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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, NPO	Lynda Saul, DEQ, 406-444-6652 lsaul@mt.gov	Competitive within EPA Region 8 (~\$350,000)	Federal	Annual	Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	2 yrs	Yes	Task Based	Upon completion of tasks	25% of Total Project Cost	No	\$100,000
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 before review and approval of application	Varies	Varies	Yes	DEQ reports annually to EPA	Repayment period: Payment schedules of 20 yrs or less; qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 30 yrs, and term cannot exceed design life of project or up to 3 yrs for interim financing	No	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown
DEQ - Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Program	40% cost share. Projects must address nonpoint source water pollution. Three categories of applications: 1) Watershed Restoration, 2) Groundwater Protection/Restoration, 3) Education and Outreach. Watershed Restoration Plans required in most(?) cases.	Governmental Entities and 501c(3)	Robert Ray, DEQ 406-444-5319 rray@mt.gov	\$1 Million Annually	Federal	Annual	Proposal 7/29/2011 Final App. 10/7/11	2-3 yrs	Yes	Quarterly, Annual & Final	No more frequently than monthly, at least quarterly	Yes	10%	Vary by application category
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 reports 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 - Volunteer Monitoring Laboratory Analysis Assistance	DEQ-approved Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) in place prior to sampling; use existing SAP or develop SAP within 90 days of application approval to secure funding; sample collection training for volunteers may be required; submit chemical samples to the lab under contract for this program; select from pre-established suite of parameters; macroinvertebrate samples submitted to MT Natural Heritage Program for analysis; data must be uploaded to DEQ's eWQX database	Governmental Entities and 501c(3)	Patrick Lizon, DEQ 406-444-0531 plizon@mt.gov	\$15,000 Annually	State	Continuous	First come-first serve	1-2 yr lab contract		Final	Lab bills DEQ directly.	No	No	\$2,000
DNRC - Conservation District Technical Assistance	Grants may be used for technical assistance necessary to get projects on the ground.	Conservation Districts	Laurie Zeller, DNRC 406-444-6668 lzeller@mt.gov	\$50,000 to \$100,000 Annually	State	Continuous	Continuous	Mostly 1 yr, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & final	Reimbursement basis - as often as necessary	No	Yes	No Limit
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 activities and must be sponsored by a conservation district.	Conservation Districts	Linda Brander, DNRC 406-444-6668 lbrander@mt.gov	\$400,000 Annually	State	Four times a year	Jan/May/ Aug/ Oct (varies)	Mostly 1 yr, 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 - 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, DNRC 406-542-4235 prosenthal@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	August-September	1-2 yrs	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 - Rural Fire Assistance	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, DNRC 406-622-5455 dwilliams4@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Upon completion of projects	90 - 10 (10% match required)	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, DNRC 406-622-5455 dwilliams4@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Upon completion of projects	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
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	Angela Mallon, DNRC 406-542-4221 amallon@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	May-June	2-3 yrs	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	No match required- DNRC administers as a 75-25 cost-share	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No
DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau - Challenge Grant	Challenge grants are a less common use of funds from the USFS State & Private Forestry Program to provide additional assistance for projects that the DNRC wants to encourage and to promote.	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Angela Mallon, DNRC 406-542-4221 amallon@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	October	1-3 yrs	Yes	Quarterly	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	No	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Dependent on project & federal allocation
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, DNRC 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 - 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	Jamie Kirby, DNRC 406-542-4288 jamiekirby@mt.gov	Varies	State & Federal	Yearly	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Final, with Payment Request	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	An additional 35% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum award \$1,000.
DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau - Urban & Community Forestry Grant	Program Development of local urban forestry program. Examples: conducting an urban forestry project e.g.; tree/vegetation inventory, writing an urban forest management plan based upon a tree inventory, writing a city/county approved tree ordinance. All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, and tribal governments	Jamie Kirby, DNRC 406-542-4288 jamiekirby@mt.gov	Varies ~ \$100,000 Annually	Federal	Yearly	30-Oct	6 - 12 months	Yes	Final, with Payment Request	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	An additional 100% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Varies - \$20,000 maximum

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DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau - Arbor Day	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.	City, town, county, & tribal governments & NPOs, interested in celebrating Arbor Day and increasing awareness of planting trees in the urban landscape	Kelley Gundale, DNRC 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 - Forest Pest Management	Grant requirements vary.	Private/state land managers interested in forest management activities that reduce susceptibility to, and impact of, bark beetles	Amy Kearney, DNRC 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 - Forestry Assistance 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	Angela Mallon, DNRC 406-542-4221 amallon@mt.gov	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	August-September	2 - 3 yrs	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	50-50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum request is \$300,000.
DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau-Biomass Energy Feasibility Studies	Grant covers cost of wood biomass energy pre-feasibility assessment at eligible facilities. Grantee must hire a pre-qualified biomass energy analyst selected by DNRC.	Public, non-profit, tribal facilities	Julius Kies, DNRC 406-542-4280 jkies@mt.gov	Varies	Federal (ARRA)	ARRA is one time only	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Final	Reimbursement upon receipt of final report	No	No	\$3,500
DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau-Biomass Project Planning Grants	Assist with costs of feasibility studies and pre-construction work (planning, design, or permitting) on wood biomass utilization projects in targeted regions of State.	Private and public; local and state government	Julius Kies, DNRC 406-542-4280 jkies@mt.gov	Varies	Federal	Varies	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement basis - as often as necessary	Yes	No	Varies
DNRC - Forestry Assistance Bureau-Woody Biomass Energy Incentive Grants	Eligible applicants must prove that they are committed to, and moving forward with, a biomass energy installation. Grantee is awarded grant equivalent to one year's annual biomass fuel costs.	Public; non-profit; tribal facilities	Julius Kies, DNRC 406-542-4280 jkies@mt.gov	Varies	Federal (ARRA)	ARRA is one time only	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	Varies
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	Pat Riley, DNRC 406-247-4413 priley@mt.gov	\$150,000 Annually	State	Anytime	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Varies	No	No	\$15,000
DNRC - Irrigation Development Grant (IDG)	Grants must be used for the development of new irrigation projects, and activities that increase the value of agriculture for existing irrigated lands.	Governmental Entities	Pat Riley, DNRC 406-247-4413 priley@mt.gov	\$150,000 Annually	State	Annual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Varies	No	No	\$15,000
DNRC - Private Grants	Project relating to water where the quantifiable benefits will exceed the costs.	An individual, association, for profit corporation or NPO	Larry Bloxson, DNRC 406-444-6668 lbloxson@mt.gov	\$100,000 Biennial	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$5,000 of 25% of the total estimated cost of the project
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	Alicia Stickney, DNRC 406-444-6668 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 - RDGP Planning Grants	Research and application preparation for an RDGP project grant, planning for projects that are eligible for RDGP project grants.	Governmental Entities	Alicia Stickney, DNRC 406-444-6668 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 - 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	Alicia Stickney, DNRC 406-444-6668 astickney@mt.gov	\$5 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$300,000
DNRC - RRGL Planning Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	Pam Smith, DNRC 406-444-6668, 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 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	Bob Fischer, DNRC 406-444-6668, rfischer@mt.gov	\$100,000 Biennial	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$30,000
DNRC - RRGL Project Grant	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.	Governmental Entities	Pam Smith, DNRC 406-444-6668, pamsmith@mt.gov	\$5 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	No	\$100,000
DNRC - Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant	Planning Dollars for broad-based watershed efforts including coordination, assessment and education.	Conservation Districts must be applicants	David Martin, DNRC 406-444-5234 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
MDA - MT Department of Agriculture - 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, MDA 406-444-1517 kijohnson@mt.gov	\$1.8 - 2 Million Annually	State & Federal	Annual	December	Varies	Yes	April 15; October 15	Any time	Yes	3%	No
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, FWP 406-444-2432 mlere@mt.gov	Varies ~ \$1.3 Million Annually	State	6 months	Dec 1 to June 1	Varies	Yes	Final	As bills are submitted	Encouraged but not required	No	No
MFWP - Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks Living with Wildlife Grant	Projects that emphasize local involvement, partnership approaches, cost sharing, innovation, prevention and proactive solutions to human/wildlife conflicts are considered.	Private, NPO's, Local, State, Federal Gov.	Joe Weigand, FWP 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	Interim and Final	Half at contract signing, remainder after receipt and approval of Final Report	Yes	Allowed-often used as in-kind match	\$5,000-more if justified and funding is available.
NRDP - Natural Resource Damage Program - Large Grants	Projects must restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of injury to natural resources and/or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.	Governmental Entities, Private, NPO	Kathy Coleman, NRDP 406-444-0229 kcoleman@mt.gov	\$6.5-8.5 Million Annually	State	Annual	March	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	Yes- cost must be directly related to project	No
NRDP - Project Development Grants or Small projects	Projects must restore, replace, or acquire the equivalent of injury to natural resources and/or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.	Governmental Entities, Private, NPO	Kathy Coleman, NRDP 406-444-0229 kcoleman@mt.gov	\$200,000 Annually	State	Annual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	No	Yes- cost must be directly related to project	\$25,000
SWCDMI/319 - Outreach and Education Mini-Grants	Local outreach and education projects that address nonpoint source pollution or other water quality issues. Cannot be used to fund: monitoring without an outreach and education component; equipment repair; administrative costs; normal website maintenance.	Governmental Entities and 501c(3)	Jan Fontaine, SWCDMI 406-443-5711 mail@macdnet.org	\$27,000 Annually	Federal	Semi-annual	Varies	1 yr	No	Final, with Press Release	Reimbursement upon receipt of final report	Yes	Not eligible	\$2,000