FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR LEAD MITIGATION IN SCHOOLS DRINKING WATER IN MONTANA

Montana Office of Public Instruction (OPI) & Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) - Lead Remediation Reimbursement Program
- All accredited schools and school districts in Montana
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  a. Public Schools
  b. All Public School Districts

- Lead remediation in school’s drinking water (flume replacement or repair, piping, plumbing, and drinking replacement)
- $5,000 per school
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

- School must be participating in the Local School Program and had lead water results of 5 ug/l or greater in a water fixture. Funding is limited and it is on a first come first serve basis.

US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) & Montana DEQ - Lead Sampling & Remediation in Schools Drinking Water Grant (WIIN)
- All Public School Districts
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  a. All public schools participating in the Lead in Schools Program
  b. Awaiting guidance from EPA

- A. Ratio dependent upon project costs
- B. 40 years or life of facility
- NA
- NA
- Annual, including non-filers, with compliance with sections 20-9-502 & 20-9-525, MCA

- Refer to the document titled Use of State Major Maintenance Aid for lead remediation updated on 6/22/2022

- Office of Public Instruction School Finance Division
- 406-841-2770
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US Rural Development - US Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- All accredited schools and school districts in Montana
- Water, Wastewater, Storm, and Solid Waste systems, Water & Solid Waste (Construction, Repairs, Repairs, Planning, Engineering)
- NA
- No
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

- Project must be low or moderate income population. ESSER funds must be spent by 11/10/2022, EPA by 11/10/2021, and at the school board’s discretion.

Montana OPI - State Major Maintenance Aid
- All Public School Districts
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  a. Water, Wastewater, Storm, and Solid Waste Systems
  b. Planning

- NA
- Yes (25%)
- NA
- NA
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Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- All accredited schools and school districts in Montana
- Water, Wastewater, Storm, and Solid Waste systems, Water & Solid Waste (Construction, Repairs, Repairs, Planning, Engineering)
- NA
- Yes
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

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Montana Department of Commerce (DMC) Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- All accredited schools and school districts in Montana
- Water, Wastewater, Storm, and Solid Waste systems, Water & Solid Waste (Construction, Repairs, Repairs, Planning, Engineering)
- NA
- Yes (25%)
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

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Montana Department of Commerce
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  a. Public & Community Facility Grants
  b. Planning Grants

- NA
- Yes (25%)
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

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Montana Department of Commerce
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  a. Public & Community Facility Grants
  b. Planning Grants
  c. Economic Development and Housing Grants (Federal & State)

- NA
- No
- NA
- NA
- Open-cycle

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**Key Programs Specific to Schools**

- Leadership in Schools Program
- Local School Program
- Montana Office of Public Instruction School Finance Division
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality
- Montana Office of Public Instruction School Finance Division
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<td>American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Water &amp; Sewer Grants</td>
<td>a. Local governments including any city, county, consolidated city-county, school district, or other political subdivision of local government body of the state, regional water authority, water district, sewer district, irrigation district, water users association, conservation district, or tribal government b. and c. Counties and certain tribal governments Must be eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund or Clean Water State Revolving Fund and be a necessary investment in water or sewer infrastructure projects c. Eligible entity, eligible project</td>
<td>a. No, but points are added for contribution c. Up to $2,000,000 b. and c. Varies by community – check arpa.mt.gov for amounts</td>
<td>No Applicable</td>
<td>c. Eligible project</td>
<td>a. Applications due January 14, 2022 b. Applications are reviewed monthly, but deadline is January 1, 2023 c. All funds must be spent before end of 2026</td>
<td>Funds are awarded by the governor For more information, visit: arpa.mt.gov</td>
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<td>No cost to schools</td>
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