

## EMERGENCY GRANT REPORT

### MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION-RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BUREAU

**Report Date: November 20, 2013**

**Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program Emergency Grant  
Appropriation for the 2015 Biennium \$100,000**

**Current Appropriation Balance: \$ 83,500**

**City of White Sulphur Springs \$15,000  
Water Treatment Plant Emergency Improvements Project  
July, 2013**

The City of White Sulphur Springs owns and operates a slow sand filter water treatment facility as the primary supply for its municipal water system. Two wells serve as a backup source, but they fail to meet regulatory criteria with regards to the quantities of water they produce.

In June, 2012, a tornado destroyed the structure that housed the slow sand filter system, but the equipment was left undamaged. Since that time, the system has relied upon the backup wells as its water supply. To utilize the wells requires the operation of pumps; electricity to operate the pumps has been a significant additional cost to the community, since the slow sand filter system is gravity fed and requires no electricity to operate.

The City has obtained loan funding to replace the filter building and enable operation of the slow sand filter. This grant will be used to decrease the required loan amount for the \$300,000 project.

**Cascade County \$1,500  
Emergency Water Pump Repair for Windy Acres Subdivision  
August, 2013**

On July 30, 2013, the controls for the primary pump supplying water to Windy Acres Subdivision, located about four miles north of Great Falls, failed. This left the small subdivision (43 users) with total reliance on a secondary pump with limited capacity. The Homeowners' Association associated with the subdivision contacted DNRC with a request for emergency funding to offset the \$1,800 cost of repairs. Because the Homeowners' Association is not a governmental entity, they also contacted Cascade County to support them by applying for grant funding.