



DNRC Renewable Resource Planning Grants



History/Purpose of Program

- The intent of the program is to provide funding to governmental entities for professional and technical services necessary to produce a high quality RRGL grant application which leads to a project that conserves, manages, develops, or protects Montana's renewable resources.
- Available to any division of state government, tribal government, or other county, city, town, conservation district, irrigation district, water and sewer districts, joint boards of control, and state agencies.
- Funds may be used for:
 - Preliminary Engineering Reports
 - Technical Narratives
 - Feasibility Studies
 - Research
 - Resource Assessment Studies
 - Creating an Irrigation District

Grant Program



Steps to Apply

1. Application cycle opens in July of odd numbered years and subsequent cycles will open if grant funds remain.
2. Must lead to a project that conserves, manages, develops, or protects Montana's renewable resources.

Grant Information

- First application cycle in 2021 is due August 20, 2021
- Maximum funding levels
 - New Preliminary Engineering Reports - \$15,000
 - Updated Preliminary Engineering Reports - \$8,000
 - Technical Narrative - \$15,000
 - Plans or studies - \$8,000
- No Match Required



Planning Grant Materials



Planning grant reference materials can be found at the following links:

- » Planning Grant Application Guidance - [link](#)
- » Planning Grant Application - [link](#)
- » Planning Grant Ranking Guidelines – [link](#)

All applications must be submitted through the online application portal at:

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program/renewable-resource-project-planning-grants>



Planning Grant Ranking Criteria



Planning grants are ranked on the following criteria:

- » A clear description of the problem to be solved. If the problem is not clear the DNRC has the option of rejecting the application or requesting clarification.
- » Applicants will get more points if the project is necessary for regulatory compliance and less points if its not for regulatory compliance.
- » The project will rank higher if it is consistent with the Montana State Water Plan (MCA 85-1-601 and 85-1-602)
- » The project will receive points for the following:
 - 10 points if the project provides conservation benefits to one or more renewable resources
 - 10 points if the project provides management benefits to one or more renewable resources
 - 10 points if the project develops one or more renewable resources
 - 10 points if the project preserves or protects one or more renewable resources
 - 5 points if the project provides health benefits to citizens
 - 5 points if the project provides public safety benefits to citizens
 - 5 points if the project provides an economic benefit to a community
 - 5 points if the project enhances opportunities for resource-based recreation (e.g. public access; hunting and fishing, hiking, boating/floating)



FAQs



- » Can we apply for a planning grant for preliminary engineering/investigation and not apply for an RRGL construction grant later?
- » Can we apply for two planning grants?
- » Is there a cost-share for a planning grant?





Thank you



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