

ARPA Water & Sewer Infrastructure Grant Certification Form

Applicant Entity Name: _____
(Local Government Entity as defined in [House Bill 632](#))

ARPA Project Name: _____

Authorized Person Name: _____ **Title:** _____
(Person authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the State of Montana – [Questions?](#))

- I certify that the information and the statements in this application are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the project or activity as described in this application complies with all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations. By my signature below, I certify that I have knowledge of and understand the content of this application and that I am fully authorized to apply to DNRC for the grant specified in the submitted materials.
- I certify that this project is a necessary investment in water or sewer infrastructure as defined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-2 (2021) (“ARPA”), and its associated rule and guidance: Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, 86 Fed. Reg. 26786 (May 10, 2021).
- Montana House Bill 632 (HB 632, 67th Leg., (Mont. 2021)), sets the requirement for water and sewer infrastructure projects funded by ARPA be reduced by 20% if that local government or any of its authorized agents have health regulations related to COVID-19 that are more strict than those imposed by the state in effect at the time the grant is awarded. By signing below, the authorized agent is acknowledging this requirement and will inform the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, in writing, of any such health regulations during the grant review and award process.

Applicant’s local government health restrictions (SELECT ONE):

- ARE currently more stringent than State of Montana.
- ARE NOT currently more stringent than State of Montana.

A facsimile, photocopy or electronic copy of the signature below shall have the same force and effect as an original signature and an electronic signature shall be regarded as an original signature. 30-18-102, MCA.

/s/ _____
Signature and Title of Authorized Applicant Representative Date

DNRC requires that the certification form be signed by an authorized representative of the local government entity (for example, a mayor, county commissioner, board chair, district supervisor, etc.). These forms **CANNOT** be signed by a different representative (for example the City Manager or Town Clerk), even if that representative has signing authority within the local government. This is because DNRC has no way of knowing who has signing authority within the local government entity. Additionally, DNRC needs to be confident that the authorized signatory can enter into a grant agreement in the future should the application be successful.