,000-more if justified and funding is available.
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)/Conservation Districts Grant Program (223 Grants)	50:50 cash match required for irrigation projects and projects over \$15,000. Grants may be used for any conservation related activity and must be sponsored by a conservation district.	Conservation Districts	Laurie Zeller, DNRC, 406-444-6667, lzeller@mt.gov	\$300,000 annually	State	Four times a year	January/ May/ August/ October (varies)	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis -- as often as necessary	yes/no	yes	\$15,000, but may exceed if justified
DNRC/Conservation District Technical Assistance	Grants may be used for technical assistance necessary to get projects on the ground.	Conservation Districts	Laurie Zeller, DNRC, 406-444-6667, lzeller@mt.gov	\$50,000 to \$100,000 annually	State	Anytime	Anytime	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis -- as often as necessary	no	yes	No limit
DNRC/Irrigation Development Grant	Grants must be used for the development of new irrigation projects, and activities that increase the value of agriculture for existing irrigated lands.	Government & Private entities	DNRC/Irrigation Development Pat Riley, 406-247-4413	\$150,000 annually	State	Anytime	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Varies	No	No	\$15,000
DNRC/Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6668, Pam Smith pamsmith@mt.gov	\$800,000	State	Anytime	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	half upon receipt of draft report, half on receipt of final report	No	No	\$25,000
DNRC/RRGL Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6668, Pam Smith pamsmith@mt.gov	\$5 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$100,000
DNRC/RRGL Emergency Grants	Projects that require immediate attention to prevent substantial damage or legal liability. The project cannot be the result of inadequate operation and maintenance.	Governmental Entities	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6688, Bob Fischer rfischer@mt.gov	\$100,000 Biennial	State	Anytime	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$30,000
DNRC/Reclamation and Development Grants (RDGP) Grant	Projects that reclaim lands damaged by mining; and activities that address crucial state needs. Projects must provide benefits in one or more of the following: reclamation, mitigation, and research related to mining and exploration; identification and repair of hazardous waste sites; research to assess existing or potential environmental damage.	Governmental Entities	DNRC/RDGP 406-444-6668, Greg Mills gmills@mt.gov	\$5 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$300,000
DNRC/RDGP Planning Grants	Research and application preparation for an RDGP project grant, planning for projects that are eligible for RDGP project grants.	Governmental Entities	DNRC/RDGP 406-444-6668, Alicia Stickney, astickney@mt.gov	\$800,000 Biennial	State	Quarterly	End of each quarter beginning Sept. 30	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	Varies depending on purpose of grant
DNRC/Private Grants	Projects relating to water where the quantifiable benefits will exceed the costs.	An individual, association, for-profit corporation or not-for profit corporation	DNRC/Private Grants 406-444-6668, Larry Bloxom, lbloxom@mt.gov	\$50,000 Biennial	State	Anytime	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$2,500 or 25% of the total estimated cost of the project

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DNRC/Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant	Planning Dollars for broad-based watershed efforts including coordination, assessment and education.	Conservation Districts must be applicants	DNRC/ WPAG, 406-444-5234 David Martin , damartin@mt.gov	\$144,750 Annually	State	Quarterly	Open Cycle	12-16 months	Yes	Monthly or Quarterly/Final	Varies - based on reimbursable	No	10%	\$10,000 per Watershed Project
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Fuels for Schools and Beyond	The program will provide funds toward the design, purchase and installation of a new biomass boiler system and a chip or pellet storage facility. The program does not cover the cost of renovation or refurbishment of existing heat distribution systems. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) reserves the right to offer a different grant amount than proposed by applicants.	Schools or other public or non-profit institutions in communities in Montana	Angela Farr, 406-542-4239, afarr@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Varies	February	Varies	Yes	Yes--varied schedule	As work is completed & documented	Federal max - 35%	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Up to \$400,000 but no more than 35% of the total project cost for converting existing facilities to biomass heat or no more than 25% of the additional cost of incorporating biomass heat into new construction
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Arbor Day	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, & tribal governments & other not-for-profit organizations interested in celebrating Arbor Day and increasing awareness of planting trees in the urban landscape	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - February, Project - June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	An additional 35% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	\$400 for communities with Tree City USA designation since at least 2005. \$150 for non-designated communities.
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Tree City USA	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	Incorporated city, town, tribal, or county governments newly designated as a Tree City USA community	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - Open Project - June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	An additional 35% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum award \$500.
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Urban & Community Forestry Grant	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, and tribal governments interested in conducting an urban forestry project e.g., tree/vegetation inventory; writing an urban forest mgmt plan based upon a tree inventory; writing a city/county approved tree ordinance; or conducting a tree planting project	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - February Project completion by June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	An additional 100% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Varies
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - AMTOP Scholarships	Tree care professional or member of municipal tree board (for registration costs only).	Professionals and members of community tree boards who could benefit from attending the Conference of the Association of Montana Turf & Ornamental Professionals	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	Prior to conference dates (Jan./Feb.).	Just for conference	No	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	No	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Forest Pest Management	Grant requirements vary.	Private and state land managers interested in conducting forest management activities that reduce the susceptibility to, and impact of, bark beetles	Amy Kearney, 406-542-4283, akearney@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Varies	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Reimbursement upon receipt of documentation	50 - 50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - National Fire Plan	Grant is federally funded under the Western State Fire Managers Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program, subject to the provisions thereof. Funds available for fuels mitigation, planning, education, homeowner action.	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Paula Rosenthal, 406-542-4235, prosenthal@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	August-September	1-2 years	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	50-50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum request is \$300,000.
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Grant is federally funded under the State Fire Assistance Community Protection Program. Funds fuel mitigation on non-federal lands adjacent to federal lands scheduled for treatments that incorporate fire on the landscape.	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Paula Rosenthal, 406-542-4235, prosenthal@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	May	1-2 years	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	50-50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Volunteer Fire Assistance	Smaller communities can join for a combined effort (staying under 10,000). Costs associated with projects prior to project approval are not normally eligible. Projects: Fire protection and Organization, Fire Training, Fire Equipment, Fire Prevention, Wildland PPE.	Fire Service Organizations that serve communities with a population under 10,000	Doug Williams, 406-622-5455, dwilliams4@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Funds transferred at completion of projects	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Rural Fire Assistance	The funding request is limited to training, equipment, and prevention activities. The RFD has the capability to meet cost-share at a minimum of 10%, which may include in-kind services. Agency evaluators will prioritize fund allocation among RFD based on specific criteria, as noted on website.	Fire Service Organizations serving communities with a population under 10,000	Doug Williams, 406-622-5455, dwilliams4@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Funds transferred at completion of projects	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) - Large Grants	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.	Governmental Entities, Privates, Non-profits	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229, kcoleman@mt.gov	\$6.5-\$8.5 million annually	State	Annual	March	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	No
NRDP - Project Development Grants or Small projects	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.	Governmental Entities, Privates, Non-profits	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229, kcoleman@mt.gov	\$200,000 annually	State	Annual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	\$25,000
MT Department of Agriculture (MDA) - Noxious Weed Trust Fund	50:50 cost share on herbicide and commercial application for noxious weed control; must have at least 3 cooperating adjacent landowners for a local cooperative projects; also provides funding for weed education and research projects. Send 1 original grant proposal and 28 copies.	Anyone, but with a sponsor of a County Weed District, Conservation District, University, or Reservation	Kim Johnson, 406-444-1517	\$1.8 - 2 million annually	State & Federal	Annual	December	Varies	Yes	April 15; October 15	Any time	Yes	3%	No