



CONSERVATION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Renewable Resource Grant Program - RRG

RRG TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GUIDELINES

APPLICATION CYCLE – AT A GLANCE	
Eligible Applicants:	Government entities
Available Assistance:	Professional Engineering Services resulting in a RRG Planning Grant application
FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE:	Funds are available until expended
How to Apply:	Online at https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/

Purpose

The Technical Assistance Program was designed to assist local governments that do not have an established relationship with a professional engineering firm or have not been successful in applying for DNRC planning grant funds in a prior biennium. This technical assistance opportunity must result in the submission of a DNRC Renewable Resource Planning Grant Application.

Eligible Applicants

Only local government entities may apply for technical assistance. Eligible applicants include any division of state government, tribal government, or other county, city, or local political subdivision (see [MCA 85-1-605](#)).

Governmental entities include, but are not limited to:

- Cities
- Towns
- Counties
- Water and/or Sewer Districts
- Conservation Districts
- Irrigation Districts
- School Districts and Universities
- Regional Water Authorities
- State Agencies
- Tribal Government

Ineligible Applicants

Private or non-profit entities are not eligible to apply for funding. Such entities may partner with a recognized local government to apply for this opportunity.

Eligible Application Types

Applications for technical assistance should surround the same eligible project types included in the Renewable Resource Program opportunities. Eligible funding types are specified in [MCA 85-1-602](#).

Technical Assistance opportunities may fund the following types of projects:

- Feasibility, design, research, and resource assessment studies;
- Preparation of construction, rehabilitation, or production plans; and,
- Construction, rehabilitation, production, education, or other implementation effort.

Example Project Types

- Water, Wastewater or Stormwater Infrastructure
- Irrigation Infrastructure
- Dams
- Renewable Energy
- Restoration
- Studies

Application Eligibility

Project eligibility will be determined by the type of community and the type of the project. DNRC will prioritize requests for Technical Assistance from local governments who do not have an established relationship with an engineering firm, or those who have not been successful in applying for DNRC planning grants in the last two years.

Application Approval

If Technical Assistance is approved, DNRC will assign a contracted technical services provider to assist the approved local government with a Renewable Resource Planning Grant Application. DNRC will initiate a task order for professional engineering services with the assigned firm to assist the community in this effort. DNRC will correspond with successful applicants via email and Submittable messaging functions.

Technical Assistance Closeout

DNRC will reimburse the engineering firm directly for their services once a complete Renewable Resource Planning Grant application has been provided to DNRC.

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LEGAL AUTHORITY

Montana Code Annotated:

MCA [Title 85, Chapter 1 Part 6](#)

Administrative Rules of Montana:

ARM [36.17.6](#)