



# 2023 319 Application Form - Mini-grant Programs

## General Information

Program Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registered with the Secretary of State?

Registered with SAM?

UEI # \_\_\_\_\_

Does your organization have liability insurance?

Primary Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Signatory \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Brenna Pietram

Signature Rebecca Batzli

Technical and Administrative Qualifications

## Budget

	319 Funding Request	Non-Federal Match	Other Funding	Total Cost
<b>Program Development, Marketing and Solicitation</b> <i>(Includes development and deployment of application process, marketing the program to the target audience, receipt and evaluation of project proposals, and writing and executing mini-grant contracts.)</i>				
<b>Mini-grant Implementation and Oversight</b> <i>(Includes funding provided in the mini-grants and the costs of managing the mini-grant contracts. May also include correspondence, site visits, training, and problem resolution.)</i>				
<b>Program Evaluation</b> <i>(Includes evaluation of the impact of individual mini-grants and the program as a whole on nonpoint source pollution. For on-the-ground projects designed to address nitrogen, phosphorus or sediment, task may include gathering information necessary for DEQ to evaluate pollutant load reductions achieved from project implementation.)</i>				
<b>Project Administration</b> <i>(Includes reporting, invoicing, office expenses, transportation, etc. 319 funding applied to this task must not exceed 10% of the total amount of 319 funding requested, or \$12,000, whichever is lower.)</i>				
<b>Other</b> <i>(specify)</i>				
<b>Other</b> <i>(specify)</i>				
<b>Other</b> <i>(specify)</i>				
<b>Total</b>				

Match Source	Non-federal (cash and in-kind)	Match Secured?	Letter of Support Attached?
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## Program Description

Describe the types of projects or activities you will fund.

How much money will each mini-grant recipient receive?  
(provide a range or an exact dollar amount)

How many mini-grants will you distribute?

## Target Audience

Who is the target audience (potential recipients) for the mini-grant program?

Describe the target audience's potential to have meaningful impact on NPS pollution.

How will you market the program to the target audience?

Is there adequate interest to ensure full use of requested funding within a 3-year period? Please explain.

Are there other, similar grant programs available to potential recipients, and if so, how will your program fill a unique niche?

How will the program increase local capacity or interest for addressing NPS pollution?

How will the program create **long-lasting change** in social norms or attitudes toward addressing NPS pollution?

## **Program Implementation and Evaluation**

Describe the application submittal, evaluation and contracting processes you will use.

Describe the project oversight you will provide to mini-grant recipients.

List the metrics you will use to quantify the effects of individual mini-grant projects or activities.

List the metrics you will use for evaluating the effectiveness of your mini-grant program as a whole.



## Community Participation and Support

Partner

### Contribution to the Program

Letter of Support Attached?

### ***Other Supporters***

Entity

Letter of Support Attached?

# Program Timeline

Task Description	3Q 2023	4Q 2023	1Q 2024	2Q 2024	3Q 2024	4Q 2024	1Q 2025	2Q 2025	3Q 2025	4Q 2025	1Q 2026	2Q 2026
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## **Bigger Picture Considerations**

### **Environmental Justice (EJ)**

Explain how your project incorporates disadvantaged community populations and priorities, Tribal and community leader engagement, or socioeconomic barriers in the context of equal protection and access to a healthy environment.

### **Climate Change/Resilience**

How will your project improve climate change resilience for communities, native plants, wildlife, or ecosystems?

### **Impacts to Downstream Human, Plant and Animal Communities**

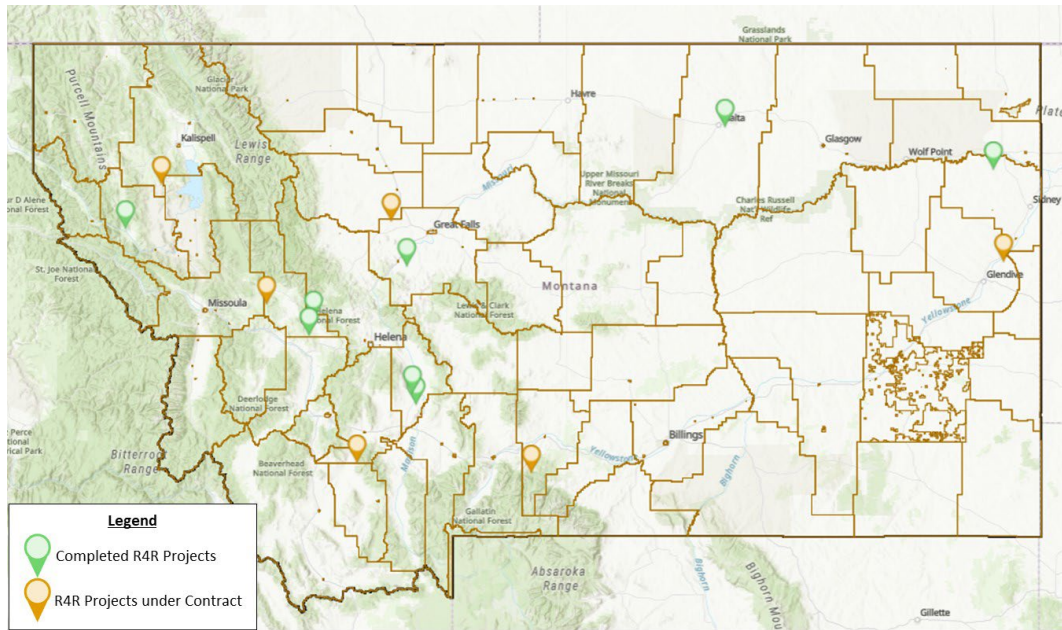
What sort of an impact will your project have on downstream human, plant or animal communities?

## **Additional Attachments**

Attach additional items that could help reviewers better understand your project. Items could include site photos, design drawings, site evaluations, permits, etc. Please be conscious of reviewers' time, as they may not have time to read lengthy studies and reports. List all additional attachments below.

Additional information that could assist reviewers in evaluating the project's potential impact on NPS pollution.

# Map



# Letters of Support

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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September 23, 2022

Water Protection Bureau  
Mark Ockey  
Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Mark:

On behalf of the Rangeland Resources Program at DNRC, I am writing to submit support for application to the DEQ Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Program for the Ranching for Rivers Program. I was part of the original Ranching for Rivers Program in 2016 that provided cost-share to landowners looking to implement ranch management practices along impaired water bodies that improved grazing as well as improve the health of the riparian habitat and protect water quality.

DRNC- Rangeland Resources Program has provided technical support for grazing plans, and application review. It's the mission of the RRP to promote clean water and healthy rangelands, the R4R program is an important program to help livestock producers with those aspects of rangeland management.

Over the last year, MACD and partners have witnessed increased interest and opportunities to work with local conservation organizations and landowners to implement Ranching for Rivers projects that will benefit from this cost-share and help kick-start better riparian management on their land as well as encourage the implementation of Grazing Management Plans. This application period we are hoping to increase the number of projects completed by a larger monetary ask.

Please accept this letter as a commitment of support for the MACD Ranching for Rivers proposal.

Sincerely,

*Stacey Barta*

State Coordinator for Rangelands  
Rangelands Resources Program  
DNRC



September 26, 2022

Water Protection Bureau  
Mark Ockey  
Department of Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

Dear Mark Ockey:

On behalf of the Missouri River Conservation Districts Council (Council), I am submitting this letter of support for the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) application to the DEQ FY2023 Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Program for their Ranching for Rivers Program. The Ranching for Rivers Program, starting in 2016, is a program in partnership with the Council, MACD, and Department of Natural Resources' (DNRC) Rangeland Resource Commission to provide cost-share to landowners looking to implement ranch management practices along impaired water bodies that improve grazing as well as improve the health of the riparian habitat and protect water quality.

Ranching for Rivers began as a program under MRCDC, so the Council knows and sees the value the program has added to property along the Missouri River and its tributaries. It has helped to improve riparian areas through changing livestock grazing management practices with both fencing projects and adding stock tank infrastructure in some situations. Doing these projects has helped improve water quality, as well as improve the health and management of the riparian vegetation.

Over the last couple of years, MACD and partners have witnessed increased interest and opportunities to work with local conservation organizations and landowners to implement Ranching for Rivers projects that will benefit from this cost-share and help kick-start better riparian management on their land as well as encourage the implementation of Grazing Management Plans.

Please accept this letter as a commitment of support for the MACD Ranching for Rivers proposal.

Sincerely,



Laura Kiehl  
MRCDC Chair

October 3, 2022

To: Mark Ockey, Water Protection Bureau: Department of Environmental Quality

Re: MCC Support for Montana Association of Conservation Districts - Ranching for Rivers Program

Dear Mark Ockey:

I am writing on behalf of Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) to express our support for the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) application to the DEQ FY2023 Federal 319 Nonpoint Source Program for their Ranching for Rivers Program. The Ranching for Rivers program, starting in 2016, is a program in partnership with the Missouri River Conservation Districts Council (MRCDC), MACD, and the Department of Natural Resources' (DNRC) Rangeland Resource Program. Ranching for Rivers aims to provide cost-share to landowners looking to implement new and enhance existing ranch management practices along impaired water bodies. By improving ranch management practices, it will in turn, enhance riparian grazing as well as increase riparian habitat and protect water quality.

MCC's Missouri River Watershed Coordinator and several AmeriCorps members under MCC, have added capacity to the Ranching for Rivers by offering on the ground technical assistance and recruitment for the program. MCC applauds MACD's willingness to connect with local communities and provide a service to Montana's working lands through their mission of *"supporting Montana's conservation districts in promoting and maintaining a landscape where soil, water, and other natural resources are conserved and utilized for the benefit of all Montanans in cooperation with landowners, state and federal agencies, and other partners."* It is also apparent that MACD values partnership and collaboration between stakeholders, agencies, and organizations by continuously creating avenues to work together and meet natural resource needs. MACD's proposal will build off of the success the Ranching for Rivers Program has had since 2016.

The Ranching for River Program has continuously shown an incredible ability to complete projects, collaborate with partners/stakeholders, generate educational opportunities, and meet their goals to effectively improve and protect Montana's waters.

Best Regards,



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