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Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program

Grants for Local Governments
Funds projects that Conserve, Manage, Develop and Protect Montana's Renewable Resources.
Project Grants

Projects that **conserve, manage, develop or protect** Montana's renewable resources are eligible for funding. Numerous public facility projects including drinking water, wastewater and solid waste development and improvement projects have received funding through this program. Other renewable resource projects that have been funded include irrigation rehabilitation, dam repair, soil and water conservation and forest enhancement.

- Grants are limited to $125,000 per project; loans are limited by the applicant's debt capacity.
- Applications are due on or before May 15th of even-numbered years.
- Applicants are required to be a local government entity to be eligible for funding.

Planning Grants

This program provides financial assistance to governmental entities preparing quality RRGL grant applications for projects that will conserve, manage, develop, or protect Montana's renewable resources. Grants for the preparation of Capital Improvement Plans or other management tools are also eligible for funding.

Project Eligibility

Project types eligible for funding:

- Contracted technical services necessary to produce or update a preliminary engineering report (PER) meeting the requirements of the Uniform Application OR to meet the requirements of Step 4 Technical Narrative of the RRGL application. ($8,000-$15,000)
- Other contracted services such as capital improvement plans (CIP), growth plans, sample collections or surveys, and other activities that lead to an RRGL application. ($8,000)

Eligible Applicants

Political subdivisions of state, local and tribal government including state agencies and universities, counties, incorporated cities and towns, conservation districts, irrigation districts, water/sewer/solid waste districts, and Tribes.

To apply for grants or to view funding opportunities, please visit our online grant system: [https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit](https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit)