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<td><strong>U.S. Rural Development – US Department of Agriculture (USDA)</strong></td>
<td>a. Water and Wastewater Loan and Grant Program</td>
<td>a. Water, Wastewater, Storm water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion)</td>
<td>a. No</td>
<td>b. Yes (25%)</td>
<td>c. No</td>
<td>a. Ratio dependent upon user rates, no limit or maximum for loans, 75% maximum grant b. c. $30,000</td>
<td>a. 40 years or life of facility</td>
<td>Priority given to: Under 1,000 in population, Low income, Health hazards, and Extended service to additional rural users</td>
<td>Open-cycle</td>
<td>Population $100,000 Applicants must be unable to finance the project by use of commercial credit at reasonable terms and rates. <a href="http://www.usda.gov">www.usda.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant &amp; Loan Program (RRGL)</strong></td>
<td>a. Renewable Resource Grants and Loans</td>
<td>a. Grants (Public) Up to $125,000 b. Loans (Public) No maximum b. up to $50,000 c. up to $30,000</td>
<td>a. &amp; b. Yes</td>
<td>c. No</td>
<td>a. Loans 20 Years or less.</td>
<td>a. Resource benefits financial feasibility, project management, technical feasibility. b. Resource benefits c. Urgency and financial need.</td>
<td>a. Applications due on May 15 of even numbered years. b. As funding is available c. Open</td>
<td>a. Projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve a renewable resource. b. Preliminary engineering, planning, or other activities leading to a renewable resource project. c. Emergency projects that result in property damage or legal liability <a href="http://www.deq.mt.gov/programs/rrgl/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-loan-program">http://www.deq.mt.gov/programs/rrgl/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-loan-program</a></td>
<td>DNRC – RRGL Program 1539 11th Avenue, PO BOX 26101 Helena, MT 59620 Lindsay Vulpis (406) 444-9766 <a href="mailto:lvenge@mt.gov">lvenge@mt.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</strong></td>
<td>a. Public &amp; Community Facility Grants b. Community Planning Grants c. Economic Development and Housing Grants (Federal grant administered by Commerce)</td>
<td>a. Water, Wastewater, Storm water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion, Equipment, vehicles, planning, interim financing)</td>
<td>b. Yes</td>
<td>a. 25% (local match) b. 1 to 3 match (33% match) c. Contact the program</td>
<td>a. up to $450,000 b. up to $50,000 c. Contact the program</td>
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<td>a. Annual competition-spring of the year b. &amp; c. Contact the program</td>
<td>Community Development Division Staff 301 S Park Avenue, PO BOX 20012 Helena, MT 59620 (406) 841-2770 <a href="mailto:dossi@mt.gov">dossi@mt.gov</a></td>
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<td><strong>Montana Board of Investments INTERCAP Loan Program</strong></td>
<td>a. Water and Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste (Construction, repair, expansion, equipment, vehicles, planning, interim financing)</td>
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<td>MT BID Board of Investments PO BOX 208012 Helena, MT 59620 Pam Nelson (406) 444-0257 <a href="mailto:Pamela.nelson@mt.gov">Pamela.nelson@mt.gov</a> Louise Welch (406) 444-0881 <a href="mailto:lwelch@mt.gov">lwelch@mt.gov</a></td>
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**Eligible Projects**
- **Public (CDBG)**
  - Montana Department of Commerce (DOC)
- **Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan (WPCSRF)**
  - Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- **Emergency Grant Program**
- **Project Planning Grants**
  - Renewable Resource Grants and Loans (RRGL)
  - Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Eligible Applicants**
- **Local government units**, **Special Purpose Districts**, **Water/Sewer Districts**
  - Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) Board of Investments
- **Indian Tribes and Non-Profits**
  - Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- **States and Counties**
  - Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- **Local government units**, **Special Purpose Districts**
  - Montana Board of Investments INTERCAP Loan Program

**Ranking Criteria**
- **Community planning assessment, project need, concept and technical design, community efforts, financial assistance, benefit to low and moderate income**
- **At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income**
- **Planning such as PER, CIP & community development planning**

**Contact Information**
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**Additional Information**
- Visit the websites listed in the document for more detailed information.
## Montana Department of Commerce

### Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)

- **Program Name**: Montana Coal Board Grant Program
- **Eligible Applicants**: Incorporated cities and towns, counties, water, sewer and solid waste districts, and federally recognized tribal governments.
- **Eligible Projects**: Draining water systems, wastewater treatment, sanitary or storm sewers, solid waste systems, and bridges.
- **Local Match Required**: a. Yes, typically 50%; which can include other grants.b. Yes, 50% c. Local participation required.
- **Planning Costs Covered**: a. Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.b. No limit
- **Amount of Funds Available Per Project**: a. Up to $750,000b. Up to $15,000c. Typically, no more than $10,000 determined on a case by case basis.
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: Health and Safety, financial need, technical design, planning and management, other funding for the project, economic development, and community support.
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: a. Spring of even numbered yearsb. c. Applications accepted in spring onlyd. c. Appropriation has gone.e. c. Apply anytimef. Funding approved by the legislature.
b. Funding approved by Commerce. Infrastructure planning grants (PER or CIP)
c. Funding approved by Commerce. Projects intended to respond to emergency situation. [http://comdev.mt.gov](http://comdev.mt.gov)
- **Special Requirements and Additional Information**: None

### ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

#### U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- **Public Works Grants (Federal)**: Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes, nonprofits
- **Eligible Projects**: Water and Wastewater Systems
- **Local Match Required**: Yes
- **Planning Costs Covered**: Yes, under the Technical Assistance Program
- **Amount of Funds Available Per Project**: Generally, not to exceed $1,000,000, but may be waived in special circumstances.
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: 6 ranking criteria with emphasis on economic distress and the job/cost ratio.
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: Applications accepted at any time.
- **Project tied to economic development, job creation, or retention.** Must comply with federal regulations. [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)

#### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- **Section 905 of the Water Resources Reform & Development Act (WRDRA) grants**: Public entities (includes Indian Tribes)
- **Eligible Projects**: Water treatment and related facilities, water supply and related facilities, environmental restoration and surface water resource protection and development.
- **Local Match Required**: 75% federal/25% local cost share.
- **Planning Costs Covered**: Planning costs can count towards local share when incurred prior to project.
- **Amount of Funds Available Per Project**: No specific amount per project, but typically no more than $1,500,000. Funds for this program varies year to year.
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: None
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: Funds typically must be spent in the same fiscal year that the money is received, but with approval can be carried over into the next year. See website for application info:


#### U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- **Federal and Infrastructure Planning Grants**: States, local governments, federally-recognized Indian Tribes, non-federal entities (w/local government support)
- **Eligible Projects**: Broad range of water resource issues. These programs are planning level only and do not lead to construction.
- **Local Match Required**: a. 50% federal; b. 50% non-federal; b. 100% federal
- **Planning Costs Covered**: These studies are inherently planning level studies only. Refer to information on the local match required.
- **Amount of Funds Available Per Project**: Federal limit: a. $2 million for each state or Tribe per year. (b) $1 million per state per year
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: USPS discretion within available funds
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: No specific deadline, but federal share is tied to the federal appropriation process.
- **Special Requirements and Additional Information**: Interested sponsors should submit a letter of request. More information can be found at [www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx](http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx)

### ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS

#### Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Reclamation & Development Grants
- **Eligible Projects**: Reclamation of land, water or public infrastructure affected by mining or hazardous waste sites.
- **Local Match Required**: a. Some b. Yes
- **Planning Costs Covered**: a. up to $500,000 b. up to $10,000
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: a. & b: Reclamation results in natural resource benefits; need and urgency; appropriate technical design; project management; and financial feasibility. b. Applications due May 15th even numbered years. c. Funds are available.

### Department of Commerce (DOC)
- **Eligible Projects**: County & Municipalities, Local Government Units, State Agencies, Special Districts, Water/Sewer Districts, federally recognized Indian Tribes.
- **Local Match Required**: a. Water, wastewater, solid waste systems, roads, bridges, road equipment, planning, other types of projects that are impacted by coal development. Financial need and local effort are considerations.b. No limit
- **Planning Costs Covered**: Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.
- **Loan Repayment Period**: a. No limitb. Planning, need, severity of impact, availability of funds, and degree of local effort.c. Continuous cycle, applications due 45 days prior to quarterly meetings.
- **Ranking Criteria**: Areas experiencing impacts from coal development or decline. Funding approved by Coal Board. [http://comdev.mt.gov](http://comdev.mt.gov)

### Community Development Division
- **Eligible Projects**: 301 S Park Avenue
- **Local Match Required**: PO BOX 200523 Helena, MT 59620
- **Planning Costs Covered**: (406) 841-2770
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: Proposals are reviewed on a case by case basis. Applications due 45 days prior to deadline. See website for application info: [www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx](http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx)

### Montana Department of Commerce
- **Eligible Projects**: Montana Coal Board Grant Program
- **Local Match Required**: a. Planning Assistance to States & Tribes (Sec. 22, Technical Assistance Programs Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDRA) grants.
- **Planning Costs Covered**: a. Up to $750,000b. Up to $15,000c. Typically, no more than $10,000 determined on a case by case basis.
- **Loan Repayment Period**: Not Applicable
- **Ranking Criteria**: Health and Safety, financial need, technical design, planning and management, other funding for the project, economic development, and community support.
- **Funding Cycle (Deadline)**: a. Spring of even numbered yearsb. c. Applications accepted in spring onlyd. c. Appropriation has gone.e. c. Apply anytimef. Funding approved by the legislature.
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- **Special Requirements and Additional Information**: None

### Funding Cycle (Deadline): Project tied to economic development, job creation, or retention. Must comply with federal regulations. [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)
## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE PROJECTS IN MONTANA

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<td>U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction Program Grants (Federal)</td>
<td>Federally-recognized Indian Tribes</td>
<td>Water and sewer facilities for new non-HUD funded housing; funding to correct sanitation deficiencies.</td>
<td>No, but points are added for contributions to project. Planning is provided by IHS engineers.</td>
<td>$15,000 to $40,000 limit per home, depending on situation.</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>Deficiency level, O&amp;M capability, Tribal Priority, Capital Cost, Health Impact, Previous Service from Federal Agencies, and other considerations.</td>
<td>May 1 of each year</td>
<td>See Ranking Criteria on website <a href="http://www.ihs.gov">www.ihs.gov</a></td>
<td>Jim White, Captain U.S. Public Health Service Director Sanitation Facilities Construction Billings Indian Health Service Box 36600, Billings, MT 59107 <a href="mailto:jim.white@ihs.gov">jim.white@ihs.gov</a> (406) 247-7096</td>
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<td>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</td>
<td>Federally-recognized Indian Tribes</td>
<td>Water and sewer facilities for Indian homes served by community facilities or that could be consolidated into community facilities. Fund planning, design and construction for water &amp; wastewater facilities that serve Indian Tribes.</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No limit, but typically less than $750,000</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>a. IHS Sanitation Deficiency System is used. b. Improvements in: public health, public safety, ability to comply, environment, adequacy, efficiency, and utility capacity.</td>
<td>Usually the end of March each year.</td>
<td>Tribes may choose a direct grant from EPA or enter into an agreement with EPA and IHS to transfer funds to IHS, who then administers the project. <a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a></td>
<td>Bruce Cooper U.S. EPA Region 8 Tribal Solid Waste Coordinator 5505 Workshop St. Denver, CO 80202 (303) 312-6135 <a href="mailto:cooper.bryce@epa.gov">cooper.bryce@epa.gov</a></td>
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<td>Midwest Assistance Program (MAP)</td>
<td>Montana rural communities and tribal nations</td>
<td>Assistance for small water systems (less than 10,000 people).</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.map-inc.org/">http://www.map-inc.org/</a></td>
<td>Errin Zindt, Regional Field Manager PO Box 621 Bozeman, MT 59771 (406) 580-4812 <a href="mailto:ezindt@map-inc.org">ezindt@map-inc.org</a></td>
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<td>Montana Rural Water System Water &amp; Waste Water Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection - USDA EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program</td>
<td>All Public Water Supply Systems</td>
<td>Assistance for small water systems (less than 10,000 people).</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>Circuit Riders serve populations less than 10,000, all other programs serve all public water supplies</td>
<td>John Camden 925 7th Avenue So. Great Falls, MT 59405 (406) 584-1151 <a href="mailto:mres@bresnan.net">mres@bresnan.net</a></td>
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<td>Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions (RATES)</td>
<td>Rural and tribal governments</td>
<td>Assistance for small water systems (less than 10,000 people).</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>Funding throughout the state is provided by a grant from the SRF program. All assistance to the system is free of charge.</td>
<td>Sarah Robbin, RATES 1900 5th St. NW Great Falls, MT 59404 719-433-6137 Ratesinc.net</td>
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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS**

- **Midwest Assistance Program (MAP)**
  Provides free technical assistance for water, wastewater and solid waste needs.
  - Montana rural communities and tribal nations
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - http://www.map-inc.org/

- **Montana Rural Water System**
  Water & Waste Water Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection - USDA EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program
  - All Public Water Supply Systems
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
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  - N/A
  - N/A
  - N/A
  - http://www.mrws.org/

- **Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions (RATES)**
  Provides training and technical assistance for water and wastewater projects and community capacity development.
  - Rural and tribal governments
  - Assistance for small water systems (less than 10,000 people).
  - N/A
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