



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in Montana

Virtual Round Table with Infrastructure Funding Agencies

DNRC, DOC, USDA RD and WRDA

Friday, June 25th

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

***Must register to participate.
Discussion will be recorded and will be
available on-line for viewing anytime.**

10:30 AM	10:40 AM	Introductions and "pre-test"
10:40 AM	11:05 AM	ARPA basics: DNRC to discuss ARPA website and application process.
11:05 AM	12:05 PM	Funding Agency Round Table: Department of Commerce Department of Natural Resources and Conservation United States Department of Agriculture- Rural Development Army Corps of Engineers- Water Resources Development Act
12:05 PM	12:25 PM	Questions and Answers
12:25 PM	12:30 PM	Wrap up, "post test" and evaluation

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DNRC- live review of ARPA website, application process and resources : www.arpa.mt.gov

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FAQS

Welcome to the State of Montana's
ARPA website
We're here to help!

CONTACT US


TRIBAL GRANTS

LOCAL
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MEETINGS



WATER & SEWER
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Water and Sewer Project Funding Opportunities



Community Development Division

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Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP—formerly TSEP): Public infrastructure projects, planning & emergency grants

CDBG: Community, public facility & housing projects, economic development, planning grants

Coal Board : Projects related to impacts from coal development, planning grants

Hard Rock: Board /Plan Assistance

Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP): Technical assistance

Montana Main Street: Planning & activity grants

Montana Historic Preservation: Preserve historic sites, historical societies or history museums



WHO WE TYPICALLY WORK WITH

- Local Governments
- Districts
 - Water & Sewer
 - School
- Non-profits
- Engineers, Architects, & Grant Administrators
- Housing & Economic Developers
- Federal & State Funding Entities



COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CTAP)

- Services focused on providing education and assistance
- Expertise includes:
 - Long range community planning
 - Subdivision regulations & review
 - Zoning regulations & administration
 - Drinking water & wastewater treatment systems
 - Transportation: bridges, streets/roads, multi-modal
 - Storm water management
 - Planning best-practices and tools of the trade
 - Exemption review & certificates of survey



COMMUNITY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CTAP)

How we can help:

- Direct assistance via phone, email & in person
- Connect communities with free consulting services on your ARPA water/sewer project
- Review of and guidance on draft engineering, planning and regulatory documents
- Creation of model documents and planning resource publications for use state-wide
- On-site and virtual training workshops....we will come to you!
- Resource library



PLANNING GRANTS - CDBG

Types

- Growth Policies
- Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plans
- Housing Plans & market studies
- Historic and Architectural Preservation Plans & Studies
- Downtown Revitalization Plans & Studies
- Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER)
- Preliminary Architectural Reports (PAR)
- Site-specific plans and studies for Economic Development
- ADA Plans and more...

Specifics

Application Cycle:

Next grant cycle, Spring 2021; deadline June 18, 2021. Fall 2021 cycle.

Match: 1:3 (1:1 for private economic development projects)

Ceiling: \$50,000



PLANNING GRANTS – MCEP (TSEP)

Types

- Comprehensive Capital Improvements Plans
- Preliminary Engineering Reports (PER)



Specifics

No Deadline

Application Cycle:

2023 Biennium cycle opens Summer 2021; non-competitive; awards made until all funds are obligated

Match: 1:1

Ceiling: \$15,000

CDBG PUBLIC FACILITY PROJECTS

Public Facility Grant Application Information:

Deadline: September 15, 2021

Application Type:

Competitive

Match: 25%

Ceiling: \$450,000

Construction or Expansion
or upgrades to facilities for
infrastructure

- Water
- Wastewater
- Community Facilities



MCEP INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS (formerly TSEP)

Project Grant Application Information:

Deadline: Spring 2022

Application Type: Competitive

Match: 1:1

Eligible Projects:

- Drinking Water
- Wastewater Treatment
- Sanitary Sewer
- Storm Sewer
- Solid Waste
- Bridges



- New Construction
- Upgrades
- Improvements to meet regulatory standards

COAL BOARD PROJECTS

Project & Planning Grant Application Information:

Deadline: 45 days before
quarterly board meetings

Application Type:
Competitive

Match: None

Ceiling: Dependent upon
request/need

Eligible Projects: Any governmental services that are needed as a direct consequence of an increase or decrease of coal development or of an increase or decrease in the consumption of coal by a coal-using energy complex.

Eligible Applicants: Local governmental units (cities, towns, counties, school districts, water and sewer districts, etc.); State agencies; Governing bodies of federally recognized Indian tribes.



APPLICATION PROCESSES

- **Individual Application**

- See Individual Program website

- Visit: <http://comdev.mt.gov>

- Review program specific needs

- **Uniform Application**

- Infrastructure

- Visit: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/wasact>

- **Various Application Due Dates**



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure
- Non-competitive Minimum Allocation Grants and larger Competitive Grants, administered by DNRC
- First deadline: July 15, 2021; subsequent cycles to be announced
- CDD providing technical assistance to communities through CTAP for grant application preparation
- Informational Webinar held June 14, 2021, available at <https://comdev.mt.gov/Meetings-Events-Training/>

QUESTIONS ???

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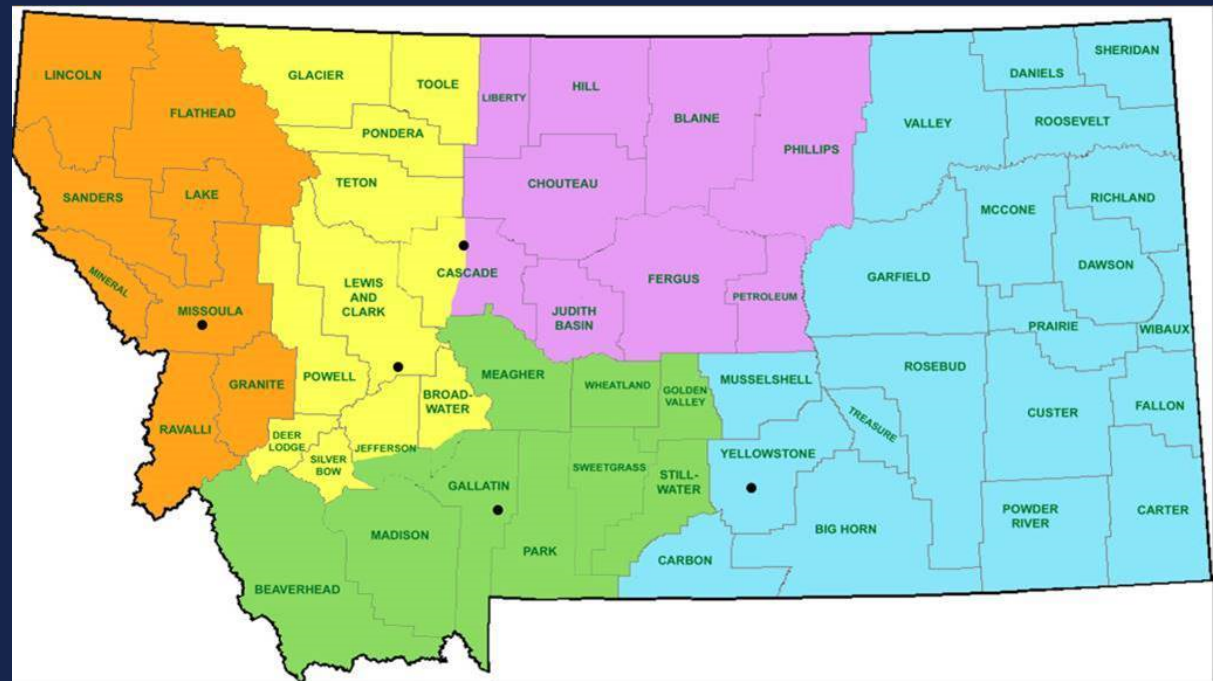
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Section 595 WRDA 1999

Program Overview

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Section 595 of the Water Resources
Development Act of 1999, Public
Law 106-53, as amended

Montana Environmental
Infrastructure and Resource
Protection and Development
Program



Section 595 WRDA 1999

Program Overview

Assistance in the form of design and construction for water related environmental infrastructure and resource protection and development projects in rural Nevada and Montana, including projects for—

- (1) wastewater treatment and related facilities;
- (2) water supply and related facilities;
- (3) environmental restoration; and
- (4) surface water resource protection and development.



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

Key Program Attributes

- Section 595(e)(3) Provides for 75 percent Reimbursable Cost of an approved project.
- (not a Grant Program)
- The Corps of Engineers coordinates with State of Montana, DNRC, to allocate appropriated funds.
- Costs may include credit for reasonable costs of planning and design prior to entering into agreements.
- Project agreements are available for design only or design and construction



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

Key Non-Federal Requirements

- Non-Federal Sponsor is responsible for all costs in excess of the approved reimbursable costs.
- Non-Federal Sponsor shall obtain all permits and licenses necessary for the work
- The Non-Federal Sponsor shall establish and maintain the work at no cost to the Government.
- The Non-Federal Sponsor shall hold and save the Government free from any and all damages arising from design of any work under this program



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

Typical Projects

- Since 2002, the Corps of Engineers has contracted approximately 80 projects with communities in Montana
- Nearly all projects have been for water and sewer repairs and replacement.
- A very limited number of projects have involved structures to benefit the environment through fluvial geomorphology improvements in a stream or river corridor.



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

Key Program Attributes

Recent fiscal year (FY)
funding amount and number of MT projects:

FY21	\$2.1M	4 projects
FY20	\$3.0M	7 projects
FY19	\$2.8M	11 projects
FY18	\$2.5M	8 projects
FY17	\$2.5M	7 projects
FY16	\$2.9M	11 projects



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

Typical Projects

- A few examples of water and wastewater projects are:
 - the first project was the water intake at Laurel Montana.
 - The Bozeman Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) – an EPA award winner
 - Shelby well field and water treatment facility (shown in the background)
 - and others to numerous to mention, Whitefish, Eureka, Harlowton, Missoula, Manhattan, Whitehall, Lewiston, Butte, Judith Gap, Helena, Black Eagle, Baker, Culbertson, South Wind, Glendive, Roundup, etc..



Section 595 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999

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Pre and Post polling questions:

True or False: Application forms for the Competitive Grant Program and the Minimum Allocation Grant Program are available on the ARPA website: www.arpa.mt.gov

TRUE

True or False: A Water and Sewer District can apply directly for a grant through the Competitive Grant Program and the Minimum Allocation Grant Program.

FALSE, direct application form WSD through Competitive Grant Program only.

True or False: Public Comment on the Water and Sewer Competitive Grant Match Ranking Guidelines will be accepted between June 11 and June 18th. Public comment will **only** be accepted using the DNRC web form on the ARPA website, www.arpa.mt.gov

TRUE

True or False: First Round Grant Applications for the Minimum Allocation Grant Program are due July 15, 2021. Subsequent rounds will be established by the Infrastructure Advisory Commission. Applications for the Competitive Grant Program are due to DNRC, July 15, 2021 through January 1, 2023.

FALSE: Competitive July 15, 2021 and Minimum Allocation July 15, 2021- Jan 1, 2023

Evaluation Questions:

What did you find most valuable about this training?

What would you change about this training?

Are you interested in hearing about future MAP training events?