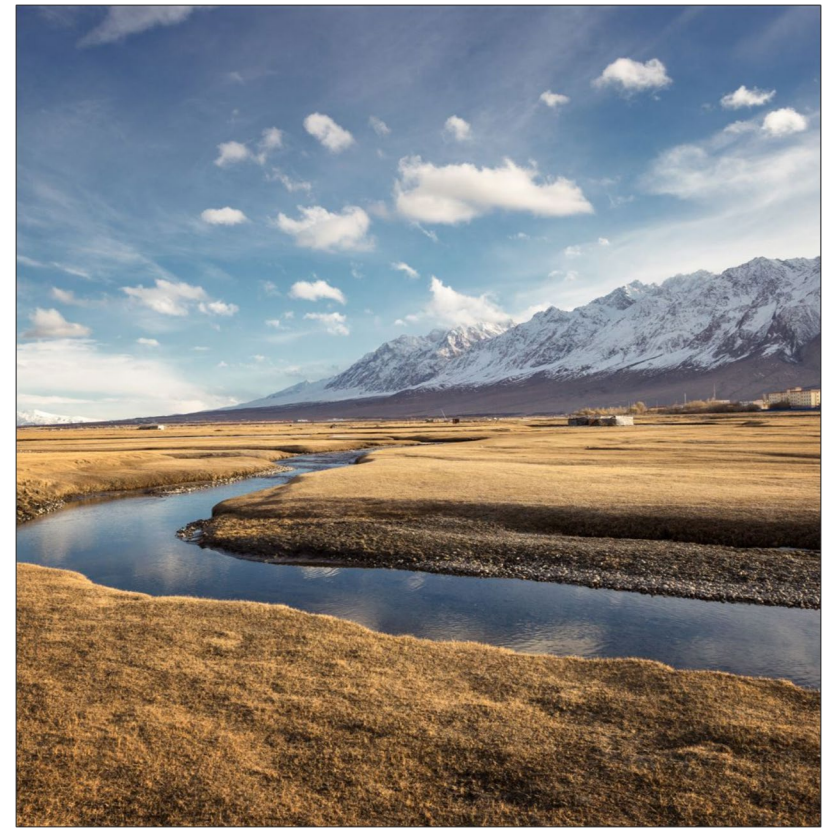
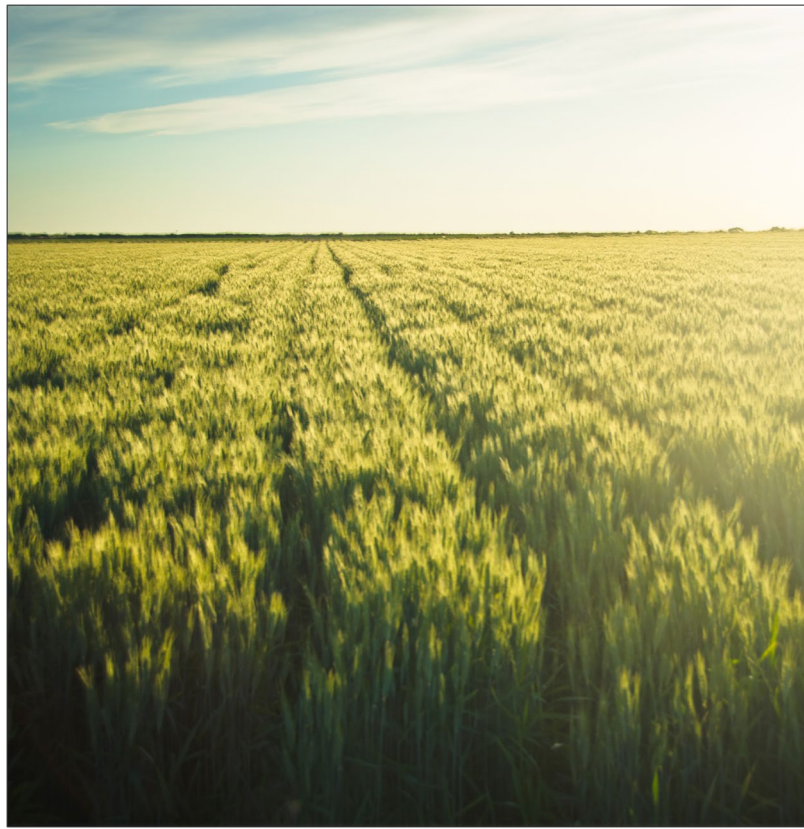




Renewable
Resource
Grant
Stakeholder
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Clear and Distinct



Who are the Stakeholders?

RRG Stakeholder Group Goals



Clear

Clear and distinct grant programs



Simplify

Simplify grant applications and administration



Engage

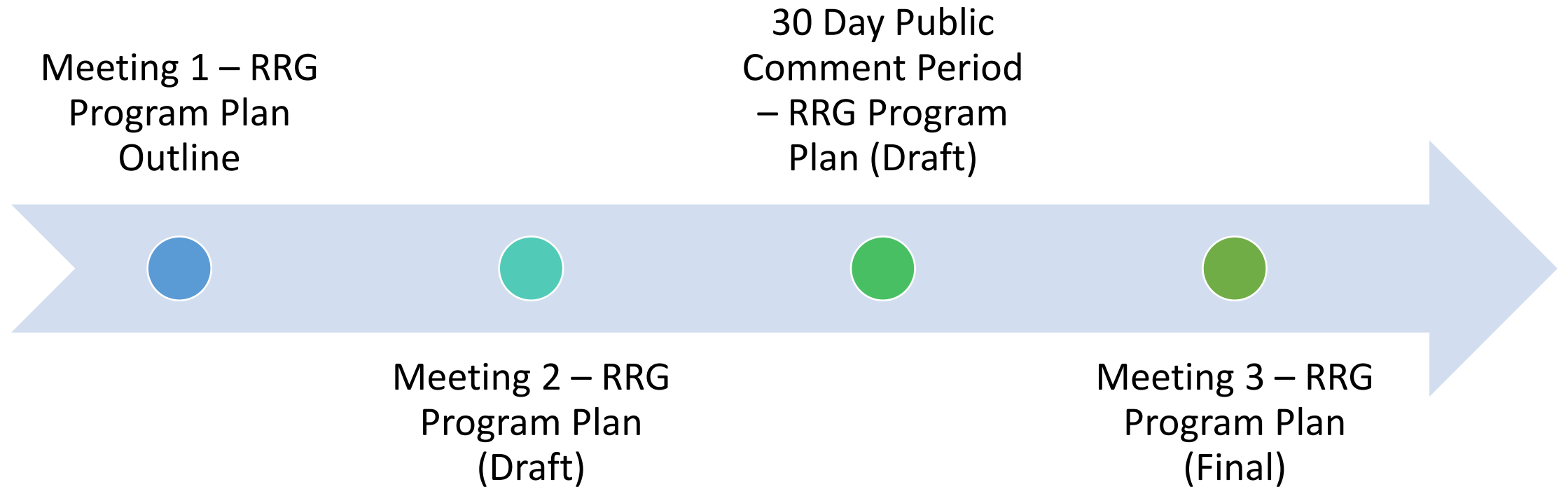
Engage stakeholders to benefit statewide partners



Improve

Improve RRG Program transparency and accountability

RRG Stakeholder Group Schedule



RRGL Stakeholder Process

Foundation –
Laws & Rules

Framework –
Program
Outlines

Sideboards –
Draft RRGL
Program Plan

Finished
Product – Final
RRGL Program
Plan

The background of the image is a dense, close-up photograph of various green ferns. The fronds are layered and overlapping, creating a rich, textured appearance. The lighting is somewhat dim, highlighting the intricate patterns of the leaves. The overall color palette is dominated by different shades of green, from deep forest greens to lighter, more vibrant tones.

**There's no such
thing as a free
lunch.**

Milton Friedman

House Bill 6 Appropriations

\$6,305,000
Infrastructure
Project Grants

\$2,560,000
Irrigation Project
Grants

\$3,500,000
Planning Grants

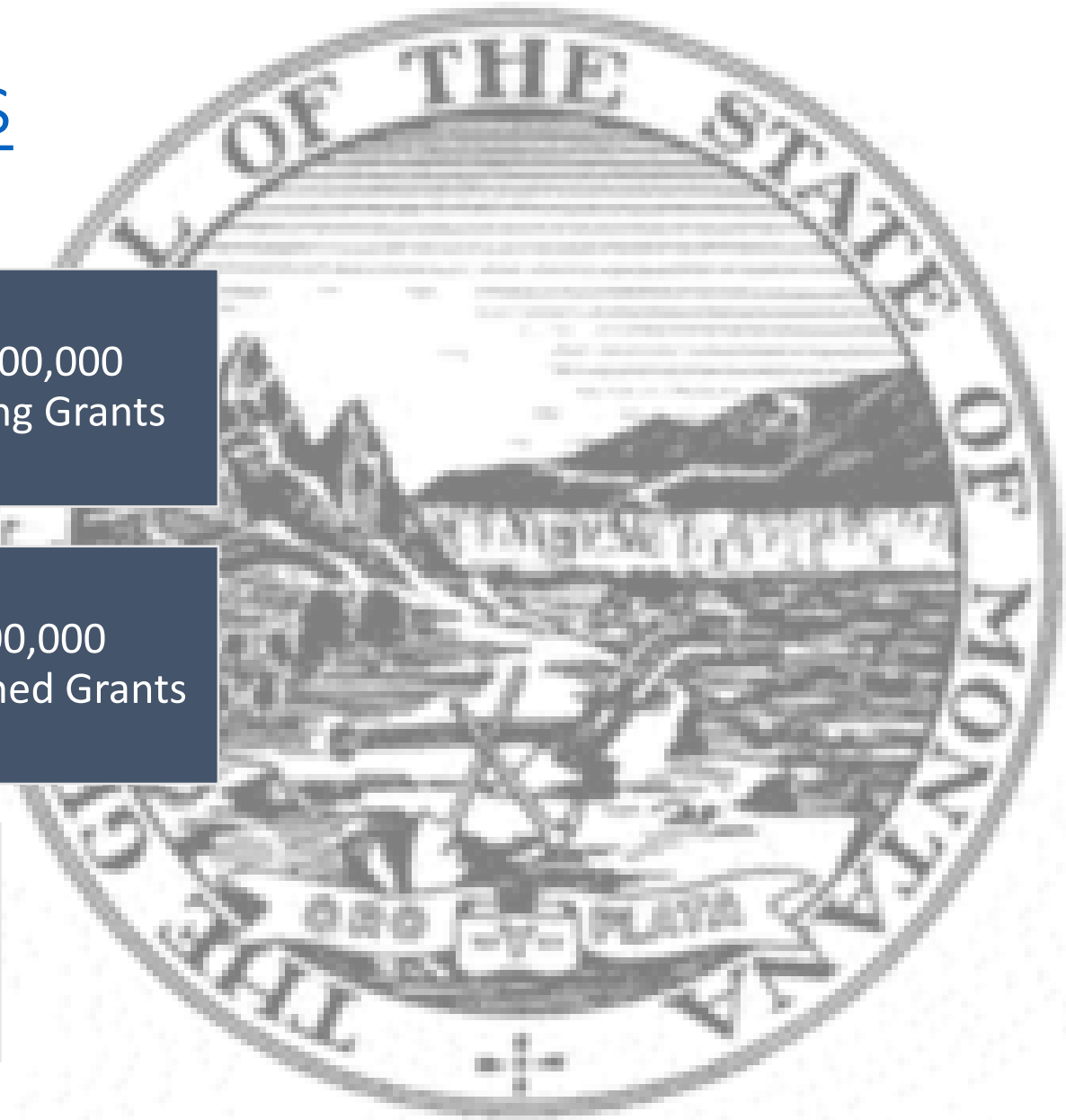
\$2,500,000
Nonpoint Source
(NPS) Pollution
Reduction Grants

\$500,000 Irrigation
Development
Grants

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Watershed Grants

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Emergency Project
Grants

\$100,000 Private
Grants



RRG Program Purpose & Objective

MCA 85-1-601 .. further the state's policies, set forth in 85-1-101, regarding the ***conservation, development, and beneficial use*** of water resources and to ***invest in renewable natural resource projects*** that will preserve for the citizens of Montana the economic and other benefits of the ***state's natural heritage***.

MCA 85-1-602 .. to enhance Montana's renewable resources through projects that ***measurably conserve, develop, manage, or preserve resources***.

WATER RESOURCES

- Optimum Beneficial Use and Not Wasted
- Secure Maximum Economic and Social Prosperity for Citizens
- Full Utilization, Conservation and Protection
- Efficient, Economic Distribution to ensure adequate supplies for Domestic, Industrial, Agricultural and other Beneficial Uses
- Adequate Public Recreation and Conservation of Wildlife and Aquatic Life
- ...
- State Water Plan
- [MCA 85-1-101](#)



What are
RENEWABLE
RESOURCES?

Sustainable natural resource including:

Water | Wind | Renewable Energy | Soil | Wetlands |
Crop Land | Fish and Aquatic Habitat | Wildlife
Habitat | Range Land | Forests

An aerial photograph of a vineyard. The image shows several parallel rows of grapevines, which are small green plants, planted in a grid pattern. The rows are separated by light-colored, sandy soil paths. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the vines, which creates a strong sense of depth and repetition. The lighting is bright, casting soft shadows from the vines onto the ground.

What is CONSERVATION?

"Conservation" means the promotion of efficient and/or sustainable use of a renewable resource.

The background features a complex, organic pattern of wavy, layered lines in shades of green, teal, and blue. The lines flow from the top left towards the bottom right, creating a sense of movement and depth. The colors transition from bright green on the left to deep blue on the right, with various intermediate tones in between.

What does DEVELOPMENT mean?

"Development" means a new beneficial and sustainable use of a renewable resource.

What is MANAGEMENT?

"Management"
means activities that
improve governing
entities' ability to
control and
administer a
renewable resource.



PRESERVATION?

"Preservation" means the protection of a renewable resource from pollution, destruction, or neglect.



PUBLIC BENEFITS?

A benefit that accrues to the common well-being, safety, health, or welfare of the citizens of Montana from a renewable resource project including, but not limited to the benefits that accrue to an applicant.





Local Government

Department

Agency

Board

Commission

City

County

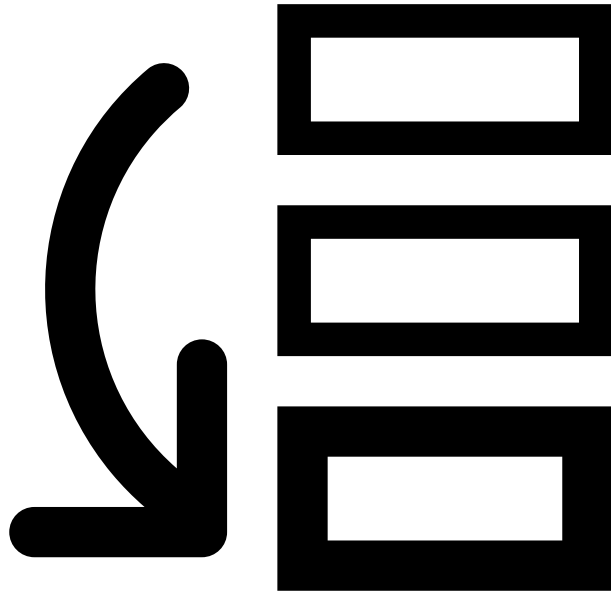
Other Local Government

Regional Water Authority

Tribal Government

[MCA 85-1-605](tel:855-1-605)

Local Government Grants - Ranking



Renewable Resource Benefits

Public Benefits

State Water Plan

Human Health of Safety

Financial Feasibility

Technical Feasibility

X Past Management Problems

X Adverse Environmental Impacts





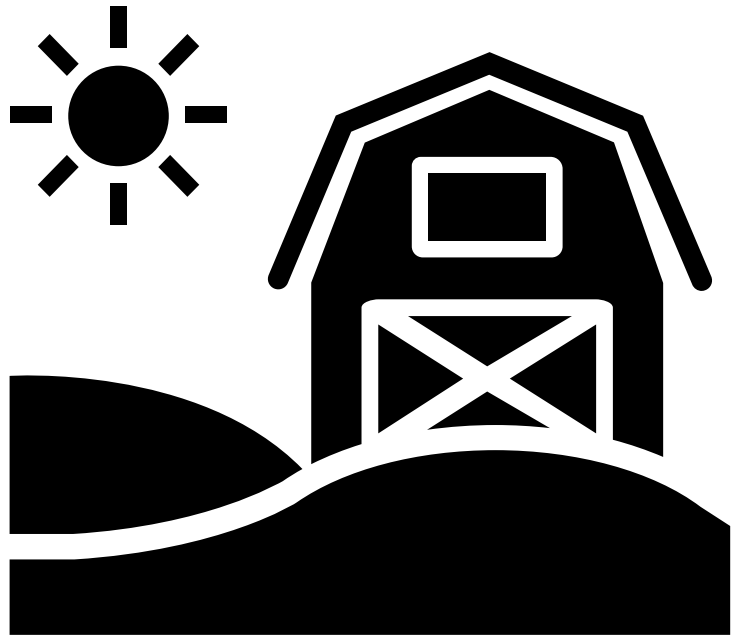
Private Person

- Individual
- Association
- Partnership
- Corporation
- Other non-governmental entity
- [ARM 36.17.607](#)



Private Grants

- Maximum Grant = 50% of the total project cost (MCA [85-1-614](#))
- Water-related project constructed, developed and operated in Montana (MCA [85-1-609](#))
- Economically Feasible
- Efficient Use of Natural Resource (minimizes waste)
- Multipurpose facilities
- Comply with statutory and regulatory standards
- Public Benefits
- Applicant has adequate resources to construct, operate and maintain project
- Holds necessary lands and water rights



Private Grants - Ranking

- Public Benefits
- Family Farm (owned and operated by a Montana family)
- Reserved Water
- Geographic Balance
- Effectively use water resources and promote conservation
- Financial Need – projects that can not be accomplished without grant
- MCA [85-1-610](#)

A construction site with various pieces of heavy machinery, including excavators and a crane, working on a large-scale project. The ground is sandy and uneven, with some equipment parked and others in use. The background shows a clear sky and distant hills.

Infrastructure Project Grants \$6,305,000

Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's
renewable resources.

A large center pivot irrigation system is shown in a field of golden-brown crops. The system consists of multiple blue metal truss structures supported by black wheels, arranged in a circular pattern. The background shows a clear sky and a flat horizon.

Irrigation Project Grants \$2,560,000

Projects that conserve, manage, develop or protect Montana's renewable resources.

Planning Grants \$3,500,000

- Funding for professional and technical services necessary to produce a high-quality RRGL project grant application.



Irrigation Development Grants \$500,000

- Projects that increase the value of irrigated crops while preserving natural resources and the environment for future generations.





Watershed Management Grants \$500,000

Funding for watershed related planning
and management activities.

Emergency Project Grants \$300,000

- Grants are available for emergency projects that pose an immediate threat to the beneficial management of a renewable resource and, if delayed, will cause substantial damage or legal liability.



Private Grants

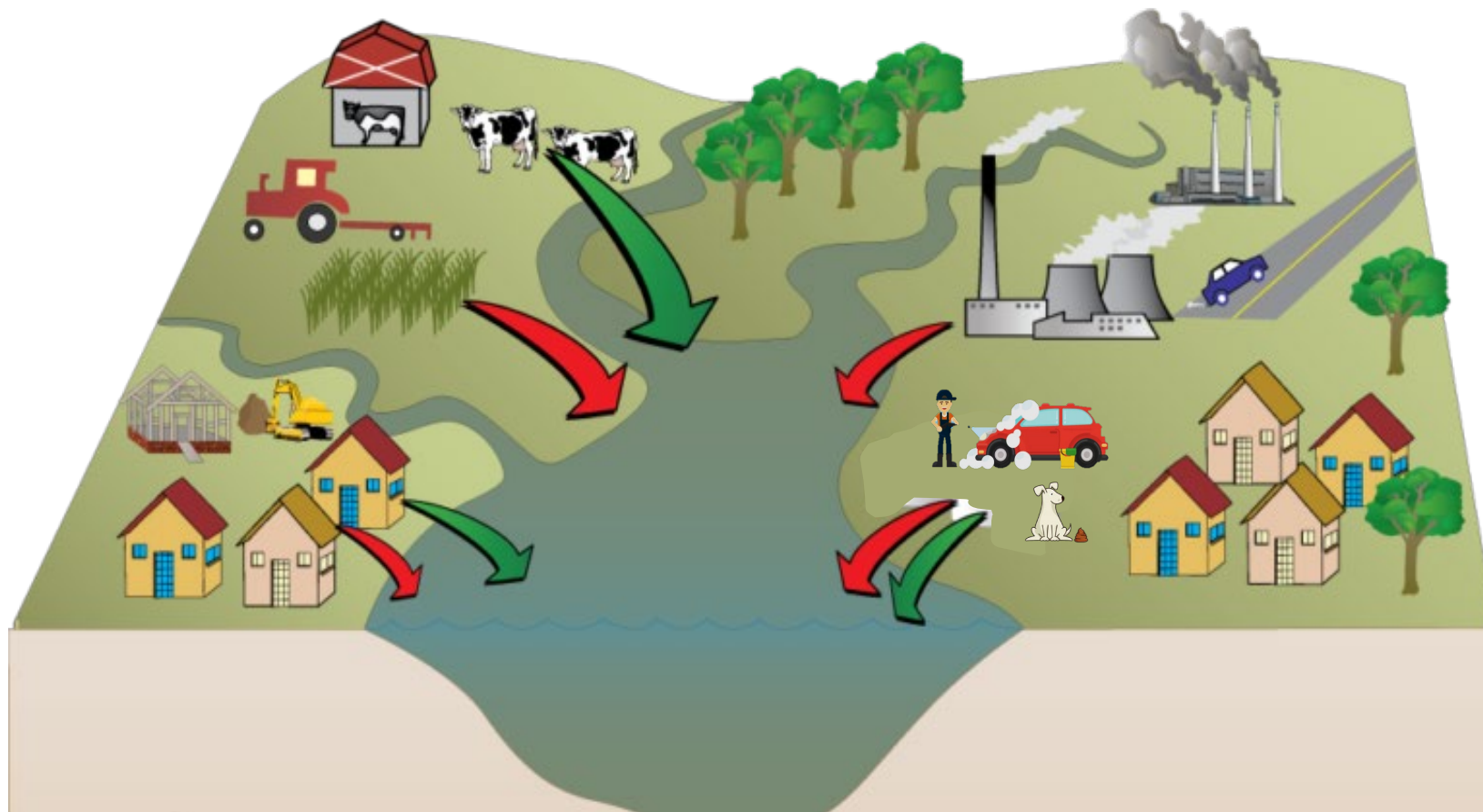
- The renewable resource grants to private entities are available for any water-related project. They promote the conservation, development, and beneficial use of Montana's water resources to secure maximum economic and social prosperity for its citizens.

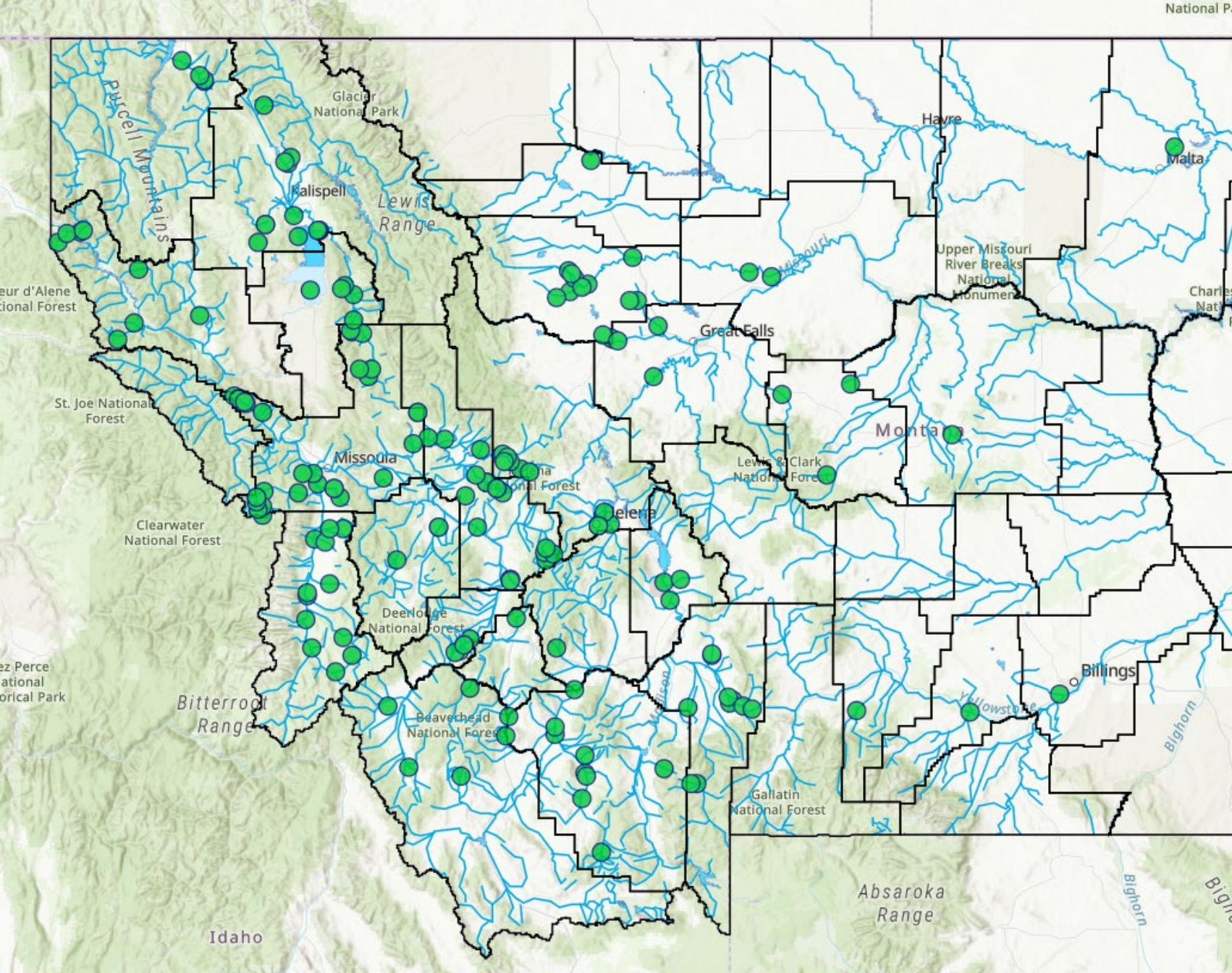




NEW! Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grants \$2,500,000

What is Nonpoint Source Pollution?





DEQ 319 Projects Match

- Est. \$2,000,000 in DEQ 319 grant funds
- DEQ requires 40% non-federal match



Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Projects

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

2017 Montana Nonpoint Source Management Plan

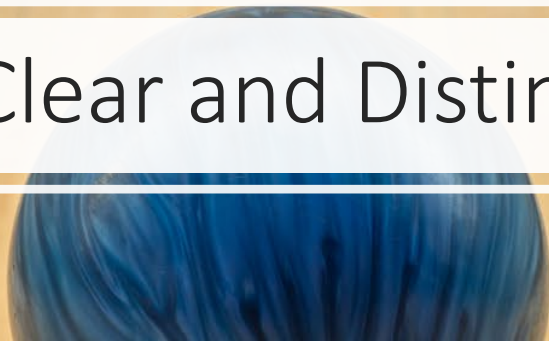


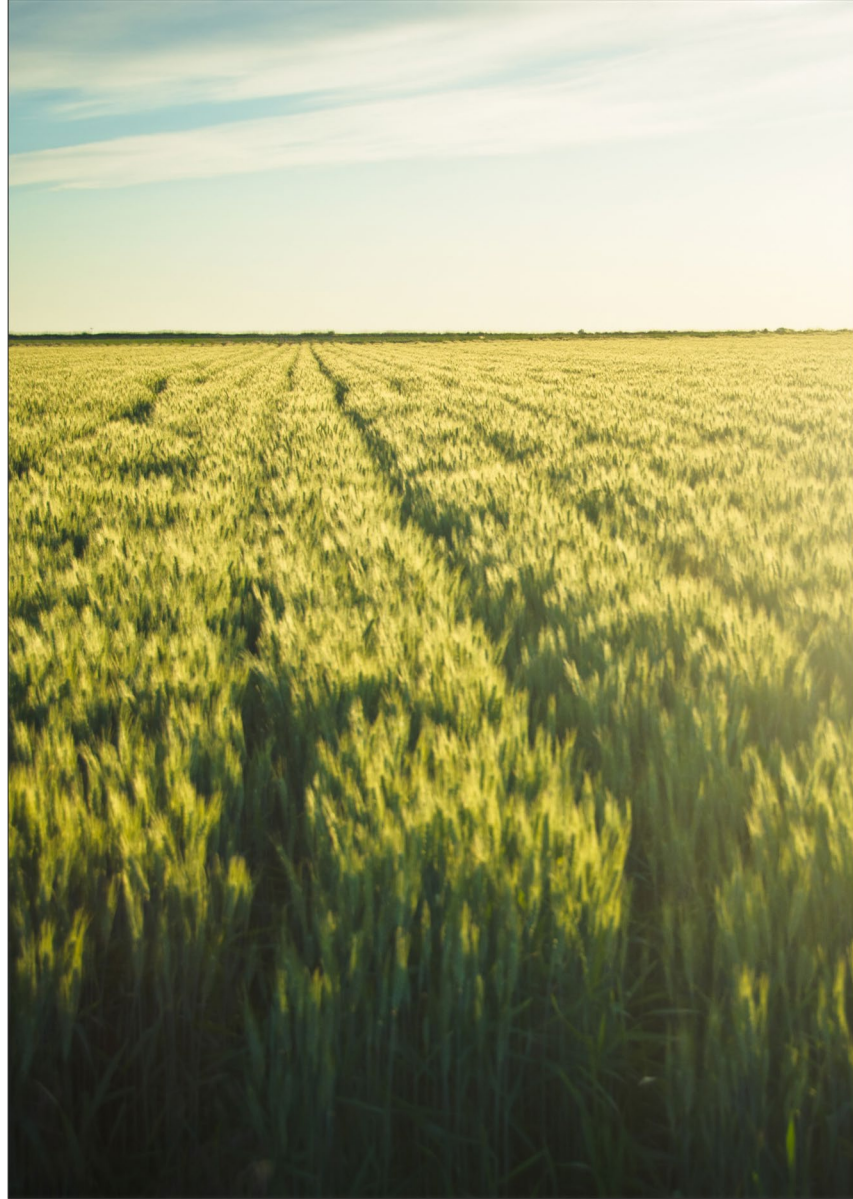
Steve Bullock, Governor
Tom Livers, Director, DEQ





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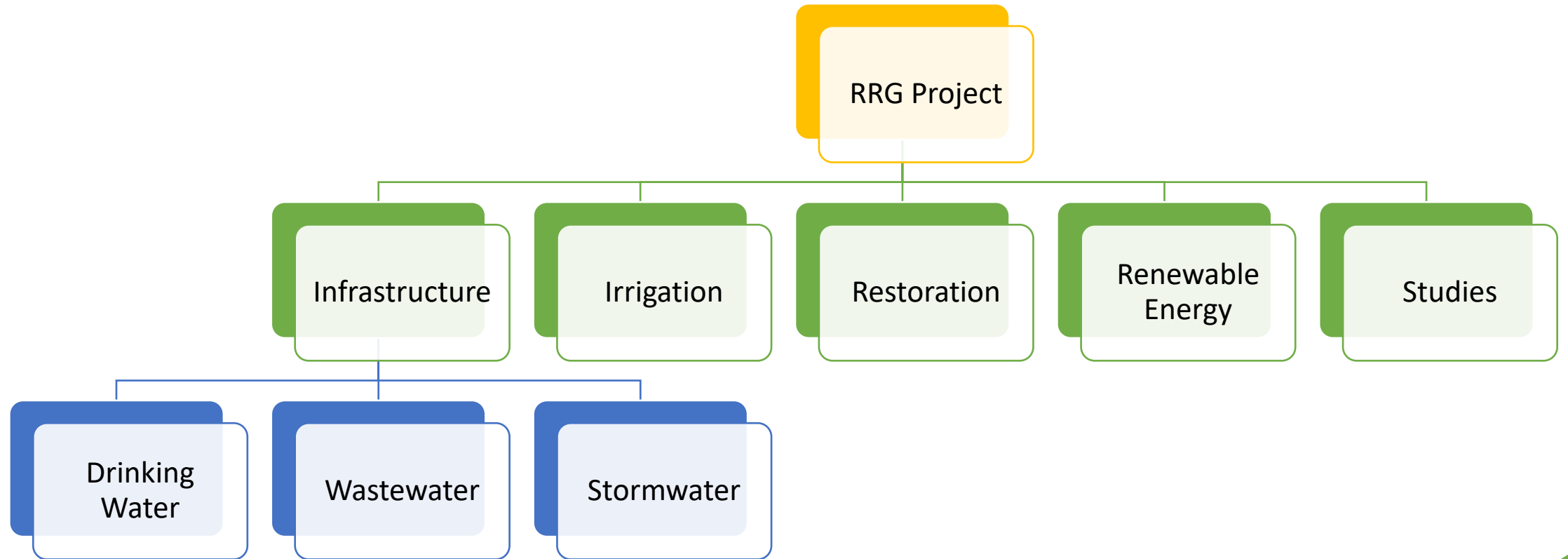
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- RRG Project – Irrigation
- Planning
- Emergency
- Watershed
- Irrigation Development
- Private
- Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction

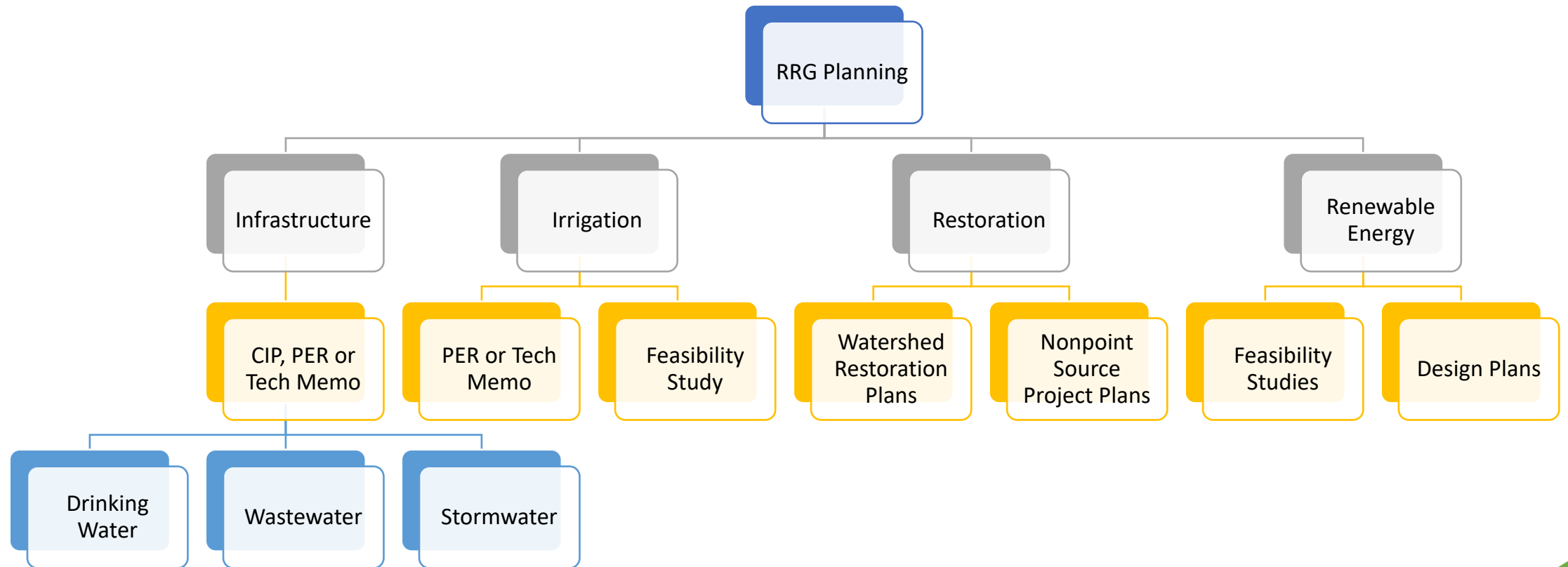
Reclamation Development Grants

- RDG Project
- RDG Planning

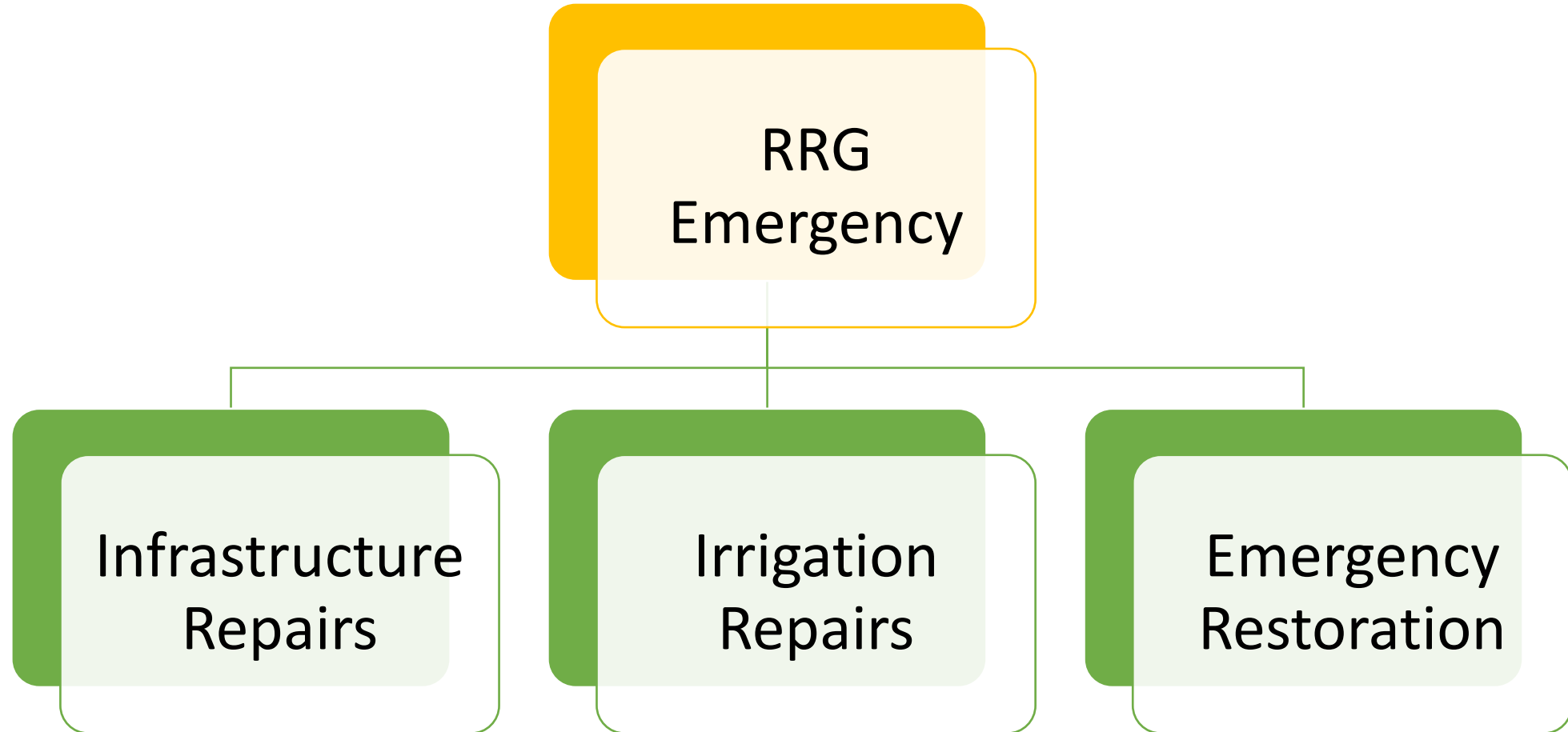
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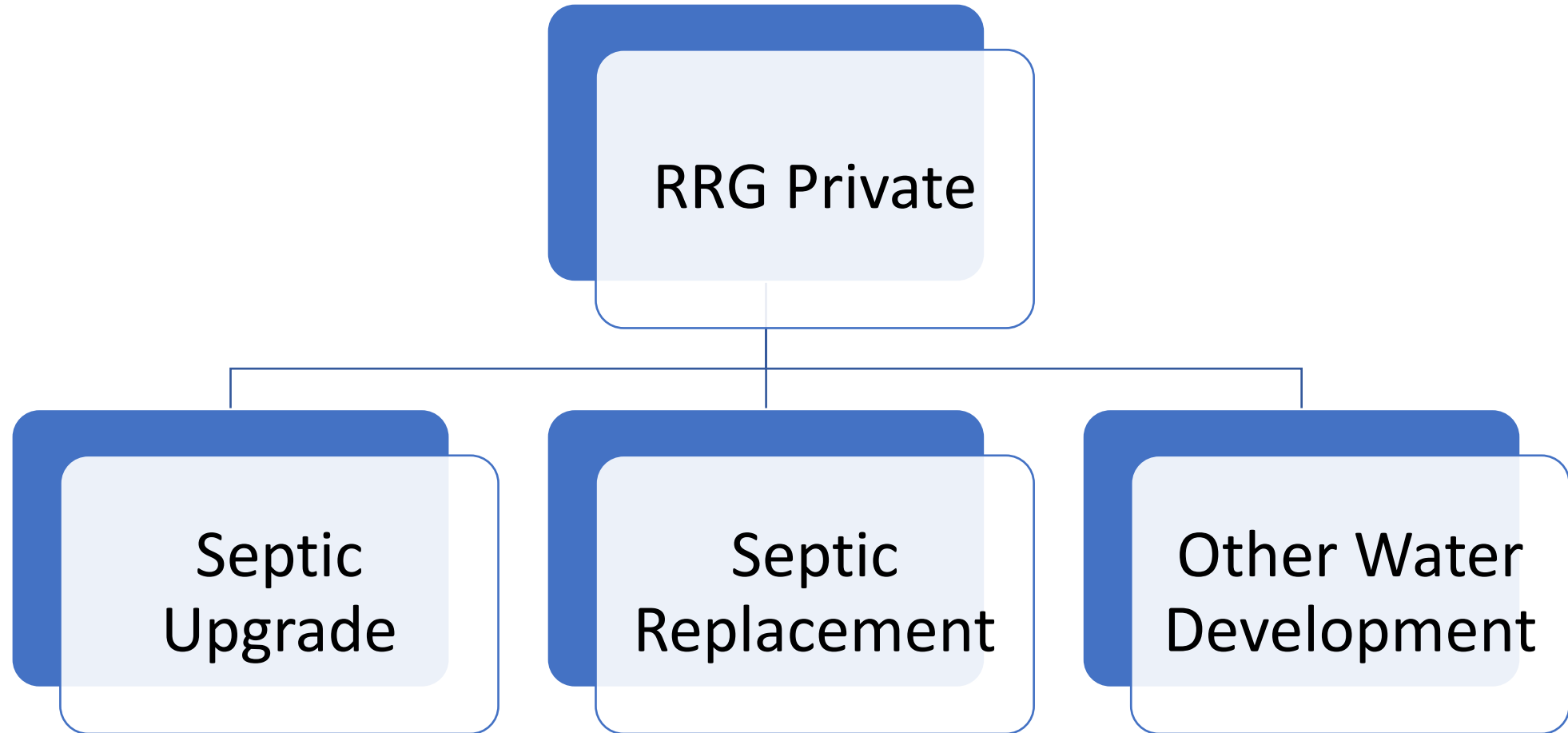
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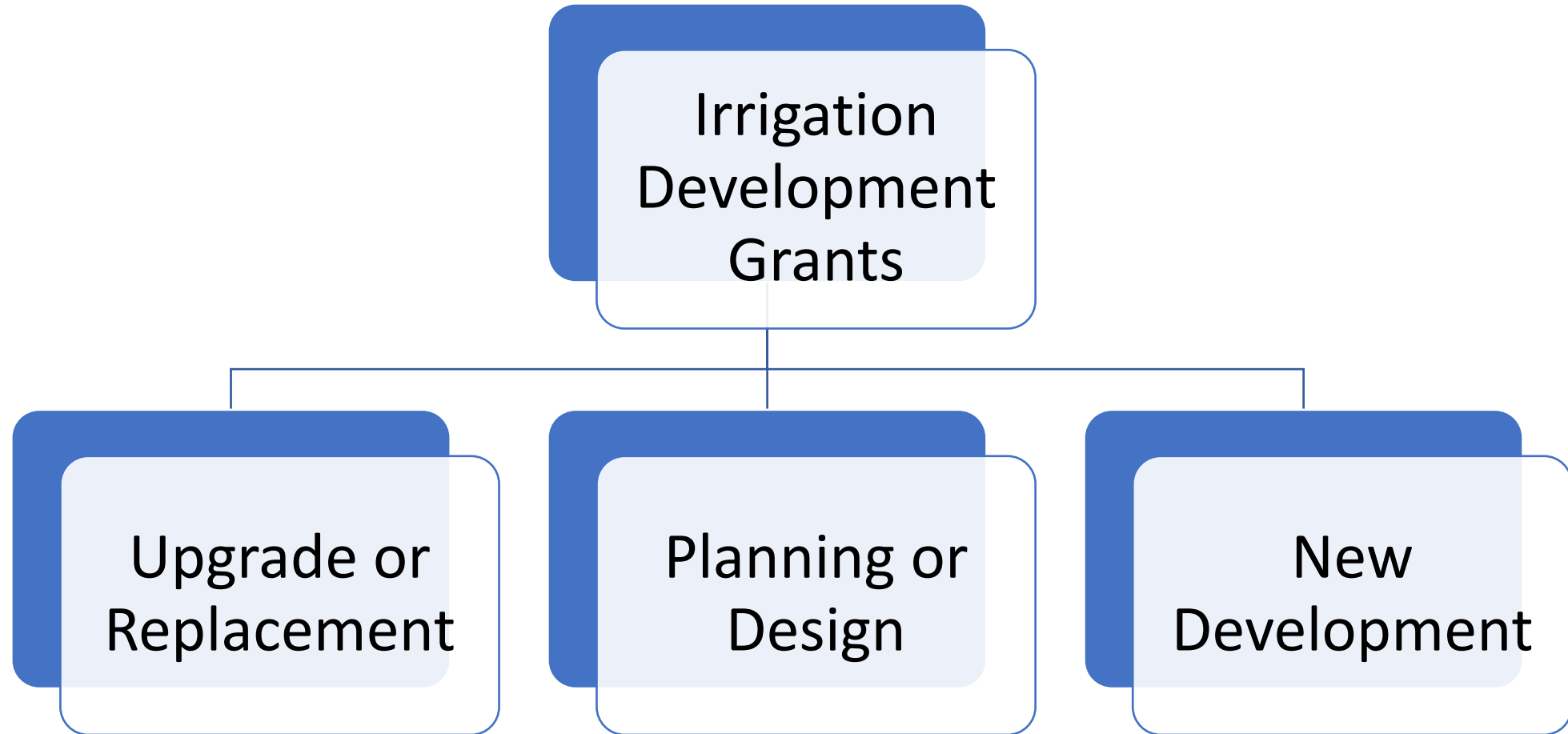
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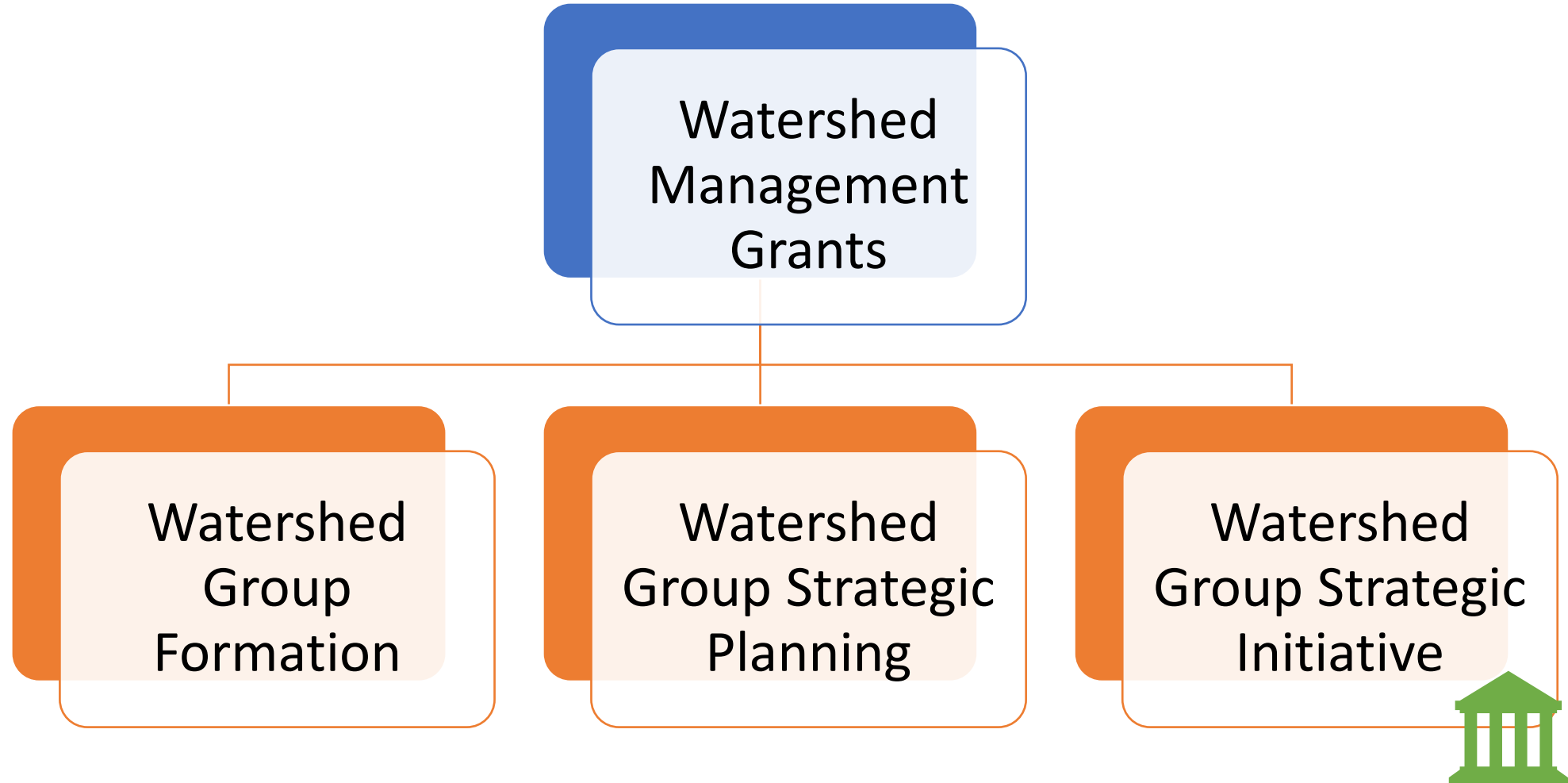
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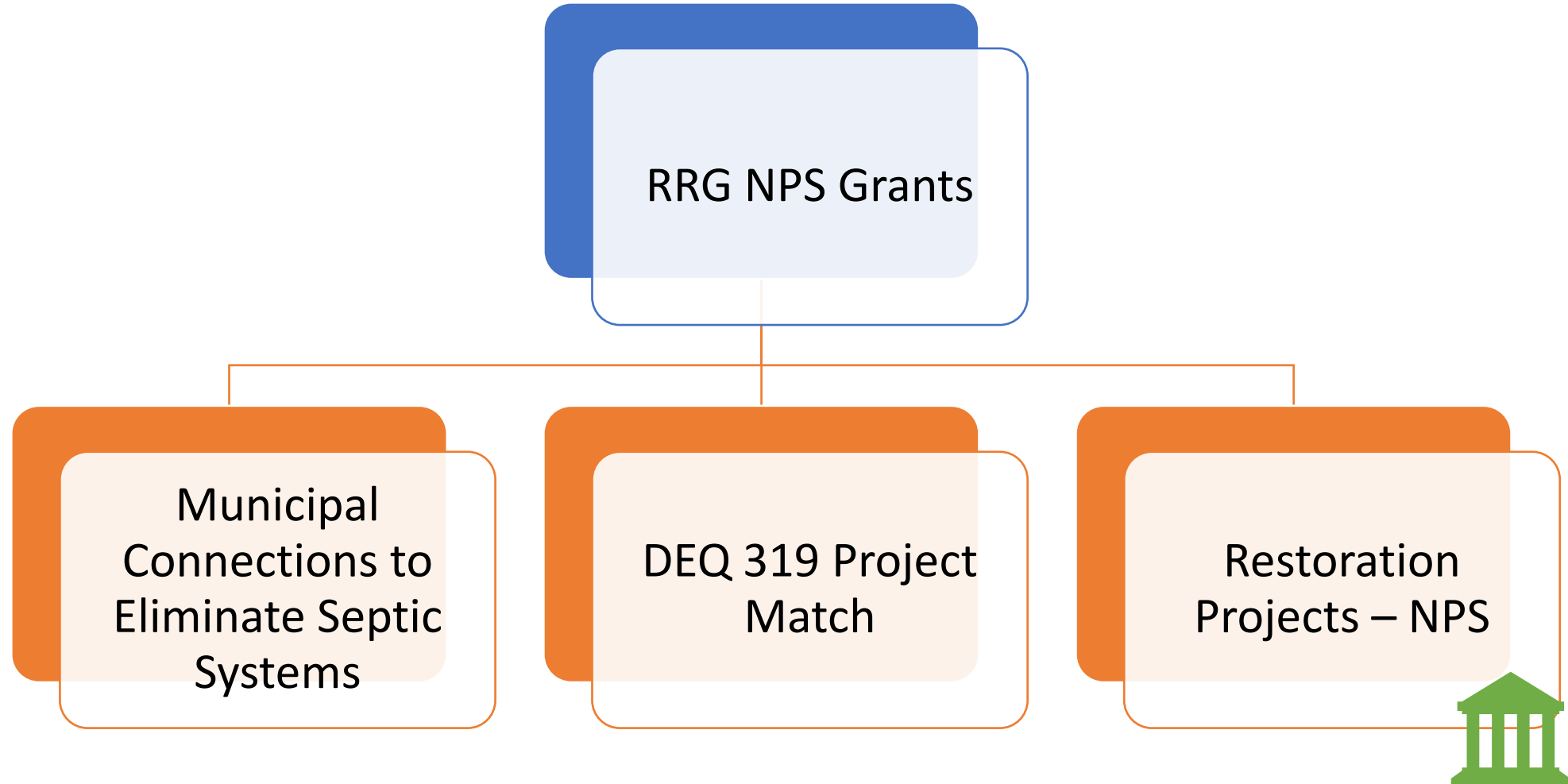
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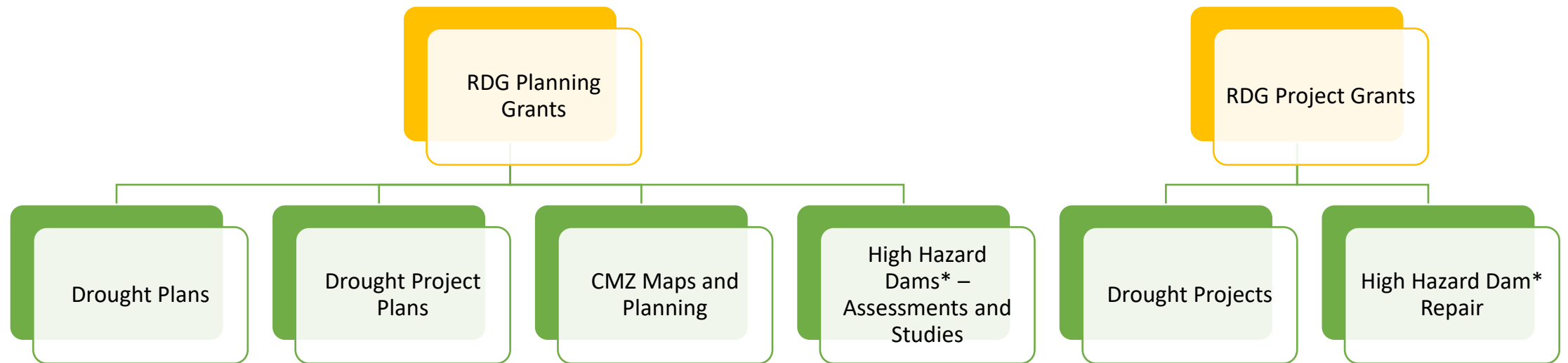
Nonpoint Source and Watershed



Nonpoint Source Pollution Reduction Grants



Reclamation Development Grants “Crucial State Need”



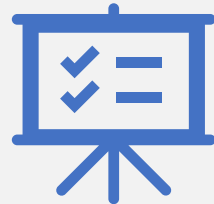
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Infrastructure Breakout

RRG Project Grants

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Thank you!