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Re: Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program Report to Water Policy Interim Committee

RRGL Program Purpose

The purpose of the RRGL program is to further the state's policies, set forth in Section 85-1-101, MCA, regarding the conservation, preservation, and beneficial use of renewable resources. The goal of the program is to invest in renewable natural resource projects that preserve economic and other benefits of the state's natural heritage for the citizens of Montana.

The 2027 Biennium Budget Book describes the status of the renewable resource grant and loan program and the proposed projects and activities for the coming biennium and includes recommendations for necessary appropriations (85-1-621, MCA). This interim report describes ongoing and completed projects during the biennium.

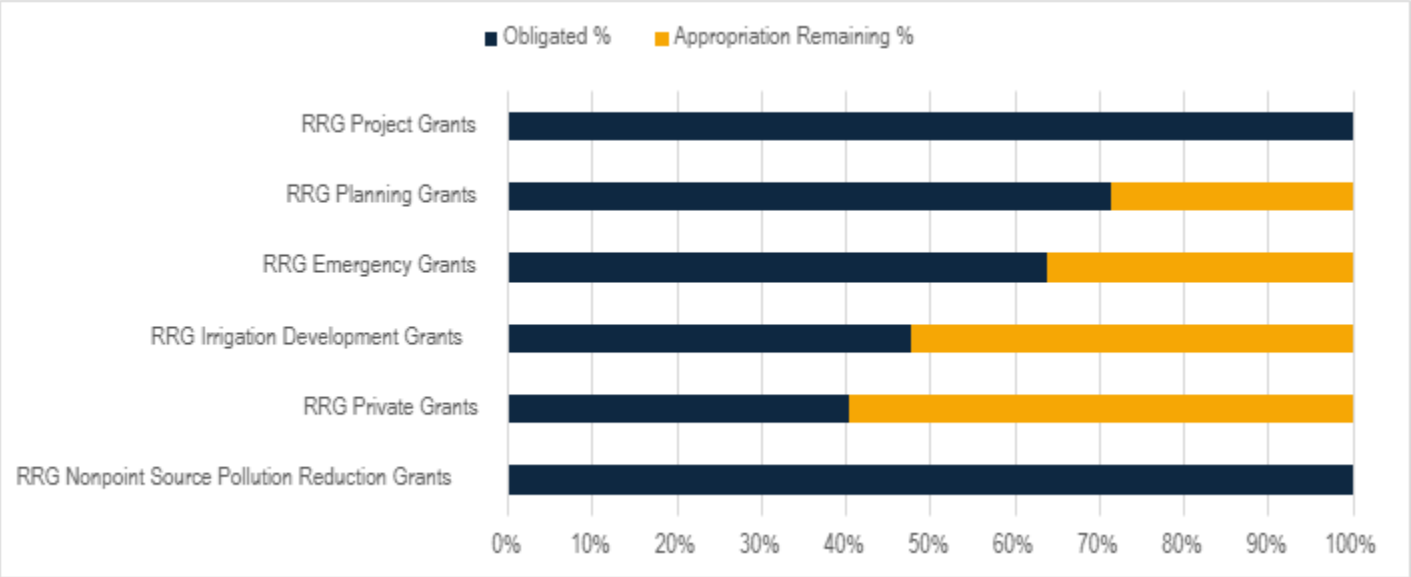
Revenue Sources for Renewable Resource Grants

The Natural Resource Projects State Special Revenue Account (SSRA) receives revenue to be used exclusively for grants. The 2025 Legislature authorized $10,144,500 in House Bill 6 for renewable resource grants. This report summarizes House Bill 6 appropriations and provides a status update for each (Table 1, Figure 1).

Table 1 - 2025 Legislature House Bill 6 Appropriations

RRG Program Description	Appropriation	Obligated	Remaining	Expended
RRG Emergency Grants	$500,000	$318,850	$181,150	$129,850
RRG Planning Grants	$1,000,000	$715,000	$285,000	$325,000
RRG Irrigation Development Grants	$500,000	$238,500	$261,500	$68,700
RRG Private Grants	$150,000	$60,586	$89,414	$47,718
RRG Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grants	$500,000	$500,000	$0	$0
RRG Project Grants	$7,494,500	$7,494,500	$0	$907,369
Total	***$10,144,500***	**$9,327,436**	**$9,727,064**	**$1,478,636**

Figure 2 - 2025 Legislature House Bill 6 Appropriations Contracting Status



Renewable Resource Project Grants

Renewable Resource Project Grants fund projects that will conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources. Grant projects DNRC recommended for funding during the 2025 biennium are listed in House Bill 6 and summarized on Table 2 alphabetically by project sponsor; the grant status as well as the amount disbursed are provided. As of September 1, 2026, 24 of the 61 projects are under contract, three have been completed, one did not accept the funds, and the remaining 36 are to be contracted or are in the process of meeting required startup conditions necessary for DNRC to execute a grant agreement.

Renewable Resource Planning Grants

Renewable Resource Planning Grants fund the planning of projects that will conserve, develop, or protect Montana's renewable resources, and help local governments better understand and describe their project needs (Table 3). Planning grants are typically for amounts between $15,000 and $40,000 and are used to fund planning efforts necessary to produce a high-quality project grant application, such as a feasibility study, alternatives analysis, or preliminary engineering report for infrastructure projects.

The 2025 Legislature authorized $1,000,000 for planning grants. DNRC awarded 26 grants for a total of $715,000 to public entities for planning projects during the 2027 biennium. As of September 1, 2026, 13 of the 26 projects are under contract, 12 have been completed, and one remains to be contracted. An additional 79 applications requesting $2,597,450 were received under a second application cycle, which closed on August 21, 2026. DNRC anticipates making awards for the remainder of the appropriation by October 2026.

In the 2027 biennium, DNRC created a Technical Assistance Program. Communities can receive up to $3,000 or 20 hours to assess needs and help prepare a planning grant application. During the current biennium, the DNRC has awarded technical assistance to one community.

Emergency Grants

The 2025 Legislature authorized $500,000 in House Bill 6 to fund emergency grants for the 2027 biennium. Grants are available for projects that address emergencies that pose an immediate threat to the beneficial management of a renewable resource and, if delayed, will cause substantial damage or legal liability. Typically, a grant for an individual emergency project is limited to a maximum of $30,000. DNRC has approved 12 emergency grants for a total of $318,850 (Table 4). Applications for the emergency grant program remain open until all appropriated funds are obligated. DNRC anticipates awarding and expending all the remaining funds by the end of the biennium.

Irrigation Development Grants

The Irrigation Development Grant (IDG) Program was initiated by the 1999 Legislature to foster development of new irrigation projects and production of high-value crops. Program staff provide financial, technical and legal assistance to government entities and water user associations. The 2025 Legislature authorized $500,000 to fund irrigation development across the State of Montana. To date, DNRC has awarded $238,500 with funding for six projects (Table 5). DNRC will open a second application cycle in fall 2026 and anticipates awarding the remainder of the appropriated funds in spring 2027.

Private Grants

Water-related projects conducted by an individual, association, for-profit corporation, or not-for-profit corporation may be funded by a private renewable resource grant or loan. Non-government projects must have quantifiable benefits that will exceed costs and provide public benefits in addition to private benefits. The 2025 Legislature authorized $150,000 for private grants for the biennium. To date, DNRC has awarded 14 individuals grant funds for a total of $60,586 (Table 6). Applications for that program remain open until all appropriated funds are expended. DNRC anticipates awarding and expending all the appropriated funds by the end of the biennium.

Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grants

The purpose of the Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction (NPS) Grant Program is to provide financial assistance to projects which measurably preserve Montana's water resources. Projects must improve water quality or water quantity including streamflows and water storage in existing natural systems, such as riparian areas, floodplains and wetlands. The 2025 Legislature authorized $500,000 for grants in the 2027 biennium. To date, DNRC has awarded eight projects with funding for a total of $500,000 (Table 7).

Renewable Resource Loans

The 2025 Legislature authorized renewable resource project loans in House Bill 8 for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. HB 8 authorizes the issuance of up to $121,198,444 in coal severance tax bonds to finance approved renewable resource loans, including a required bond reserve. Loan proceeds are used to finance the authorized projects, and borrower repayments are used to pay associated bond debt service. Loan interest rates vary according to loan term and the state’s bond rate at the time bonds are issued.

HB 8 authorized funding for seven new loans totaling $36,648,44, reauthorized nine loans totaling $84,550,000, and approved an emergency loan authority of $30,000,000. The authorizations include loans for dam rehabilitation, irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation and improvements, regional water system local match, hydropower development, debt refinancing or infrastructure rehabilitation, and the local share of the St. Mary Milk River Project. Loans carry a maximum 3% interest rate and up to 30-year term. As of September 1, 2026, two loan agreements are in repayment status (Table 8).

Renewable Resource Project Grants – 2029 Biennium

DNRC is currently reviewing 70 applications requesting a total of $8,325,540 in project grants and $21,590,439 in project loans for the upcoming 2027 legislature (Table 9, Figure 2).

Grants and loans are available for projects that conserve, protect and beneficially use the state's water, land, vegetation, fish, recreation, and other renewable resources. The majority of projects funded under this program are water resource projects, but forestry, soil conservation, renewable energy, and solid waste projects are also eligible. Project funding is available for construction, research, design, demonstration, and planning. Watershed projects that preserve and improve water quality and projects that help plan for future management and protection of water sources (such as groundwater assessment studies) have also received funding.

Thank you for the opportunity to present on the status of DNRC's Renewable Resource Grant programs.

Sincerely,

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Table 2 RRG Project Grants

AGREEMENT	PROJECT SPONSOR	PROJECT TITLE	PROJECT TYPE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT REMAINING
RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1951	Arlee Lake County Water and Sewer District	Arlee Lake County Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Upgrades	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1952	Basin Water and/or Sewer District	Basin Water and/or Sewer District Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1953	Bearcreek, Town of	Bearcreek Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 1	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 49,300	$ 75,700
RRG-27-1954	Big Timber, City of	Big Timber Drinking Water Storage Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1955	Bigfork County Water and Sewer District	Bigfork Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1956	Bitter Root Irrigation District	Bitter Root Irrigation District Diversion Control Modernization	Irrigation	$ 99,500	To Be Contracted		$ 99,500
RRG-27-1957	Bitterroot Conservation District	Bitterroot Conservation District Union Diversion Resource Improvements	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Did Not Take Funds	$ -	$ -
RRG-27-1958	Circle, Town of	Circle Water System Improvements, Phase 5	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 32,895.37	$ 92,104.63
RRG-27-1959	Clinton Irrigation District	Clinton Irrigation District Schoolhouse Lateral Pipeline Conversion, Phase 4	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 15,615	$ 109,385

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1960	Conrad, City of	Conrad Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1961	Cooke City Water District	Cooke City Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1962	Darby, Town of	Darby Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1963	Deer Lodge, City of	Deer Lodge Wastewater Collection System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1964	Dutton, Town of	Dutton Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 2	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 38,685.84	$ 86,314.16
RRG-27-1965	Ennis, Town of	Ennis Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1966	Fairfield, Town of	Fairfield Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 6,225	$ 118,775
RRG-27-1967	Fort Belknap Irrigation District	Fort Belknap Irrigation District Main Canal Lining	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1968	Glen Lake Irrigation District	Glen Lake Irrigation District Doxie Slough Seepage Mitigation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1969	Greenfields Irrigation District	Greenfields Irrigation District Check Replacement, Phase 2	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1970	Greenfields Irrigation District	Greenfields Irrigation District J-Wasteway Modernization	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1971	Hammond Irrigation District	Hammond Irrigation District Big Porcupine Siphon Rehabilitation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Completed	$ 125,000	$ -
RRG-27-1972	Harrison Water and Sewer District	Harrison Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 88,576.45	$ 36,423.55
RRG-27-1973	Helena Valley Irrigation District	Helena Valley Irrigation District Pumping Plant Automation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1974	Helena Valley Irrigation District	Helena Valley Irrigation District Lateral 26.6 and Lateral 20.7-3.3 Seepage Mitigation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 15,700	$ 109,300
RRG-27-1975	Hysham, Town of	Hysham Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 2	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1976	Judith Basin County	Judith Basin County Geyser Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 32,695.01	$ 92,304.99
RRG-27-1977	Libby, City of	Libby Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1978	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District #1	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District Thomas Point Pump Station Rehabilitation, Phase 2	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Completed	$ 112,500	$ 12,500
RRG-27-1979	Madison County	Madison County Pennington Bridge Big Hole River Restoration	Restoration	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1980	Malta Irrigation District	Malta Irrigation District Black Coulee Siphon Replacement	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1981	Malta, City of	Malta Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 103,924.54	$ 21,075.46
RRG-27-1982	Manhattan, Town of	Manhattan Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1983	Martinsdale Water and Sewer District	Martinsdale Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1984	Petroleum County Conservation District	Petroleum County Conservation District McDonald Creek Diversion Structures Replacement	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1985	Petrolia Irrigation District	Petrolia Irrigation District Main Canal Pipeline Conversion	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1986	Plentywood, City of	Plentywood Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Completed	$ 125,000	$ -
RRG-27-1987	Pondera County Conservation District	Pondera County Conservation District S-Canal Pipeline Conversion	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1988	Red Lodge, City of	Red Lodge Wastewater System Improvements, Phases 2 and 3	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1989	Richey, Town of	Richey Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 3	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1990	Ronan, City Of	Ronan Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1991	Roundup, City of	Roundup Wastewater Lagoon System Upgrades	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract	$ 36,251.45	$ 88,748.55
RRG-27-1992	Savage Irrigation District	Savage Irrigation District Pumping Plant Rehabilitation, Phase 2	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1993	Shelby, City of	Shelby Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1994	Sheridan, Town of	Sheridan Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	Completed	$ 125,000	$ -
RRG-27-1995	South Wind County Water and Sewer District	South Wind Drinking Water and Wastewater Improvements, Phase 4	Drinking Water & Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1996	St. Ignatius, Town of	St. Ignatius Wastewater Collection Main Replacement	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1997	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	Sun Prairie Village Drinking Water System Upgrades	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-1998	Sunset Irrigation District	Sunset Irrigation District Baker Ditch Oliver Split Headgate and Weirs	Irrigation	$ 20,000	To Be Contracted		$ 20,000
RRG-27-1999	Sweet Grass Conservation District	Sweet Grass Conservation District Crest Ditch Headgate Rehabilitation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2000	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District Cowels Creek Flume Replacement	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2001	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District Jones Creek Flume and Canal Conversion	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2002	Treasure State Acres Water and Sewer District	Treasure State Acres Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2003	Twin Bridges, Town of	Twin Bridges Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2004	White Sulphur Springs, City of	White Sulphur Springs Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2005	Whitehall, Town of	Whitehall Drinking Water System Improvements	Drinking Water	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2006	Willow Creek Sewer District	Willow Creek Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2007	Wolf Point, City of	Wolf Point Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 3	Wastewater	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000

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RRG-27-1950	Alder Water and Sewer District	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	Wastewater	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2008	Yellowstone County	Yellowstone County Billings Bench Water Association Rattlesnake Reservoir Water Management Improvements	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2009	Yellowstone Irrigation District	Yellowstone Irrigation District Canal Rehabilitation	Irrigation	$ 125,000	Under Contract		$ 125,000
RRG-27-2010	Yellowstone Irrigation District	Yellowstone Irrigation District Lateral 17.6 Rehabilitation, Phase 1	Irrigation	$ 125,000	To Be Contracted		$ 125,000
		61		$7,494,500		$ 907,368.66	$6,462,131.34

Table 3 RRG Planning Grants

AGREEMENT NUMBER	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT RELEASED	AMOUNT REMAINING
RPG-27-0893	Big Flat Irrigation District	Big Flat Irrigation District Preliminary Engineering Report	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000
RPG-27-0894	Bitter Root Irrigation District	Bitter Root Irrigation District Rock Creek Diversion PER	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0895	Boulder, City of	Boulder Wastewater System PER	$ 40,000	Completed	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0896	Carbon Conservation District	Carbon Conservation District - Rock Creek Riverbank Stabilization Technical Narrative	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 30,000
RPG-27-0897	Chinook, City of	Chinook Water System PER	$ 40,000	Completed	$ 35,338	$ 4,662	$ -
RPG-27-0898	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District Morrison Ditch Improvements Technical Narrative	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 30,000
RPG-27-0899	Dodson, Town of	Dodson Water PER Update	$ 15,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
RPG-27-0900	East Bench Irrigation District	East Bench Irrigation District Beaverhead River Flow Monitoring Stations Technical Narrative	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0901	Eureka, Town of	Eureka Wastewater PER	$ 40,000	Completed	$ 40,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0902	Fairfield, Town of	Fairfield Water System PER Update	$ 15,000	Completed	$ 15,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0903	Fort Benton, City of	Fort Benton Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000

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RPG-27-0904	Glen Lake Irrigation District	Glen Lake Irrigation District Grave Creek Fish Screen Replacement and Diversion Upgrade Technical Narrative	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0905	Granite Conservation District	Granite Conservation District FCWUA Marshall Canal PER	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0906	Harlem, City of	Harlem Water PER Update	$ 15,000	Completed	$ 14,992	$ 8	$ 0
RPG-27-0907	Havre, City of	Havre Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000
RPG-27-0908	Hysham Irrigation District	Hysham Irrigation District Substation Design	$ 15,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
RPG-27-0909	Joliet, Town of	Joliet Water PER Update	$ 15,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
RPG-27-0910	Miles City, City of	Miles City Stormwater Preliminary Engineering Report	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000
RPG-27-0911	Nashua, Town of	Nashua Wastewater System Improvements PER	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000
RPG-27-0912	Red Lodge, City of	Red Lodge Wastewater PER Update	$ 15,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
RPG-27-0913	Richey, Town of	Richey Water Preliminary Engineering Report Update	$ 15,000	Completed	$ 15,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0914	Saco, Town of	Saco Water System PER	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 40,000
RPG-27-0915	Sheridan, Town of	Sheridan Water PER Update	$ 15,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
RPG-27-0916	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District Wastewater System PER	$ 15,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000

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RPG-27-0917	Wolf Point, City of	Wolf Point Wastewater PER Update	$ 15,000	Completed	$ 15,000	$ -	$ -
RPG-27-0918	Zurich Irrigation District	Zurich Irrigation District Powell Lateral to Pipeline Conversion Technical Narrative	$ 25,000	Completed	$ 25,000	$ -	$ -
	To be awarded under a second grant cycle		*$ 285,000*		*$ -*	*$ -*	*$ 285,000*
		26	$ 1,000,000		$ 320,330	$ 4,670	$ 675,000

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Table 4 RRG Emergency Grants

AGREEMENT NUMBER	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT REMAINING
EMG-27-0022	Kinsey Irrigation District	Kinsey Irrigation District Sand Creek Lower Canal Siphon Replacement	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -
EMG-27-0023	Flathead County Water District No. 1	Flathead County Water District No. 1 Evergreen Main Break and Emergency Repair 2025	$ 9,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 9,000
EMG-27-0024	Eureka, Town of	Eureka Water and Sewer Pipe Emergency Repair	$ 13,500	Completed	$ 13,500	$ -
EMG-27-0025	Joliet, Town of	Joliet Well House Emergency Repair	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -
EMG-27-0026	Vaughn Water and Sewer District	Vaughn Water and Sewer District Effluent Pipe Repair	$ 30,000	Completed	$ 30,000	$ -
EMG-27-0027	Shelby, City of	Shelby Combined Sewer Line Replacement	$ 26,350	Completed	$ 26,350	$ -
EMG-27-0028	Harlowton, City of	Harlowton Jawbone Dam No. 1 Conduit Repair	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 30,000
EMG-27-0029	Dodson, Town of	Dodson Emergency Sewer Break	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 30,000
EMG-27-0030	Lincoln Lewis & Clark Sewer Dist	Lincoln Sewer District Lagoon Beach	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 30,000
EMG-27-0031	Whitehall, Town of	Whitehall Water Pipe Break	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 30,000
EMG-27-0032	DNRC Water Resources Division	DNRC Flint Creek Main Canal Slump	$ 30,000	To be contracted	$ -	$ 30,000
EMG-27-0033	Clinton Irrigation District	Main Canal Diversion - Headgate Repair	$ 30,000	To be contracted	$ -	$ 30,000
	To be awarded the remainder of the biennium		*$ 181,150*			
		12	$ 500,000		$ 129,850	$ 189,000

Table 5 RRG Irrigation Development Grants

AGREEMENT NUMBER	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT REMAINING
IDG-27-0327	Savanah McCarty	Winston Farm Irrigation Repair	$ 30,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 30,000
IDG-27-0328	Kevin Tweten	Tweten Irrigation Project	$ 40,000	Under Contract	$ -	$ 40,000
IDG-27-0329	Kelsey Grice	Grice Irrigation Efficiency Project	$ 49,000	Completed	$ 49,000	$ -
IDG-27-0330	Big Creek Lakes Reservoir Association	Dam Headgate Replacement Ph 1	$ 49,800	Under Contract	$ 19,700	$ 30,100
IDG-27-0331	Dennis Houtzel	Pivot Conversion Irrigation Project	$ 19,700	Completed	$ -	$ 19,700
IDG-27-0332	Valley View Charolais Ranch	Valley View Charolais Ranch Conversion to Irrigated Land	$ 50,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 50,000
	To be awarded under a second grant cycle		*$ 261,500*			
		6	$ 500,000		$ 68,700	$ 169,800

Table 6 RRG Private Grants

AGREEMENT NUMBER	COUNTY	PROJECT TITLE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT REMAINING
PVG-27-0380	Park	Municipal Sewer Line Replacement	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0381	Ravalli	Bitterroot Water Partnership Stream Flow Monitoring	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0383	Lewis and Clark	Septic System Replacement	$ 1,730	Completed	$ 1,730	$ -
PVG-27-0384	Park	Municipal Sewer Line Replacement	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0385	Ravalli	Terrace For Trees	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0386	Missoula	Replace Failed Cesspool	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0387	Missoula	Replace Failed Cesspool	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0388	Park	Replace Disintegrated Municipal Sewer Line	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0389	Cascade	Replace Failed Septic System	$ 5,000	Completed	$ 5,000	$ -
PVG-27-0390	Park	Municipal Sewer Line Replacement	$ 3,863	Completed	$ 3,863	$ -
PVG-27-0391	Cascade	Replace Failed Drainfield	$ 4,940	Under Contract	$ -	$ 4,940
PVG-27-0392	Wheatland	Municipal Sewer Line Replacement	$ 2,929	Under Contract	$ -	$ 2,929
PVG-27-0393	Yellowstone	Replace Failed Septic System	$ 2,125	Completed	$ 2,125	$ -
PVG-27-0394	Flathead	Septic System Replacement	$ 5,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 5,000
	To be awarded the remainder of the biennium		*$ 89,414*			
		14	$ 150,000		$ 47,718	$ 12,869

Table 7 RRG Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grants

AGREEMENT NUMBER	RECIPIENT	PROJECT TITLE	AUTHORIZED AMOUNT	STATUS	AMOUNT DISBURSED	AMOUNT REMAINING
NPS-27-0012	Plains, Town of	Plains Clayton Sewer Extension and Connection	$ 50,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 50,000
NPS-27-0013	Lockwood Water & Sewer District	Lockwood Water and Sewer District Sewer Connection, Phase 3	$ 100,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 100,000
NPS-27-0014	Missoula County	Missoula County Old Hellgate Village Wastewater System Improvements	$ 100,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 100,000
NPS-27-0015	Missoula, City of	Missoula Sewer Connections	$ 100,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 100,000
NPS-27-0016	Blackfoot Challenge	Blackfood Challenge Union Creek Restoration, Phase I	$ 50,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 50,000
NPS-27-0017	Montana Trout Unlimited	MT Trout Unlimited Shaw Dam Removal and Riparian Restoration	$ 50,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 50,000
NPS-27-0018	DNRC Forestry and Trust Lands Division	DNRC Piloting Virtual Riparian Exclosures	$ 25,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 25,000
NPS-27-0019	Montana Conservation Corps	Big Sky Watershed Corps Cost Share	$ 25,000	To Be Contracted	$ -	$ 25,000
			$ 500,000		$ -	$ 500,000

Table 8 RRG Loans

STATUS	APPLICANT	PROJECT TITLE	LOAN AMOUNT	LOAN STATUS	FINAL PAYMENT DATE
New	DNRC Water Resources Division	DNRC Willow Creek Dam Rehabilitation	$ 14,000,000		
New	DNRC Water Resources Division	DNRC Painted Rocks Dam Rehabilitation, Phase 1	$ 15,000,000		
New	Fort Shaw Irrigation District	Fort Shaw Irrigation District Simms Creek Siphon Replacement	$ 5,181,317		
New	Hammond Irrigation District	Hammond Irrigation District Big Porcupine Siphon Rehabilitation	$ 241,900	In Repayment	7/1/2045
New	Kinsey Irrigation District	Kinsey Irrigation District Harris Creek Spill Structure Rehabilitation	$ 511,520		
New	Kinsey Irrigation District	Kinsey Irrigation District Hammerbacker Lateral to Pipeline Conversion	$ 840,823		
New	Zurich Irrigation District	Zurich Irrigation District Brown Creek Siphon Rehabilitation	$ 872,884		
Reauthorize	Central Montana Regional Water Authority	Local Match for Central Montana Regional Water Projects	$ 5,000,000		
Reauthorize	DNRC Conservation and Resource Development Division	Refinance Existing Debt or Rehabilitation of Infrastructure Facilities	$ 8,000,000		
Reauthorize	Dry Prairie Regional Water Authority	Local Match for Dry Prairie Regional Water Projects	$ 5,000,000		
Reauthorize	Dry-Redwater Regional Water Authority	Local Match for Dry-Redwater Regional Water Projects	$ 10,000,000		
Reauthorize	Greenfields Irrigation District	Hydropower Development	$ 1,500,000	In Repayment	7/1/2046
Reauthorize	Huntley Irrigation District Reauthorization	Tunnel 2 and Canal System	$ 3,500,000		
Reauthorize	Lockwood Irrigation District	Box Elder Siphon, Pump Station, and Pump 3	$ 1,550,000		
Reauthorize	North Central Regional Water Authority	Local Match for North Central Regional Water Projects	$ 10,000,000		
Reauthorize	St. Mary's Milk River Project Beneficiaries Share		$ 40,000,000		
		14	$ 121,198,444		

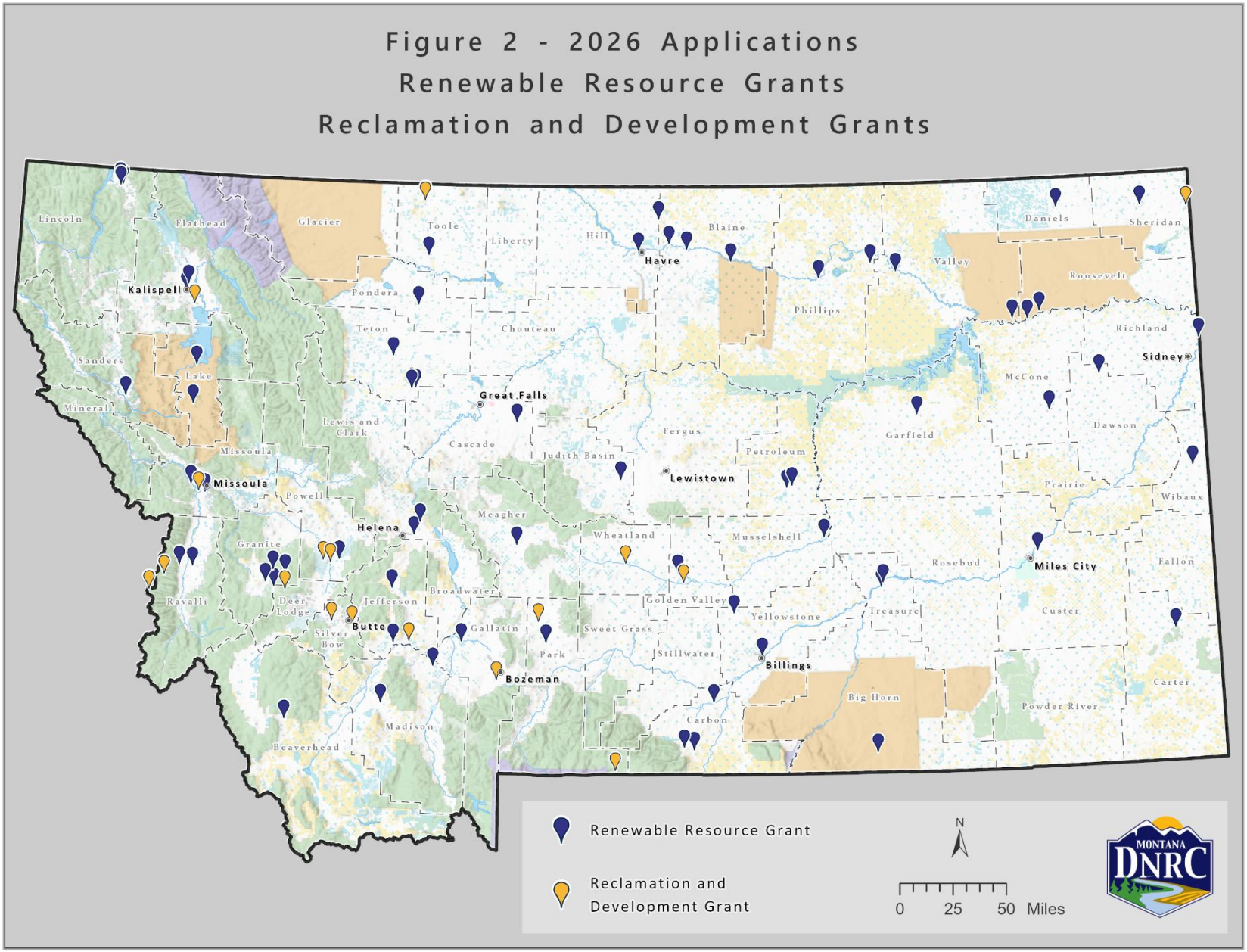
Figure 2 - 2026 Applications
Renewable Resource Grants
Reclamation and Development Grants
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Flathead
Glacier
Toole
Liberty
Hill
Blaine
Daniels
Sheridan
Kalispell
Havre
Valley
Roosevelt
Pondera
Phillips
Teton
Chouteau
Richland
Sidney
Sanders
Lake
McCone
Great Falls
Mineral
Lewis and Clark
Fergus
Garfield
Dawson
Cascade
Missoula
Judith Basin
Petroleum
Lewistown
Missoula
Powell
Prairie
Wibaux
Meagher
Helena
Wheatland
Musselshell
Granite
Rosebud
Miles City
Fallon
Ravalli
Broadwater
Golden Valley
Deer Lodge
Jefferson
Yellowstone
Treasure
Custer
Butte
Silver Bow
Gallatin
Sweet Grass
Park
Stillwater
Billings
Bozeman
Carter
Big Horn
Powder River
Madison
Carbon
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