

## **DNRC Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program Project Planning Grant Application Guidance**

### **Contact Information**

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### **RRGL Planning Grant Purpose**

The purpose of the RRGL Planning Grant Program is to provide funding to governmental entities for professional and technical services necessary to produce a high-quality RRGL grant application leading to a project that conserves, manages, develops, or protects Montana's renewable resources. The contracted services must be necessary to produce or update a Preliminary Engineering Report meeting the requirements of the Uniform Application for Montana Public Facility Projects or the Step 4. Technical Narrative section of the RRGL Application for Governmental Entities. Costs to produce Capital Improvement Plans, Growth Plans, and other management tools are also eligible for funding. The purpose of the grants is not to fund the final design of projects already defined or funded, nor is it to fund grant-writing.

### **Eligibility**

An applicant must be a governmental entity, including tribal governments. Examples include municipalities, counties, sewer and/or water districts, irrigation districts, conservation districts, and Native American tribes located in Montana. In-kind services and program costs are not cost reimbursable. Units of state government are ineligible to receive RRGL planning grants.

### **How to Apply**

All applications must be submitted electronically by March 31, 2017. An applicant must register and apply at <https://www.fundingmt.org/index.do>.

### **Ranking**

Applications will be reviewed and competitively ranked based on the renewable resource benefits of the proposed project. Proposed projects must conserve, manage, develop, or preserve/protect Montana's renewable resources.

### **Funding**

Funding may be limited by availability and will be at the final discretion of RRGL staff. However, all efforts will be made to make awards in accordance with application type limits listed below in order to preserve budget integrity for the applicant.

## **Application Types and Associated Grant Limits**

New Preliminary Engineering Reports meeting the requirements of the Uniform Application for Montana Public Facility Projects are limited to \$15,000.

New Technical Narratives meeting the requirements of the Step 4. Technical Narrative section of the RRGL Application for Governmental Entities are limited to \$10,000.

Updates to existing Preliminary Engineering Reports and Technical Narratives are limited to \$5,000.

Administrative Grants to fund Capital Improvement Plans, Growth Plans, and other management tools are limited to \$5,000.

## **Match Requirements**

If a governmental entity is applying for a grant on behalf of a private or non-governmental entity, a 25% match by the private or non-governmental entity must be included in the budget.

## **Funding Cycles**

\$160,000 Available

Application Deadline:	March 31, 2017
Grant Awards:	May 31, 2017