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Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Program	$1.5 Million Annually	Federal	Annual	Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	2 years	Yes	Quarterly & Final	No more frequently than monthly, at least quarterly reimbursement	Rob Rung DEQ/WQPB 406-444-6756 rrung@mt.gov	Yes	10%	No	Governmental entities and Non Profit 501c(3) Organizations (NPO)	60/40 Cost Share. Must be for Water Quality Protection, Improvement or Planning. Four categories of applications: 1. Watershed TMDL Planning 2. Watershed Restoration 3. Groundwater 4. Information & Education
Local Empowerment Grants Program (LEP) MT Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)	$1.5 Million One-Time Allocation	Federal	Varies	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Monthly	Steve Merritt MACD 406-443-5711, smerritt@macdnet.org	No	No	Varies, $50,000 maximum	Conservation Districts, watershed groups	Must be sponsored by a Conservation District.
DEQ/EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Wetland Development Grant	Competitive within Region 8 (typically about $350,000)	Federal	Annual	Approx. Dates Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	2 years	Yes	Task Based	Upon completion of tasks	Lynda Saul, DEQ 406-444-6652, lsaul@mt.gov	25% of Total Project Cost	No	$100,000	State, local governments, universities, nonprofits	Grant purpose is to develop the capacity for State and Local governments to protect their wetland resources. Actual restoration does not qualify. Tribal governments apply directly to EPA.
Mt Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) Future Fisheries	Varies, but about 1.5 Million Annually	State	6 months	January 1 and July 1	Varies	Yes	Final	As bills are submitted	Mark Lere MFWP 406-444-2432, mlere@mt.gov	Yes	No	No	Anyone, but coordination with local fishery biologist recommended	Projects that restore or enhance habitat for naturally reproducing populations of wild fish.
MFWP Living with Wildlife	$65,000 Biennial	State	Varies- Usually every other year	Varies – this year is 6/15/2005	2 years	Yes, but rarely requested	Interim and Final	Half at contract signing. Remainder after receipt and approval of Final Report	Joe Weigand MFWP Field Services 406-444-3065 joweigand@mt.gov	Yes	Allowed- usually incorporated into in-kind match	$5,000 – more if justified and funding is available	Private, NPO's, Local, State, Federal Gov.	Living with Wildlife is a grant program developed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and funded by the Montana Legislature to promote the successful coexistence of people and wildlife in urban and suburban settings. Living with Wildlife will fund projects that emphasize local involvement, partnership approaches, cost sharing, innovation, prevention and proactive solutions to human/ wildlife conflicts.
Conservation Districts Grant Program (223 Grants)	$300,000 annually	State	Four times a year	January/ May/ August/ October (varies)	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis — as often as necessary	Laurie Zeller, DNRC 406-444-6667, lzeller@mt.gov	yes/no	Yes	$15,000, but may exceed if justified	Conservation Districts	50:50 cash match required for irrigation projects and projects over $15,000. Grants may be used for any conservation related activity and must be sponsored by a conservation district.
Conservation District Technical Assistance	$50,000 to $100,000 annually	State	Anytime	Anytime	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis — as often as necessary	Laurie Zeller, DNRC 406-444-6667 lzeller@mt.gov	No	Yes	No Limit	Conservation Districts	Grants may be used for technical assistance necessary to get projects on the ground.
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)/Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant	$300,000 this biennium	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Half upon receipt of draft report, half on receipt of final report	Pam Smith DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6668, pamsmith@mt.gov	Yes	No	$10,000	Governmental Entities	50% cash match required, unless the applicant is a NPO, such as a CD. Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.
DNRC/RRGL Grant	$4 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Varies	No	No	$100,000	Governmental Entities	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.

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DNRC/RRGL Emergency Grants	$100,000 Biennial	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Bob Fischer DNRC/RRGL, 406-444-6668, bfischer@mt.gov	No	No	$30,000	Governmental Entities	Projects that require immediate attention to prevent substantial damage or legal liability. The project cannot be the result of inadequate operation and maintenance.
DNRC/ Reclamation and Development Grants (RDGP) Grant	$4 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Greg Mills DNRC/RDGP 406-444-6668, gmills@mt.gov	No	No	$300,000	Governmental Entities	Projects that reclaim lands damaged by mining; activities that address crucial state needs. Projects must provide benefits in one or more of the following: reclamation, mitigation, and research related to mining and exploration; identification and repair of hazardous waste sites; research to assess existing or potential environmental damage.
DNRC/ Private Grants	$100,000 Biennial	State	Biennial	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Larry Bloxom, DNRC/Private Grants 406-444-6668 lbloxom@mt.gov	No	No	$5,000 or 25% of the total estimated cost of the project	An individual, association, for profit corporation or NPO	Projects relating to water where the quantifiable benefits will exceed the costs.
Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) - Large Grants	$6.5 - $8.5 million annually	State	Annual	March	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229, kcoleman@mt.gov	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	No	Governmental Entities, Private, NPO	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury to natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.
NRDP - Project Development Grants or Small projects	$200,000 annually	State	State	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229 kcoleman@mt.gov	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	$25,000	Governmental Entities, Private, NPO	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury of natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.
DNRC Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant	$144,750 Annually	State	Ongoing	Ongoing	12-16 months	Yes	Monthly or Quarterly/ Final	Varies - based on reimbursable	DNRC/ WPAG 406-444-5234 David Martin damartin@mt.gov	No	10%	$10,000 per Watershed Project	Conservation Districts must be applicants	Planning dollars for broad-based watershed efforts including coordination, assessment and education.
Mt Department of Agriculture (MDA) - Noxious Weed Trust Fund	$1.8 - $2 million annually	State & Federal	Annual	December	Varies	Yes	April 15; October 15	Any time	Kim Johnson MDA 406-444-1517 kijohnson@mt.gov	Yes	3%	No	Anyone, but with a sponsor of a County Weed District, Conservation District, University, or Reservation	50:50 cost share on herbicide and commercial application for noxious weed control; must have at least 3 cooperating adjacent landowners for local cooperative projects; also provides funding for weed education and research projects. Send 1 original grant proposal and 28 copies.
DNRC/ Irrigation Development Grant	$150,000 One-time allocation	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Varies	Pat Riley, DNRC/Irrigation Development 406-247-4413 priley@mt.gov	No		$15,000	Governmental Entities	Grants must be used for the development of new irrigation projects, and activities that increase the value of agriculture for existing irrigated lands.