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FEDERAL AGENCIES ACCEPTING UNIFORM APPLICATION										
Rural Development- US Department of Agriculture (USDA) a. Water and Environmental Loan and Grant Program Pre-Development Grants c. Search Grants Grants and Loans (Federal)	a., b., c. Counties & Municipalities, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Non Profits -Associations	a. Water, Wastewater, Storm water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion) b.Planning c. Planning	a., b. No c. Yes	Yes, reimbursement as part of total project costs	a. Ratio dependent upon user rates, no limit or maximum for loans, 75% maximum grant b., c. \$30,000	a. 40 years or life of facility	Priority given to: Under 1,000 in population, Low income, Health hazards, and Extended service to additional rural users	Open-cycle	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 (406) 585-2520 steve.troendle@mt.usda.gov www.usda.gov
STATE AGENCIES ACCEPTING UNIFORM APPLICATION										
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (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	a. and c. No b. yes, in some cases.	a. & b. Yes c. No	a. Grants (Public) Up to \$125,000 a. Loans (Public) No maximum b. up to \$10,000 c. up to \$30,000	a. (Loans) 20 Years or less.	a. Five ranking criteria: Financial feasibility, Environmental feasibility, Project management feasibility, Technical feasibility, and Resource/Citizen benefits b. & c. None	a. Applications due on May 15 of even numbered years. b. & c. variable	a. Projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve a targeted renewable resource. Funding approved by the Legislature. b. Preliminary engineering, planning, feasibility studies, or other activities leading to a renewable resource project. c. Emergency projects that result in property damage or legal liability to the applicant.	DNRC - Resource Development Bureau 1625 11th Avenue ,PO BOX 201601 Helena, MT 59620-1601 Bob Fischer (406) 444-6688 rfischer@mt.gov Pam Smith (406) 444-6839 pamsmith@mt.gov www.dnrc.mt.gov
Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) a. Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund Loan (WPCSRF) b. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF) Loans (State)	a. - Municipalities for wastewater projects - Municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects. b. All community public water systems.	a. Wastewater projects that solve water quality problems. b. Drinking water projects that achieve 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. Partial principal forgiveness may apply.	a. 30 years or less. Cannot exceed design life. b. 20 years or less. Qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 30 years and term cannot exceed the design life. a. & b. 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. Open-cycle	a. & b. Projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan; ability to repay loan must be demonstrated. Federal Davis Bacon Wage and American Iron and Steel requirements must be met. Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements MAY be required on some projects. b. Adequate technical, financial and managerial resources to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.	DEQ – State Revolving Fund 1520 E 6th Avenue PO BOX 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901 a. Paul LaVigne (WPCSRF)(406) 444-5321 plavigne@mt.gov b. Mark Smith (DWSRF) (406) 444-5325 marks@mt.gov www.deq.mt.gov
Department of Commerce (DOC) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Public Facility Grants and Planning Grants Grants (State/Federal)	incorporated cities and towns, and counties. Note: Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district and indian tribes.	Water, wastewater, solid waste	Yes, at least 25% local match unless financial hardship.	Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.	Up to \$450,000 for public facility grants.	Not Applicable	community planning assessment, project need, concept and technical design, community efforts, financial assistance, benefit to low and moderate income, implementation and management.	Annual competition-contact program staff.	At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income.	Gus Byrum, MT DOC Housing and Public Facilities 301 S Park Avenue PO BOX 200523 Helena, MT 59620 (406) 841-2770 doccdbg@mt.gov
Department of Commerce (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)	Yes	Yes	No limitations	Up to 15 years	No ranking criteria. Board examines applicant's financial profile and repayment ability.	Continuous cycle	None	MT DOC Board of Investments PO BOX 200126 Helena, MT 59620- Julie Flynn (406) 444-0257 jflynn2@mt.gov Louise Welsh,(406) 444-0891 lwelsh@mt.gov www.investmentmt.com
Department of Commerce (DOC) Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) a. Construction Grants b. Preliminary Engineering Grants c. Emergency Grants Grants (State)	Incorporated cities and towns, counties, 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% , which can include other grants b. Yes, 50% c. local participation required.	a. Yes	a. Up to \$750,000 b. Up to \$15,000 c. Typically, no more than \$30,000	Not Applicable	Health and Safety, financial need, technical design, planning and management, other funding for the project, economic development, and community support. b. & c. None	a. Middle of April in even numbered years. b. Applications accepted after April 1st in odd numbered years 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. Preliminary engineering studies only. c. Emergency project that cannot be delayed until Legislative approval can be obtained.	Becky Anseth, MT DOC TSEP 301 S. Park Avenue,PO BOX 200523 Helena, MT 59620,(406) 841-2770 doctsep@mt.gov
ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS										
Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works 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.	Kirk Kesyor, 301 S Park Avenue PO BOX 578, Helena, MT 59624 (406) 449-5380 kkesyor@eda.doc.gov www.doc.gov/eda

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) 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. Eligible projects	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. Funding for this program varies year to year. USACOE notifies DNRC.	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.	Laura Bentley- USACOE Omaha District 215 N 17th St Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 995-2714 laura.a.bentley@usace.army.mil www.usace.army.mil Pam Smith DNRC (406) 444-6839 pamsmith@mt.gov
U.S. Department of the Interior-Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) 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. Projects affected by drought. Such as municipal water wells, irrigation 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. Construction costs only .	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.	a. Rick DeVore - BOR Great Plains Regional Office PO Box 30137 Billings, MT 59107-0137 (406) 247-7757 www.rdevore@gp.usbr.gov www.usbr.gov
ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS										
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (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 public infrastructure affected by mining or hazardous waste sites	a. & b. No	a. No b. Yes	a. up to \$500,000 b. up to \$50,000	a. Not Applicable b. Not Applicable				a. & b. Alicia Stickney 1625 11th Avenue PO BOX 201601 Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-6668 astickney@mt.gov www.dnrc.mt.gov
Department of Commerce (DOC) a. Montana Coal Board Grant Program b. Quality Schools Program 1. Planning Grants 2. Emergency Grants 3. Facility and Technology Project Grants Grant (State)	a. Counties & Municipalities, Local Governmental Units, State Agencies, Special Districts, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally recognized Indian Tribes b. Montana K-12 Public School Districts.	a. Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems b. Construction, repairs, maintenance, or major improvements to an existing school, or information technology infrastructure.	a. Yes b. 1. Yes, 1 to 4 b.2. No b.3. No	a. Yes b.1. Not Applicable b.2 Not Applicable b.3. Yes, for costs not covered by a Quality Schools Planning Grant	a. No limitations, but typically no more than \$200,000. Project cost estimates will be reviewed by Board. b.1.\$25,000 b.2.Generally not to exceed \$10,000, determined on a case by case basis. b.3. No limitations	a. Not Applicable b. Not Applicable	a. Five ranking criteria: Planning, Need, Severity of impact, Availability of funds, and Degree of local effort. b. 1. Based on statutory priorities and statutory attributes. b.2. Need Based. b.3. Based on statutory priorities and statutory attributes.	a. Continuous cycle, applications due prior to quarterly meetings. b.1. Applications accepted on a biennial cycle. b.2. Open-cycle b.3. Applications accepted on a biennial cycle.	a. Areas experiencing impacts from coal development or decline. Planning grants are also provided. b.1. Facility condition assessments, Energy audits, Preliminary facility assessment reports, preliminary engineering reports, preliminary architectural reports, and preparation of a quality schools project grant application. b.2. An emergency is defined as an imminent threat or actual occurrence of an event causing immediate peril to life, proper, or the environment that can be averted or minimized with timely action.	a. Aaron Pratt-DOC Montana Coal Board 301 S Park Avenue, PO Box 200523 Helena, MT 59620 (406) 841-2770, doccb@mt.gov b. Ethan Stapp-DOC Quality Schools Facility Grant Program, 301 S. Park Avenue, PO BOX 200523 Helena MT 59620 docqualityschools@mt.gov
PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING TRIBAL PROJECTS										
Housing and Urban Development (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	Capacity of the applicant, Need, leverage resources, feasibility, and management.	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 michael_e_boyd@hud.gov
Indian Health Service (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.	\$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	See Ranking Criteria	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 carole.boerner@ihs.gov www.ihs.gov

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Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a. Clean Water Act (CWA) b. 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. Fund planning, design and construction for Water & Wastewater treatment facilities that serve Indian Tribes.	No	Yes	No limit, but typically less than \$750,000	Not Applicable	a. IHS Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS) is used. b. Improvements in: public health, public safety, ability to comply, environment, adequacy and efficiency, and utility capacity.	Usually the 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 adams.minnie@epa.gov www.epa.gov
Environmental Protection Agency (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.	Threat to human health and the environment, solid waste management plans, tribal in-kind commitment to project.	Annually, usually in January or February.	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. 15th Street, Suite 3200 Helena, MT 59626 (406) 457-5018
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) General Assistance Program Grants (GAP) 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. 15th St., Suite 3200 Helena, MT 59626 (406) 457-5036 & (406) 457-5018 kiely.maureen@epa.gov winersteen.jennifer@epa.gov www.epa.gov