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| <b>MONTANA AND FEDERAL AGENCIES ACCEPTING THE UNIFORM APPLICATION</b>  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |   |   |
| <b>U.S. Rural Development- US Department of Agriculture (USDA)</b><br>a. Water and Environmental Loan and Grant Program<br>b. Pre-Development Grants<br>c. Search Grants   | 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)<br>b. Planning<br>c. Planning                                | a. No<br>b. Yes (25%)<br>c. No  | 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<br><a href="http://www.usda.gov">www.usda.gov</a>   | Steve Troendle<br>USDA/Rural Development<br>2229 Boothill Ct.<br>Bozeman, MT 59715<br>(406) 585-2520<br><a href="mailto:steve.troendle@mt.usda.gov">steve.troendle@mt.usda.gov</a>  |
| <b>Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Renewable Resource Grant &amp; Loan Program (RRGL)</b><br>a. Renewable Resource Grants and Loans<br>b. Project Planning Grants<br>c. Emergency Grant Program                              | a., b. & c. Government entities (Includes Indian Tribes)  | a., b. & c. Renewable Resource Conservation, Management, Development, and Preservation Projects   | a., b. and c. No  | a. & b. Yes<br>c. No  | a. Grants (Public) Up to \$125,000<br>a. Loans (Public) No maximum<br>b. up to \$25,000<br>c. up to \$30,000                          | a. (Loans) 20 Years or less.   | a. Resource benefits financial feasibility, project management, technical feasibility,<br>b. Resource benefits<br>c. Urgency and financial need.   | a. Applications due on May 15 of even numbered years.<br>b. as funding is available<br>c. Open | a. Projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve a renewable resource.<br>b. Preliminary engineering, planning, or other activities leading to a renewable resource project.<br>c. Emergency projects that result in property damage or legal liability<br><a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program</a> | DNRC – RRGL Program<br>1539 11th Avenue,<br>PO BOX 201601<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>Lindsay Volpe (406) 444-9766<br><a href="mailto:lmvolpe@mt.gov">lmvolpe@mt.gov</a>   |
| <b>Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)</b><br>a. Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund Loan (WPCSRF)<br>b. Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program (DWSRF)<br>Loans  | a. Municipalities for wastewater projects - Municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects.<br>b. All community public water systems. | a. Wastewater projects that solve water quality problems.<br>b. Drinking water projects that achieve compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. | a. No<br>b. No  | a. Yes<br>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.<br>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.<br>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.<br>b. Protect public health, comply with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, system affordability | a. & b. Open-cycle   | a. & b. Projects must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan; must demonstrate ability to repay loan. Must meet Federal Davis Bacon Wage and American Iron and Steel requirements. Minority Business Enterprise requirements MAY be required<br>b. Organizational capacity is adequate to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.<br><a href="http://www.deq.mt.gov">www.deq.mt.gov</a>                           | DEQ – State Revolving Fund<br>1520 E 6th Avenue<br>PO BOX 200901<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>a. Mike Abrahamson (WPCSRF)(406) 444-6886<br><a href="mailto:mabrahamson@mt.gov">mabrahamson@mt.gov</a><br>b. Mark Smith (DWSRF) (406) 444-5325<br><a href="mailto:marks@mt.gov">marks@mt.gov</a> |
| <b>Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)</b><br>a. Public & Community Facility Grants<br>b. Community Planning Grants<br>c. Economic Development and Housing Grants (Federal grant administered by Commerce) | Incorporated cities and towns, and counties.<br>Note: Counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer district and tribal utility authorities.              | Water, wastewater, solid waste, hookup fees and assessments, economic development, housing (multifamily & single family)                                  | Yes<br>a. 25% local match)<br>b. 1 to 3 match (33% match)<br>c. Contact the program | Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration. | a. up to \$450,000<br>b. up to \$50,000<br>c. Contact the program   | C. Contact the program.  | Community planning assessment, project need, concept and technical design, community efforts, financial assistance, benefit to low and moderate income   | a. Annual competition-spring of the year<br>b. & c. Contact the program                        | a. At least 51% of the beneficiaries of a project must be low or moderate income.<br>b. Planning such as PER, CIP & community development planning. See website for eligibility options.<br><a href="http://comdev.mt.gov">http://comdev.mt.gov</a>   | Community Development Division Staff<br>301 S Park Avenue,<br>PO BOX 200523<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>(406) 841-2770<br><a href="mailto:dccdd@mt.gov">dccdd@mt.gov</a>   |
| <b>Montana Department of Commerce Montana Board of Investments INTERCAP Loan Program</b><br>Loans  | Local government units, Special Purpose Districts, Water/Sewer Districts  | Water & Wastewater Systems, Solid Waste (Construction, repair, expansion, equipment, vehicles, planning, interim financing)                               | Yes   | Yes   | No limitations  | Up to 15 years   | No ranking criteria. Board examines applicant's financial profile and repayment ability.   | Continuous cycle   | <a href="http://www.investmentmt.com">www.investmentmt.com</a>  | MT DOC Board of Investments<br>PO BOX 200126<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>Pam Nelson (406) 444-0257<br>Pamela.nelson@mt.gov<br>Louise Welsh, (406) 444-0891<br><a href="mailto:lwelsh@mt.gov">lwelsh@mt.gov</a>   |

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| <b>Montana Department of Commerce<br/>Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)</b><br>a. Construction Grants<br>b. Infrastructure Planning Grants<br>c. Emergency Grants  | 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<br>b. Yes, 50%<br>c. Local participation required. | a. Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.  | a. Up to \$750,000<br>b. Up to \$15,000<br>c. Typically, no more than \$10,000 determined on a case by case basis.    | Not Applicable        | Health and Safety, financial need, technical design, planning and management, other funding for the project, economic development, and community support. | a. Spring of even numbered years.<br>b & c. Applications accepted in spring in odd numbered years until appropriation is gone.<br>c. Apply anytime | a. Funding approved by the Legislature.<br>b. Funding approved by Commerce. Infrastructure planning grants (PER or CIP).<br>c. Funding approved by Commerce. Projects intended to respond to emergency situation.<br><a href="http://comdev.mt.gov">http://comdev.mt.gov</a>  | Community Development Division<br>301 S. Park Avenue<br>PO BOX 200523<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>(406) 841-2770<br><a href="mailto:dccdd@mt.gov">dccdd@mt.gov</a>                                      |
| <b>ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS</b>   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |   |  |   |  |
| <b>U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)<br/>Public Works<br/>Grants (Federal)</b>  | Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes, nonprofits   | Water and Wastewater Systems   | Yes  | Yes, under the Technical Assistance Program   | Generally, not to exceed \$1,000,000, but may be waived in special circumstances.                                     | Not Applicable        | 6 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<br><a href="http://www.eda.gov">www.eda.gov</a>  | Kirk Keysor<br>PO BOX 10032<br>Bozeman, MT 59719<br>406-599-9795<br><a href="mailto:kkeysor@eda.gov">kkeysor@eda.gov</a>   |
| <b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)<br/>Section 595 of the Water Resources Reform &amp; Development Act (WRRDA) grants.</b>  | 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. 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:<br><a href="http://www.usace.army.mil/Mission/Civil-Works/Projects/Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals">http://www.usace.army.mil/Mission/Civil-Works/Projects/Planning/WRRDA-7001-Proposals</a>  | USACE, Omaha District<br>215 N 17th St<br>Omaha, NE 68102<br>(888) 835-5971 or<br>(402) 995-2229<br><a href="mailto:hgplanning@usace.army.mil">hgplanning@usace.army.mil</a>                       |
| <b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)<br/>Technical Assistance Programs</b><br>a. Planning Assistance to States & Tribes (Sec. 22, WRDA 74)<br>b. Flood Plain Management Services Program (FPMS) (Sec. 206, Flood Control Act (FCA) of 1960) | States, local governments, federally-recognized Indian Tribes, non-federal entities (w/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<br>b. 100% federal   | These studies are inherently planning level studies only. Refer to information on the local match required. | Federal limit:<br>a. \$2 million for each state or Tribe per year<br>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<br><a href="http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx">www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Planning.aspx</a>   | Planning Branch<br>USACE, Omaha District<br>1616 Capitol Avenue<br>Omaha, NE 68102<br>(402) 995-2701<br>(402) 995-2680<br><a href="mailto:hgplanning@usace.army.mil">hgplanning@usace.army.mil</a> |
| <b>ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS</b>   |   |  |  |   |   |                       |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Reclamation &amp; Development Grants</b><br>a. RDG Project Grants<br>b. RDG Planning Grants  | Government Agencies (Includes Indian Tribes)  | Reclamation of land, water or public infrastructure affected by mining or hazardous waste sites  | No   | a. Some<br>b. Yes   | a. up to \$500,000<br>b. up to \$50,000   | Not Applicable        | a. & b: Reclamation results in natural resource benefits; need and urgency; appropriate technical design; project management; and financial feasibility.  | a. Applications due May 15 of even numbered years.<br>b. As funds are available.   | a. Primary purpose is to reclaim land damaged by resource extraction. Also, funds projects that meet a crucial state needs.<br>b. Funds available for site investigations and project planning<br><a href="http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/reclamation-and-development-grants-program">http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/resource-development/reclamation-and-development-grants-program</a> | Heidi Anderson Fohnagy<br>1539 11th Avenue<br>PO BOX 201601<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>(406) 444-6687<br><a href="mailto:astanley@mt.gov">astanley@mt.gov</a>  |
| <b>Department of Commerce (DOC)<br/>Montana Coal Board Grant Program</b>   | Counties & Municipalities, Local Government 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 are considerations.  | Yes, for costs associated with engineer and grant administration.   | a. No limit   | 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.<br><a href="http://comdev.mt.gov">http://comdev.mt.gov</a>   | Community Development Division Staff<br>301 S Park Avenue,<br>PO Box 200523<br>Helena, MT 59620<br>(406) 841-2770<br><a href="mailto:dccdd@mt.gov">dccdd@mt.gov</a>                                |

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| <b>U.S. Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction Program</b><br>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 <a href="http://www.ihs.gov">www.ihs.gov</a>  | Jim White, Captain<br>U.S. Public Health Service<br>Director Sanitation Facilities Construction<br>Billings Indian Health Service<br>Box 36600, Billings, MT 59107<br><a href="mailto:jim.white@ihs.gov">jim.white@ihs.gov</a><br>(406) 247-7096 |
| <b><u>PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR FUNDING TRIBAL PROJECTS</u></b>   |  |  |  |  |  |                       |   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b><br>a. Clean Water Act (CWA)<br>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.<br>b. Improvements in: public health, public safety, ability to comply, 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.<br><a href="http://www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a> | Bruce Cooper<br>U.S. EPA Region 8<br>Tribal Solid Waste Coordinator<br>1595 Wynkoop St.<br>Denver, CO 80202<br>(303) 312-6135<br><a href="mailto:Cooper.bryce@epa.gov">Cooper.bryce@epa.gov</a>  |
| <b><u>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS</u></b>  |  |  |  |  |  |                       |   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>Midwest Assistance Program (MAP)</b><br>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                                 | <a href="http://www.map-inc.org/">http://www.map-inc.org/</a>   | Erinn Zindt<br>Regional Field Manager<br>PO Box 621<br>Bozeman, MT 59771<br>(406) 580-4812<br><a href="mailto:ezindt@map-inc.org">ezindt@map-inc.org</a>   |
| <b>Montana Rural Water Systems</b><br>Water & Waste Water Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection - USDA<br>EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program | All Public Water Supply Systems              | N/A  | N/A  | N/A                                    | N/A  | N/A                   | N/A   | N/A                                 | Circuit Riders serve populations less than 10,000, all other programs serve all public water supplies<br><a href="http://www.mrws.org/">http://www.mrws.org/</a>                                  | John Camden<br>925 7th Avenue So.<br>Great Falls, MT 59405<br>406-454-1151<br><a href="mailto:mrws@bresnan.net">mrws@bresnan.net</a>   |
| <b>Rural and Tribal Environmental Solutions (RATES)</b><br>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).  | None   | N/A                                    | N/A  | N/A                   | N/A   | N/A                                 | Funding throughout the state is provided by a grant from the SRF program. All assistance to the system is <u>free of charge</u> .   | Sarah Robbin, RATES<br>1900 5 <sup>th</sup> St. NW<br>Great Falls, MT 59404<br>719-433-6137<br><a href="http://Ratesinc.net">Ratesinc.net</a>  |