## U.S. Rural Development - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
### Program Name
- Water and Environmental Loan and Grant Program
- Pre-Development Grants
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<td>Eligible</td>
<td>Water, Wastewater, Storm water, and Solid Waste Systems (Construction, Repair, Expansion)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Yes, reimbursement as part of total project costs</td>
<td>b. $30,000</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>40 years or life of facility extension</td>
<td>Open-cycle</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Applicants due on May 15 of even numbered years. Funding mt.gov</td>
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### Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNREC) Renewable Resource Grant & Loan Program (RRQL)
- Renewable Resource Grants and Loans
- Project Planning Grants
- Emergency Grant Program

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<td>a. b. c. Governmental Entities</td>
<td>a. b. c. Renewable Resource Conservation, Management, Development, and Preservation Projects</td>
<td>a. No</td>
<td>b. Yes (25%)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>a. No b. No c. No</td>
<td>a. Grants (Public) Up to $125,000</td>
<td>a. Loans (Public) No maximum up to $25,000</td>
<td>a. 20 years or less.</td>
<td>b. Applications due on May 15 of even numbered years. Funding mt.gov</td>
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<td>Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</td>
<td>a. Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund Loan (WPSTF)</td>
<td>b. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF) Loans</td>
<td>a. - Municipalities for wastewater projects - Municipalities and private entities for nonprofit source projects.</td>
<td>b. All community public water systems.</td>
<td>a. No</td>
<td>b. No</td>
<td>Yes a. 25% local match grant b. 1 to 3 match planning grant approximately 33%</td>
<td>Yes, for costs associated with engineer and planning grant administration.</td>
<td>a. up to $450,000</td>
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<td>Montana Department of Commerce (DCC)</td>
<td>a. Public Facility Grants</td>
<td>b. Community Planning Grants</td>
<td>c. Economic Development and Housing Grants (Federal grant administered by Commerce)</td>
<td>incorporated cities and towns, and counties. Note: Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district and tribal utility authorities.</td>
<td>Water, wastewater, solid waste, hazardous fees and assessments, economic development, housing</td>
<td>Yes a. 25% local match (project grant) b. 1 to 3 match (planning grant approximately 33%)</td>
<td>Contact the program</td>
<td>a. up to $50,000</td>
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<td>Montana Department of Commerce Board of Investments INTERCAP Loan Program</td>
<td>Local government units, Special Purpose Districts, Water/Sewer Districts</td>
<td>Water &amp; Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste (Construction, repair, expansion, equipment, vehicles, planning, interim financing)</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>No limitations</td>
<td>Up to 15 years</td>
<td>No</td>
<td><a href="http://www.investmentmt.com">www.investmentmt.com</a></td>
<td>MT DOC Board of Investments PO Box 200521 Helena, MT 59620 Julie Flynn (406) 444-0257 <a href="mailto:julief@mt.gov">julief@mt.gov</a></td>
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<td>Montana Department of Commerce Treasury State Endowment Program (TSEP)</td>
<td>a. Construction Grants</td>
<td>b. Infrastructure Planning Grants</td>
<td>c. Emergency Grants</td>
<td>incorporated cities and towns, counties, water, sewer and solid waste districts, and federally recognized tribal governments.</td>
<td>Drinking water systems, wastewater treatment, sanitation or storm sewers, solid waste systems, and bridges.</td>
<td>a. Yes, typically 50% , which can include other grants b. Yes, 50% local participation required.</td>
<td>a. Yes, for costs associated with engineer and planning grant administration.</td>
<td>a. Up to $157,000</td>
<td>No</td>
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### MONTANA AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ACCEPTING THE UNIFORM APPLICATION
- USDA/Rural Development
- Federal Housing Administration
- Department of Transportation
- Energy Department
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Science Foundation
- Small Business Administration
- State of Montana
- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

## Financial Assistance Programs for Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste Projects in Montana

### Eligible
- Yes

### Project Planning Period
- 11th

### Funding Cycle (Deadline)
- Open-cycle

### Special Requirements and Additional Information
- No

### Program Contact
- www.investmentmt.com
### ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS

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<td>U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Public Works Grants (Federal)</td>
<td>Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes, nonprofits</td>
<td>Water and Wastewater Systems</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Yes, under the Technical Assistance Program</td>
<td>Generally, not to exceed $1,000,000, but may be waived in special circumstances.</td>
<td>Not Applicable</td>
<td>6 ranking criteria with emphasis on economic distress and the job/cost ratio.</td>
<td>Applications accepted at any time</td>
<td>Project tied to economic development - job creation or retention. Must comply with federal regulations <a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a></td>
<td>Kirk Keyser, PO BOX 10032, Bozeman, MT 59719</td>
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| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USE) Section 315 of the Water Resources Reform & Development Act (WRRDA) grants | 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. Funding for this program varies year to year. | 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. See website for application info: [http://www.usace.army.mil/Mission/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-315-Proposals](http://www.usace.army.mil/Mission/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/WRRDA-315-Proposals) | USE | Omaha District 215 N 17th St Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 835-5071 or (402) 995-2229 [hplanning@usace.army.mil](mailto:hplanning@usace.army.mil) |

| U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USE) Technical Assistance Programs | States, local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-federal entities (or/local government support) | Broad range of water resource issues. These programs are planning level only and do not lead to construction. | a. 50% federal; 50% non-federal b. 100% federal | These studies are inherently planning level studies only. Refer to information on the local match required. | Federal limit: a. $2 million for each state or Tribe per year b. $1 million per state per year | Not Applicable | USACE discretion within available funds. | No specific deadline, but federal share is tied to the federal appropriation process. | Interested sponsors should submit a letter of request. More information can be found at [www.men.usace.army.mil/missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Other_proposals](http://www.men.usace.army.mil/missions/Civil-Works/Project-Planning/Other_proposals) | Planning Branch USE | Omaha District 1515 Capitol Avenue Omaha, NE 68102 (402) 995-2101 (402) 995-2680 [hplanning@usace.army.mil](mailto:hplanning@usace.army.mil) |

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<td>Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Reclamation &amp; Development Grants a. RDSP Project Grants b. RDSP Planning Grants</td>
<td>Governmental Agencies (Includes Indian Tribes)</td>
<td>a. &amp; b: Reclamation of land, water or public infrastructure affected by mining or hazardous waste sites</td>
<td>a. &amp; b: No</td>
<td>a. Some b. Yes</td>
<td>a. up to $50,000 b. up to $50,000</td>
<td>a. Not Applicable</td>
<td>a. &amp; b: Natural resource benefits; Need and urgency; Appropriateness of technical design; project management; and Financial feasibility.</td>
<td>a. applications due May 15 of even numbered years. b. Quarterly until funds are expended.</td>
<td>a. Funds may be used for Brownfields cleanups that address environmental contamination, or for other hazardous waste or petroleum cleanup if it impacts community infrastructure. b. Funds available for site investigations and planning: <a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/Divisions/cardd/Projects/Resources/Development/Development-and-development-grants-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/Divisions/cardd/Projects/Resources/Development/Development-and-development-grants-program</a></td>
<td>Alice Stanley 1625 11th Avenue PO BOX 201601 Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-6687 [a <a href="mailto:Stanley@mt.gov">Stanley@mt.gov</a>](mailto:a <a href="mailto:Stanley@mt.gov">Stanley@mt.gov</a>)</td>
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| Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) Quality Schools Program a. Planning Grants b. Emergency Grants c. Facility and Technology Project Grants | Montana K-12 Public School Districts. | Water, Wastewater, and Solid Waste Systems Construction, repairs, maintenance, or major improvements to an existing school, or information technology infrastructure. | a. Yes, 1 to 4 b. No c. No | a. 1:4 match b. No c. Yes, for costs not covered by a Quality Schools Planning Grant | $25,000 2. Generally not to exceed $10,000, determined on a case by case basis. 3. No limitations | a. Not Applicable | a. & b: Based on statutory priorities and statutory attributes. b. Need Based. | a. Applications accepted in the spring of odd numbered years b. Applications accepted on an ongoing basis c. Applications accepted during even numbered years. | a. Planning grants from PERs to Facility condition assessments, Energy audits, etc. Contact the program for a full list. Funding approved by Commerce. b. An urgent or imminent threat. Funding approved by Commerce. c. Funding approved by Legislature [http://comdev.mt.gov/](http://comdev.mt.gov/) | Community Development Division Staff 301 State Park Ave Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-2770, [divisions@cybermt.gov](mailto:divisions@cybermt.gov) |

| Department of Commerce (DOC) Montana Coal Board Grant Program | Counties & Municipalities, Local Governmental Units, State Agencies, Special Districts, Water/Sewer Districts, Federally recognized Indian Tribes | 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 in a consideration | Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration. | a. No ceiling | a. Not Applicable | Planning, need, severity of impact, availability of funds, and degree of local effort. | a. Continuous cycle, applications due 45 days prior to quarterly meetings. | Areas experiencing impacts from coal development or decline. Funding approved by Coal Board. [http://comdev.mt.gov](http://comdev.mt.gov) | Community Development Division Staff 301 State Park Ave Helena, MT 59620 (406) 444-2770, [divisions@cybermt.gov](mailto:divisions@cybermt.gov) |
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR WATER, WASTEWATER AND SOLID WASTE PROJECTS IN MONTANA

Program Name | Eligible Applicants | Eligible Projects | Local Match Required | Planning Costs Covered? | Amount of Funds Available Per Project | Loan Repayment Period | Ranking Criteria | Funding Cycle (Deadline) | Special Requirements and Additional Information | Program Contact
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U.S. 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 on website | www.ihs.gov
U.S. 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 Indian homes served by community facilities or that could be consolidated into community facilities. Fund planning, design and construction for water & wastewater facilities that serve Indian Tribes. No | Yes | No limit, but typically less than $750,000 | Not Applicable | a. IHS Sanitation Deficiency System is used. b. Improvements in public health, public safety, ability to comply with environment, adequacy, 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. | www.epa.gov
Midwest Assistance Program (MAP) | Montana rural communities and tribal nations | Provides free technical assistance for water, wastewater and solid waste needs | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Jim White, Captain U.S. Public Health Service Director Sanitation Facilities Construction Billings Indian Health Service Box 36623, Billings, MT 59107 jim.white@ihs.gov (406) 247-7096
Montana Rural Water Systems | All Public Water Supply Systems | Water & Wastewater Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection - USDA EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Bruce Cooper U.S. EPA Region 8 Tribal Solid Waste Coordinator 1595 Wynkoop St. Denver, CO 80202 303-312-6135 Cooper.Bruce@epa.gov
Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions (RATES) | Rural and tribal governments | Provides training and technical assistance for water and wastewater projects and community capacity development. | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | Donna Wadsworth & John Camden 925 7th Avenue So. Great Falls, MT 59405 406-454-1151 mwadsworth@brasua.net
Sarah Robbins, RATES 1980 5th St. NW Great Falls, MT 59404 701-433-6137 Rates.srvять@bluewater.org

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PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING TRIBAL PROJECTS

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