Criteria

Under State law (Section 90-6-206, MCA) and the Administrative Rules of Montana (Section 8.10.301, ARM), grants must be awarded on the basis of:

Need – what assistance is required to eliminate or reduce a problem that threatens the public's health, safety, or welfare that is the result of coal development or decline?

Severity of impact from coal development or decline – what has been the relative amount of demographic or economic change that is a result of the coal development or decline?

Availability of funds – the weighing of the amount of available Coal Board funds in comparison to the total requests submitted?

Degree of local effort – what other funding sources can the applicant pledge to the project based on the applicant's indebtedness and current taxing efforts, and has the applicant sought out all other reasonable sources of funding to assist with the project?

Planning – does the proposal fit into an overall plan for the orderly management of the existing or contemplated growth problems?

Questions for Grant Applicants

- How is the need for a grant related to impact from coal development or decline?
- Is the need documented to be a high priority project for the community?
- Can you demonstrate community input and support for the project?
- Can you demonstrate how the project will directly meet the stated needs?
- Have other possible sources of funding been seriously explored?
- Is the community's financial commitment demonstrated and secured?
- Is the budget and financial plan for the project realistic, appropriate, and feasible?
- Is a reasonable timeframe established for the completion of the project?
- Questions and requests should be directed to:

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Montana Coal Board
Department of Commerce
Ellen Hanpa, Administrative Officer
(406) 841-2789
Linda Stangland, Program Assistant
(406) 841-2782
301 S Park Avenue
Helena, Montana 59620

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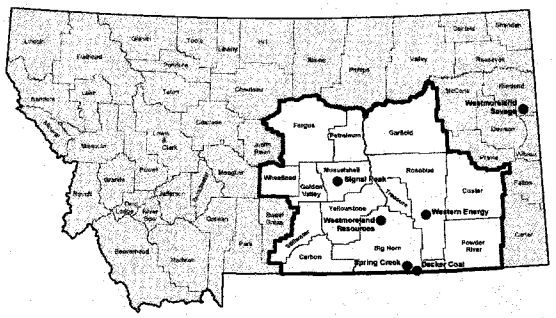
The Montana Coal Board

Assisting Communities Impacted by Coal Development

Major Coal Mines and the Designated Coal Impact Area



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Funding Authorized

Coal Board Grant Dollars Appropriated by the Montana Legislature for:

Fiscal Years 2008-2009...$ 2,000,000

Coal Board grants are funded by Montana's Coal Severance Tax.

Purpose

The Coal Board's purpose is to assist local governmental entities that must provide expanded public services and facilities needed as a consequence of coal development, consumption, or decline. (See Section 90-6-201, MCA.)

Eligibility

Where a coal impact exists, Coal Board grants may be awarded to any:

- City
- Town (incorporated)
- County
- School District
- Special District
- Federally recognized Indian tribe – 7% limit (See Section 90-6-209)
- State agency (See Sections 90-6-206, 207, 208, MCA)

Fifty percent of the funding appropriated for coal impact grants is reserved for governmental units within the designated coal impact area.

Montana Coal Board

Returning coal severance taxes to coal impacted areas.

The seven-member Coal Board meets quarterly to consider applications for coal impact grants. All Board meetings are open to the public. *Public comment on any public matter that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be allowed at all Board meetings. The opportunity for public comment is reflected on the meeting agenda. All comments are included in the official minutes of the meeting.*

Montana Coal Board Members

John Williams, Chair –Colstrip
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Thomas Kalakay – Billings
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Alternative accessible formats of this document will be provided upon request. For further information, please contact the above telephone numbers.

Application Process

1. Applicants can download the Coal Impact application form from the Board's website or request information from the Coal Board staff.

2. Applications are due the first of the month before the scheduled month of the meeting. Applicants can contact staff for assistance with application procedures.

3. Staff, Board members, and other appropriate agencies review the application.

4. The applicant appears at a scheduled meeting and formally presents the proposal to the Board.

5. The Board considers the proposal and votes to either:

- **Approve** the Application
- **Table** the Application and request more information, as needed; or
- **Deny** the Application.

If approved, contract stipulations are established and staff prepares a grant contract.

For copies of application form and other information please visit our website:

http://comdev.mt.gov/CDD_CB.asp

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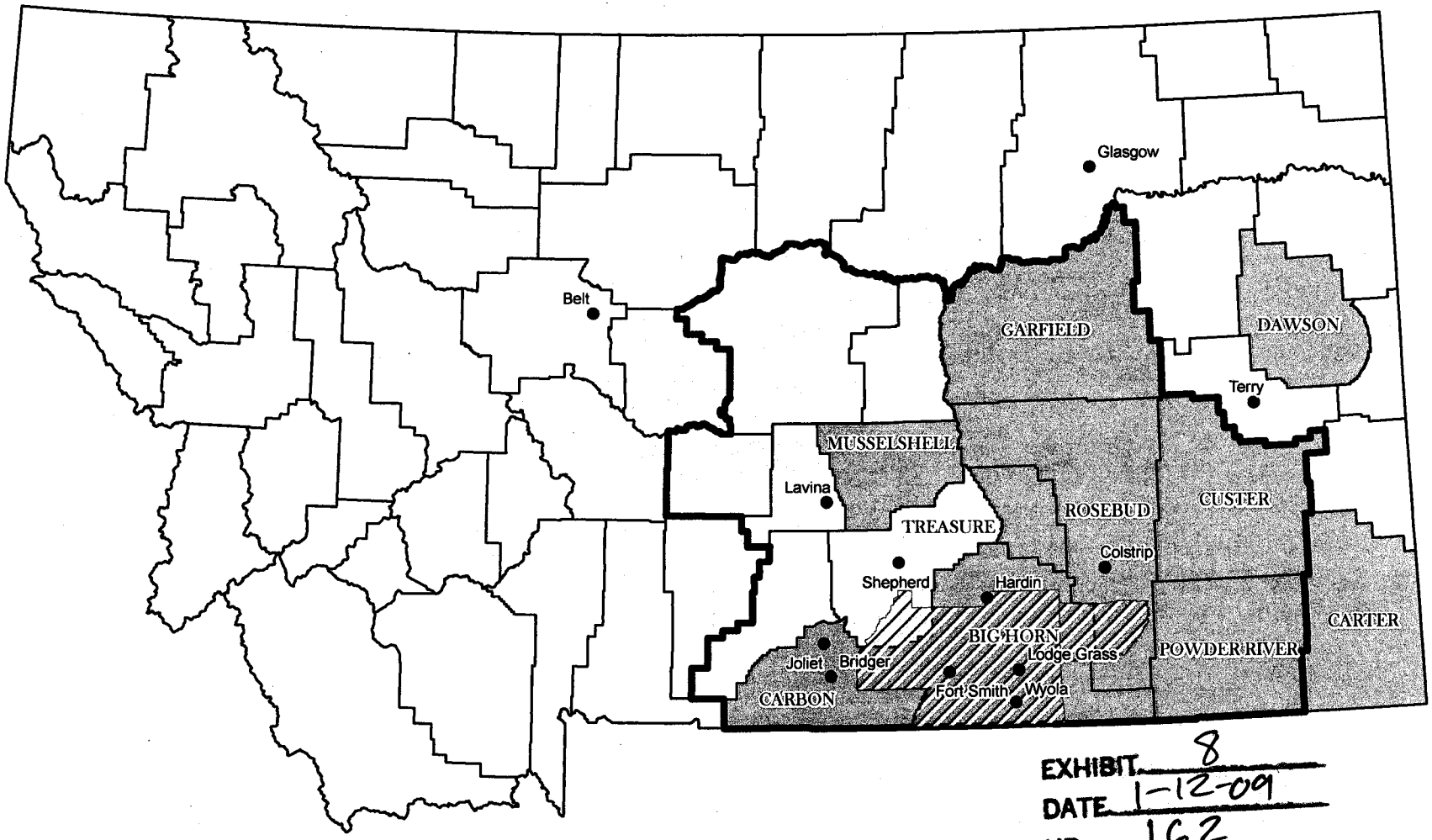

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Montana Department of Commerce
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COAL BOARD GRANTS TO TRIBES

				REQUEST	FUNDED	PERCENT OF PROJECT	TOTAL PROJECT COST
			Northern Cheyenne				
1984	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	243	Community Center@ Lame Deer	$317,500	$317,500	53%	$602,500
1984	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	244	Dull Knife College Dormitory/Student Union	$150,000	$149,768	100%	$149,768
1985	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	280	Tribal Impact Study	$38,000	$38,000	100%	$38,000
1986	Northern Cheyenne	294	Public Television	$33,000	$0		
1986	Northern Cheyenne	299	TV Equipment	$24,000	$0		
1986	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	300	Complete Community Center@ Lame Deer	$48,137	$48,137	100%	$48,137
1993	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	363	Refuse Truck	$24,000	$24,000	100%	$24,000
*2004	Northern Cheyenne Tribe	507	Preliminary Engineering Muddy Cluster Waterline	$243,000	$0		
2005	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Utilities	527	Backhoe	$75,000	$75,000	100%	$75,000
*2008	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Utilities	580	Preliminary Engineering Report Muddy Cluster Waterline	$63,000	$63,000	90%	$70,000
			TOTAL	**$1,015,637**	**$715,405**	**92%**	**$1,007,405**
			Crow Tribe				
2001	Crow Tribe	449	Project Eng. For Water/Sewer System	$59,000	$59,000	100%	$59,000
2007	Crow Tribe	563	Preliminary Engineering Report	$60,000	$60,000	60%	$100,000
2008	Apsaalooke Water and Sewer Commission	577	Backhoe	$65,000	Full Application Pending		
			TOTAL	**$184,000**	**$119,000**	**80%**	**$159,000**

	Total to Tribes since 1977			**$834,405**
	Grand Total since 1977			**$77,549,482**
	Percentage to Tribes since 1977			**1.08%**

*Northern Cheyenne applications for Muddy Cluster

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