

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

### **Contact Information**

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of the renewable resource grant and loan (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 which leads to a project that conserves, manages, develops or protects Montana’s renewable resources.

### **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.
- ✓ Other contracted services such as capital improvement plans (CIP), growth plans, sample collections or surveys, and other activities that lead to an RRGL application.

The program does not cover costs associated with final design, aquatic invasive species, in-kind activity, indirect or program costs.

### **Applicant Eligibility**

Eligible applicants include any division of state government, tribal government, or other county, city, or local political subdivision. These governmental entities have included cities, towns, counties, conservation districts, irrigation districts, joint boards of control, and state agencies.

### **How to Apply**

All applications are submitted electronically. Register and apply at [www.fundingmt.org](http://www.fundingmt.org).

**Funding**

Program funding is limited by revenue availability. Awards will be at the discretion of the DNRC. The following application types which lead to Step.4 Technical Narrative of the RRGL application are eligible for funding.

**Project type and maximum funding levels:**

New PER	Updated PER	Technical Narrative	Other Grants (CIP and Growth Plans)
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000

**Match Requirements**

No match required.

**Ranking**

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

**Funding Cycles**

The total grant funds for 2019 biennium are \$800,000. Application funding is available depending upon revenue received. After the second cycle, planning grant awards will be awarded at the programs discretion.

	<b>Cycle #1</b>	<b>Cycle #2</b>
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	September 1, 2017	February 2, 2018
<b>Grant Award:</b>	October 13, 2017	March 16, 2018
<b>Available Funding:</b>	\$400,000	As available