

WASTEWATER SYSTEM FUNDING OPTIONS

Multiple funding options at both the federal and state levels exist to help local governments fund wastewater projects. However, private homeowners have few funding programs available. Limited funding is offered for septic replacement, but funding to install a new system is restricted to low-income homeowners with no options to hook up to a sewer system.

The funding options are organized by system and program type.

PRIVATE SYSTEMS

FEDERAL PROGRAM

Program	Eligible Applicants	Type of funding
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) 504 Program	Low-income homeowners with family income below 50% of the area median income	Loans and grants - grants available for those 62 and older who are not able to repay loan

STATE PROGRAM

Program	Eligible Applicants	Type of funding
DNRC Renewable Resource Grants to Private Entities	Individuals, associations, corporations, and non-profits	Grants - may be used for septic tank replacement, emergency water system improvements, and watershed improvements

PUBLIC SYSTEMS

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Program	Eligible Applicants	Type of funding
U.S. Rural Development (USDA)	Counties, municipalities, water/sewer districts, Indian tribes, non-profits	Loans and grants
U.S. Economic Development Administration	Counties, municipalities, Indian tribes, non-profits	Grants
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rural Montana Environmental Infrastructure Program	Public Entities	Grants
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Technical Assistance Programs	States, local governments, Indian tribes	Planning assistance
U.S. Indian Health Service Sanitation Facilities Construction Program	Indian tribes	Grants
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Indian tribes	Safe Drinking Water Act Indian Set Aside Grants

STATE PROGRAMS

Program	Eligible Applicants	Type of funding
DNRC Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program	Government entities	Grants and Loans
DEQ State Revolving Loan Program (Water Pollution & Drinking Water)	Municipalities	Loans
Dept. of Commerce (DOC) Community Development Block Grant Program	Counties, municipalities, (counties may apply on behalf of water/sewer districts and Indian tribes)	Grants
DOC Montana Board of Investments INTERCAP Loan Program	Local government units, special purpose districts, water/sewer districts, Indian tribes	Loans

DOC Treasure State Endowment Program	Counties, municipalities, water, sewer, solid waste districts, Indian tribes	Grants
DNRC Conservation Reclamation & Development Grants	Government agencies (includes Indian tribes)	Grants
DOC Montana Coal Board Grant Program	Counties, municipalities, local gov't units, state agencies, special districts, water/sewer districts, Indian tribes	Grants

TRAINING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Program	Eligible Applicants	Type of Assistance
Midwest Assistance Program	Montana rural communities and tribal nations	Free technical assistance for water, wastewater, and solid waste needs
Montana Rural Water Systems	All public water supply systems	Water & wastewater technical assistance and training