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USDA/Rural Development- Water and Environmental Loan and Grant Program Grants & Loans (Federal)	Counties & Municipalities, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Non Profits -Associations	Water, Wastewater, Storm water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion)	No	Yes, reimbursement as part of total project costs.	Ratio dependent upon user rates, no limit or maximum for loans, 75% maximum grant.	40 years or life of facility.	Priority given to: Under 5,500 in population, Low income, Health risks, and Extended service to additional rural users.	Apply anytime.	Population <10,000. Applicants must be unable to finance the project by use of commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms.	Steven P. Troendle USDA/Rural Development PO Box 850 Bozeman, MT 59771-0850 (406) 585-2520

STATE AGENCIES ACCEPTING UNIFORM APPLICATION

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DNRC - Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRGL) a. Renewable Resource Grants and Loans b. Project Planning Grants c. Emergency Grant Program Grants & Loans (State)	a., b. & c. Governmental Entities (Includes Indian Tribes)	a., b. & c. Renewable Resource Conservation, Management, Development, and Preservation Projects	No	a. & b. Yes c. No	a. Grants (Public) Up to \$100,000. a. Loans (Public) No maximum. b. \$25,000 c. \$30,000	a. (Loans) 20 Years.	a. Five ranking criteria: Financial feasibility, Environmental feasibility, Project management feasibility, Technical feasibility, and Resource/Citizen benefits. b. & c. Not Applicable.	a. Applications due on May 15 of each even numbered year. b. & c. Open	a. Projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve a targeted renewable resource. b. Scope may include preliminary engineering, planning, feasibility studies, or other activities leading to the development of a quality renewable resource project. c. Available only for emergency r projects that, if delayed until legislative approval can be obtained; will result in property damage or legal liability to the applicant.	DNRC - Resource Development Bureau 1625 11 th Avenue PO Box 201601 Helena, MT 59620-1601 Bob Fischer, P.E. (406) 444-6688 Pam Smith (406) 444-6839
DEQ – Dept. of Environmental Quality a. Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) Loan Program b. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program Loans (State)	a. - Municipalities for wastewater projects - Municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects. b. All community public water systems owned by private persons or municipalities and nonprofit non-community water systems (qualifying as a tax-exempt organization)	a. Wastewater projects should solve water quality problems. b. Drinking water projects which achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.	a. No b. No	a. Yes b. Yes	a. & b. 100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed; ability to repay loan must be shown.	a. Payment schedules of 20 years or less; up to 3 years for interim financing. b. Payment schedules of 20 years or less, qualifying disadvantaged communities for up to 30 years and term cannot exceed the design life of the project or up to 3 years for interim financing.	a. Impairment of water uses, extent project will restore water quality, public health improvement and readiness to proceed. b. Protect public health, comply with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, affordability of the system.	a. & b. Applications accepted throughout the year. Preliminary engineering analysis must be reviewed prior to submittal; final approval of engineering review must occur prior to review and approval of application	a. & b. All projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated; ability to repay loan must be demonstrated. b. Adequate technical financial and managerial resources to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.	DEQ – State Revolving Fund 1520 E 6 th Avenue PO Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901 a. Paul Lavigne (Wastewater) (406) 444-5321 b. Mark Smith (Water) (406) 444-5321
DOC - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Public Facility Grants and Planning Grants Grants (State/Federal)	Incorporated Cities and Towns, and Counties. Note: Counties may apply on behalf of Water/Sewer Districts and Indian Tribes	Public Facilities (Water, Wastewater, Solid Waste Systems)	Yes, at least 25% local match unless financial hardship.	No, for costs incurred prior to grant award. Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.	Maximum: \$450,000 for public facility grants.	Not Applicable.	Seven ranking criteria: Community planning and needs assessment, Project need, Project concept and technical design, Community efforts, Financial assistance need, Benefit to low and moderate income, and Implementation and management.	Annual grant competition. Contact the Program Manager for application due date.	At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income.	Gus Byrom, CDBG Manager – Housing and Public Facilities Department of Commerce 301 S Park Avenue, PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2777
DOC - INTERCAP Loan Program Loans (State)	Local government units, Special Purpose Districts, Water/Sewer Districts	Water & Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste (Construction, repair, expansion, equipment, vehicles, interim financing)	No	Yes	No limitations.	Up to 15 years.	No ranking criteria. Board examines applicant's financial profile and repayment ability.	Continuous cycle.	None	Louise Welsh, MT Board of Investments PO Box 200126 Helena, MT 59620-0126 (406) 444-0891
DOC - Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) a. Construction Grants b. Preliminary Engineering Grants c. Emergency Grants Grants (State)	Incorporated Cities & Towns, Counties, Consolidated Governments, County Water, Sewer and Solid Waste Districts, and Federally recognized Tribal Governments	Drinking Water Systems, Wastewater Treatment, Sanitary or Storm Sewers, Solid Waste Systems, and Bridges	a. Yes, typically 50% b. Yes, 50% c. No, local participation required.	a. Preliminary engineering and grant writing expenses incurred up to two years prior to count towards match requirement.	a. Maximum \$750,000 grant per project. b. Maximum \$15,000. c. Typically, no more than \$30,000.	Not Applicable.	a. Seven ranking criteria: Health and safety problems, Financial need, Technical design, Planning and management, Other funding for the project, Economic development, and Community support. b. & c. Not Applicable –not competitive.	a. Middle of April in even numbered years. b. After April 1 st in odd numbered years and awarded in May or until appropriation is gone. c. Apply anytime.	a. Applicants must have user rates, upon completion of the project, at or above their target rate to be recommended for a grant. Funding approved by the Legislature. b. For preliminary engineering studies only; not for final design. c. emergency projects that cannot be delayed until legislative approval can be obtained.	Jim Edgcomb, TSEP Manager Department of Commerce 301 S Park Avenue, PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2785

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

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EDA - Public Works Grants Grants (Federal)	Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes	Water and Wastewater Systems	Yes	No	Generally, not to exceed \$1,000,000, but may be waived in special circumstances.	Not Applicable.	Eight ranking criteria with emphasis on economic distress and the job/cost ratio.	Applications accepted at any time.	Project tied to economic development – job creation or retention. Must comply with federal regulations.	John Rogers 301 S Park Avenue, PO Box 578 Helena, MT 59624 (406) 449-5380
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1999 Grants (Federal)	Public entities (Includes Indian Tribes)	Wastewater treatment and related facilities, water supply and related facilities, environmental restoration and surface water resource protection and development	75% federal / 25% local cost share.	Planning costs can count towards local share when incurred prior to project.	No specific amount per project, but typically no more than \$1,500,000 unless approved by Congressional delegates.	Not Applicable.	None	No specific deadline, but grant awards are tied to the federal appropriation process.	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. Apply through Congressional delegation.	Laura Bentley-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Omaha District 1616 Capital Ave. Omaha, NE 98102 (402) 995-2714
U.S. Department of the Interior- Bureau of Reclamation – a. Reclamations States Emergency Drought Act of 1991 b. Water Smart Grant Program – System Optimization Review Grants Grants (Federal)	a. Public and private entities that fulfill a public need (Includes Indian Tribes) b. State, Indian Tribe, Irrigation District, Water District, or other organization with water or power delivery authority.	a. Any water resource project affected by the drought. Projects include municipal water wells, irrigation system efficiency projects (canal lining), and purchase of storage or river water. b. Any plan of action that focuses on improving efficiency and operations on a regional or basin perspective.	a. No b. 50/50	a. No. All engineering costs must be paid for by the grant recipient. The Bureau only pays for construction costs.	a. No specific amount per project, but typically no more than \$150,000. b. up to \$300,000 federal cost-share	a. Not Applicable. b. Completed within 24 months	a. & b. None	a. No specific deadline. b. April 27th	a. The Governor, or tribal council if the project is on a reservation, must declare a State of Emergency (Drought) before entity can request funding. The Bureau will administer the construction contract. Projects are typically completed within one year. Apply to the Bureau.	a. Rick DeVore Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Regional Office in Billings PO Box 30137 Billings, MT 59107-0137 (406) 247-7757 b. Dean Marrone BOR - Water Smart Grants Coordinator (303) 445-3577

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DNRC- Reclamation & Development Grants Program (RDGP) a. RDGP Project Grants b. RDGP Project Planning Grants	Governmental Agencies (Includes Indian Tribes)	a. & b. Reclamation of land, water or other resources affected by mining and exploration, mitigation of damage to public resources caused by mining, investigation and remediation of hazardous waste sites	a. & b. No	a. No b. Yes	a. up to \$300,000 b. up to \$50,000	a. Not Applicable. b. Not Applicable.				a. & b. Alicia Stickney 1625 11 th avenue PO BOX 201601 Helena, MT 59620-1601 (406) 444-6668
DOC – a. Montana Coal Board Grant Program b. Quality Schools Program	a. Counties & Municipalities, Local Governmental Units, State Agencies, Special Districts, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally recognized Indian Tribes with an impact from Coal Production.	a. Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems b.	a. Encouraged b.	a. Yes b.	a. No limitations, but typically no more than \$200,000. Project cost estimates will be reviewed by Board. b.	a. Not Applicable. b. Not Applicable.	a. Five ranking criteria: Severity of impact, Need, Availability of funds, and Degree of local effort, and Planning. b.	a. Continuous cycle, applications due prior to quarterly meetings. b.	a. Must represent areas experiencing impacts from coal development or decline. Planning grants are also provided. b. 1. 2. 3.	a. Ellen Hanpa - Montana Coal Board 301 S Park Avenue PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620-0523 (406) 841-2789 b. 1. 2. 3.
Grant (State)										
DOJ- Natural Resource Damage Program Grant (State)	General Public, Private Organizations, Governmental Agencies Projects located in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin	Restoration Projects, Project planning, Monitoring and research Projects and Education Projects	No	No	Requests over or under \$25,000	Not Applicable.	-General Legal Criteria -General Policy Criteria -General Policy Criteria -General Policy Criteria	Projects over \$25,000: Applications are due by April 9 th Projects under \$25,000: open-cycle	Pre –Applications	Kathy Coleman, Program Specialist DOJ-Natural Resource Damage Program 1301 East Lockey P.O. Box 201425 Helena, MT 59620-1425 (406) 444-0229

PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING TRIBAL PROJECTS

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HUD - Indian Community Development Block Grants Grants (Federal)	Federally-recognized Indian Tribes	Community Facilities, Economic Development, Housing Rehab, Water & Sewer Systems.	No, but up to 10 points are awarded for leveraged resources.	Yes, if not incurred before the grant.	\$900,000 limit.	Not Applicable.	Five ranking criteria: Capacity of the applicant, Need/extent of the problem, Soundness of approach, Leveraged resources, and Comprehensiveness and coordination.	Annual competition, but deadline varies each year.	At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income. Applications are normally due 90 days after publication of HUD's SuperNOFA, which is generally published in February or March.	Michael E. Boyd HUD/ Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs 1670 Broadway Denver, CO 80202 (303) 672-5170
IHS – Sanitation Facilities Construction Program Grants (Federal)	Federally-recognized Indian Tribes	Water and sewer facilities for new non-HUD funded housing; Funding to correct sanitation deficiencies.	No, but points are added for contributions to project.	Planning is provided by IHS engineers.	No limit per project. \$15,000 to \$40,000 limit per home, depending on situation.	Not Applicable.	Deficiency level, O&M capability, Tribal Priority, Capital Cost, Health Impact, Previous Service from Federal Agencies, and other considerations.	May 1 of each year.		Carole Boerner, Commander U.S. Public Health Service Director Sanitation Facilities Construction Billings Area Indian Health Service PO Box 36600, Billings, MT 59107 (406) 247-7096
EPA – Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Indian Set Aside Grants (Federal)	Federally-recognized Indian Tribes	Water and sewer facilities for all Indian homes served by community facilities or that could be consolidated into community facilities.	No	Yes	No limit, but typically less than \$750,000	Not Applicable.	CWA - IHS Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) is used. SDWA - Improvements in: public health, public safety, ability to comply, environment, adequacy and efficiency, and utility capacity.	Usually around end of March each year.	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.	Minnie Adams U.S. EPA 8P2-2W-MS 999 18th Street, Suite 500 Denver, CO 80202 (303) 312-6153
EPA - Interagency Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project Grants and Loans (Federal)	Federally-recognized Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia	Characterizing/assessing open dumps, developing integrated solid waste management plans, developing alternative solid waste management activities/facilities and clean-up, closure and post-closure of open dumps.	No	Yes	Not specified. Since 1999, about \$24 million has been awarded for over 175 projects.	Not applicable unless awarding agency requires a loan as a component of the project.	Varies with project type; emphasis on sites posing threat to human health and the environment, evidence of solid waste management plans in place and implemented, tribal in-kind commitment to project.	Annually, usually in January or February.	A tribe may submit more than one proposal, final approval for assistance subject to awarding agency requirements. Technical assistance provided. Funded by EPA, BIA, IHS, USDA RD, and DoD.	Stephanie Wallace EPA Montana Office 10 W. 15 th Street, Suite 3200 Helena, MT 59626 (406) 457-5018
EPA – General Assistance Program (GAP) Grants Grants (Federal)	Federally-recognized Indian Tribes	Program development and solid waste management	No	Yes	\$175,000 max.	Not applicable.	Grants are non-competitive.	Annually in January.	Grants are for capacity development, not program implementation. However, solid waste implementation is allowable.	Maureen Kiely/Jennifer Wintersteen EPA Montana Office 10 W. 15 th St., Suite 3200 Helena, MT 59626 (406) 457-5036 (406) 457-5018