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Program	Purpose	Eligibility	Award Amount	Deadline
<u>RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECT GRANTS</u>	Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to \$125,000 per project	Application deadline May 15th, Even Years Contact Lindsay Volpe, 406-444-9766, lmvolpe@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>RENEWABLE RESOURCE PLANNING GRANTS</u>	Planning efforts for projects that conserve, manage, develop, or preserve renewable resources in Montana.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to \$15,000 per project	Application cycles ongoing Contact Lindsay Volpe, 406-444-9766, lmvolpe@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>EMERGENCY GRANTS</u>	Emergency projects that will cause substantial damages or legal liability to the entity seeking assistance.	State, local, & Tribal governments	As determined by need. Typically less than \$30,000	Apply anytime Contact David Larson, 406-444-2951, dclarson@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>WATERSHED MANAGEMENT GRANTS</u>	Watershed related planning and management activities that conserve, develop, manage or preserve Montana's renewable resources and support a water management plan.	Private and public entities	Up to \$35,000. Non-profits require a 50% match	Application cycles ongoing Contact Jorri Dyer, 406-444-6839 jorri.dyer2@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</u>	Projects that increase irrigation efficiencies, expand or sustain irrigated acreage, increase production of high-value crops, improve inter-basin cooperation among water users.	Private and public entities	Up to \$20,000 private entities require a 50% match	Application cycles ongoing Contact Ann Kulczyk 406-228-4129, akulczyk@mt.gov
<u>GRANTS TO PRIVATE ENTITIES</u>	Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's water resources.	Individuals, associations, or corporations	25% of the project cost up to \$5,000	Apply Anytime after July 1, 2021 Applications available at grants.dnrc.mt.gov

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<u>RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT GRANTS</u>	Projects that repair, reclaim, and mitigate environmental damage to public resources from non-renewable resource extraction. Also, funds projects that meet a crucial state need in the protection of Montana's environment.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to \$500,000	Application deadline May 15, Even Years Contact Jorri Dyer, 406-444-6839 jorri.dyer2@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANTS</u>	Planning efforts for projects that are eligible for Reclamation and Development program grants.	State, local & Tribal governments	Up to \$50,000 per planning project	Application cycles ongoing Contact Jorri Dyer, 406-444-6839 jorri.dyer2@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES CONTROL</u>	For AIS on-the-ground, education and outreach, and research projects.	Montana communities, state, local & Tribal governments, or other entities within the state and to Montana-based non-governmental entities	Up to \$50,000 for most projects	Contact Liz Lodman Stine, 406-444-0547, liz.lodman@mt.gov Submit applications online at grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>PRIVATE WATER DEVELOPMENT LOANS</u>	Water development projects such as upgrading irrigation systems and developing rural water supplies.	Individuals, partnerships & associations	Up to \$400,000	Apply anytime dnrc.mt.gov/grants-and-loans
<u>RENEWABLE RESOURCE LOANS TO PUBLIC ENTITIES & EMERGENCY LOANS</u>	Low interest loans for projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources are eligible for funding.	State, local, & Tribal governments	Up to the ability to repay the loan	Contact Lindsay Volpe, 406-444-9766, lmvolpe@mt.gov
<u>STATE REVOLVING FUND LOANS</u>	Fund activities that protect water quality through wastewater and drinking water system improvements.	Local governments & water and sewer districts	Up to the ability to repay the loan	Apply anytime <u>DEQ SRF Programs</u>

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<u>RANGELAND IMPROVEMENT LOANS</u>	Develop and improve private rangeland to benefit natural resources. Typical projects include fencing, seeding, & stock water supply	Private landowner	Up to \$75,000 @ 1.5% interest for 10 years	Apply anytime grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>CONSERVATION DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT GRANT</u>	Provides funds to increase conservation district employee's hours to assist in planning, securing funding, and implementing programs that improve public outreach, administrative capabilities, and implement conservation plans.	Conservation Districts	Up to \$10,000	Application cycles ongoing Contact Stephanie Criswell, 406-444-6669 steph.criswell@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>CONSERVATION DISTRICT 223 GRANTS</u>	Any project sponsored by a Montana conservation district under its authority.	Conservation Districts	Up to \$20,000	Application cycles quarterly Contact Stephanie Criswell, 406-444-6669 steph.criswell@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>CONSERVATION DISTRICT EDUCATION MINI-GRANTS</u>	Student and Adult Education projects that focus on water, weeds, or other natural resources.	Must be sponsored by a Conservation District	\$500	Application cycles quarterly Contact Stephanie Criswell, 406-444-6669 steph.criswell@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>POLLINATOR GRANT</u>	Projects sponsored by conservation districts to improve pollinator habitat in Montana.	Conservation Districts	Minimum: \$500 Maximum: \$15,000	Application cycles quarterly Contact Stephanie Criswell, 406-444-6669 steph.criswell@mt.gov grants.dnrc.mt.gov
<u>SAGE GROUSE HABITAT CONSERVATION</u>	Projects that contribute to mitigation efforts to offset impacts of development in sage grouse habitat.	State, local & Tribal govt. & some private organizations	Variable	Consult Sage Grouse website for grant opportunities and more information about applicant eligibility and application requirements: sagegrouse.mt.gov/

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT WATER & SEWER MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANTS	Make necessary investments in water and sewer infrastructure projects.	Certain cities, towns, and counties can apply for other entities	Variable - use the Minimum Allocation Dashboard to look up community's grant amount	Applications due November 1, 2022 Submit applications online at arpa.mt.gov
LANDSCAPE SCALE RESTORATION GRANT	Implement watershed level, forest-based projects and activities to conserve and manage working forests, protect forests from harm, and enhance public benefits from state and private forests.	State agencies, non-profit organizations, conservation districts or county and municipal governments	Up to \$300,000	Application deadline varies Contact Erik Warrington, 542-4303, ewarrington@mt.gov
WESTERN STATES WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE GRANT	Risk mitigation from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface	Non-profit organizations, conservation districts, county and municipal governments, and fire departments	Up to \$300,000	Application deadline varies Contact Ashley Juran 542-4280, ashley.juran@mt.gov

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