

# Treasure State Endowment Regional Water Program



## Purpose

To finance regional drinking water systems that supply water to rural users in large geographical areas. Systems such as the Rocky Boys – North Central project in north central Montana and the Fort Peck-Dry Prairie System in northeastern Montana will provide water for domestic use to rural communities.

## Administrating Agency:

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation,  
Conservation and Resource Development Division

## Approving Authority:

U.S. Congress (for regional water designation and federal funding) and Montana Legislature (for spending authorization)

## Statutory Reference:

Title 90, Chapter 6, Part 7, MCA

## Eligible Applicants:

Congressionally authorized regional water authorities

## Statutory Evaluation Criteria Include:

Construction grants provide a match to federal regional water grants

## Types of Projects:

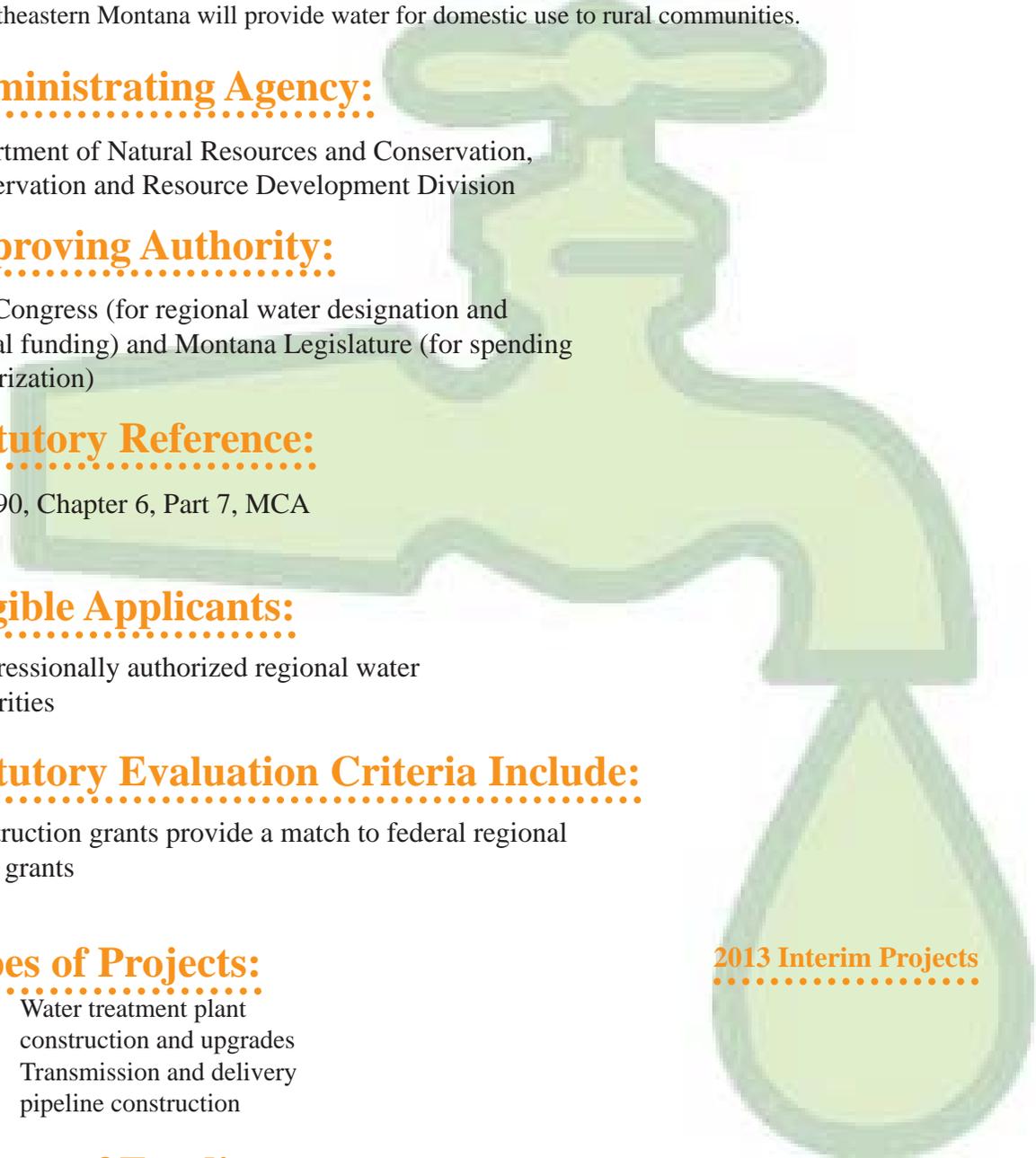
- o Water treatment plant construction and upgrades
- o Transmission and delivery pipeline construction

## 2013 Interim Projects

## Source of Funding:

### Coal Severance Tax Explained

Grant funding for the program is derived from the investment earnings of the Treasure State Endowment Regional Water trust. In the 2013 biennium, total trust earnings were estimated to be \$6.8 million.



## Legislative Appropriations:

In addition to the Department of Natural Resource and Conservation administrative costs, appropriations from the regional water trust funds include administrative costs for the regional water authorities. In the 2013 biennium, approximately \$3.9 million was appropriated for regional water construction grants.

## Grant Limits:

The state share of the match of the total estimated cost of the regional water project.

## Matching Fund Requirements:

The federal government match for each regional water project local dollar is between \$9 and \$12. The local match is split evenly between the state and the local regional water authority, unless hardship is proved. In cases of hardship, the split is 75% for the state and 25% for the regional water authority.

## Application Deadline:

N/A

## General Application Requirements:

Construction grants may only be issued for the state match to federally authorized regional water projects.

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