

# MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT PROGRAM

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### HISTORY

- The Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP) was formerly called the Treasure State Endowment Program
- It was authorized in 1992 through a legislative referendum
- The program is administered by the Montana Department of Commerce

### PURPOSE

- To help fund infrastructure projects and planning

### FUNDING

- The program is funded biennially through legislative action
- The source of funds is Coal Severance Tax interest earnings or bonds
- 2021 Biennium Awards = \$31.2 million
- 2023 Biennium Awards = \$27.7 million

### THREE TYPES OF GRANTS

Construction Grants – See details below and attached timeline

Planning Grants – Accepted on a rolling basis until funds expended

Emergency grants – Accepted on a rolling basis until funds expended

### CONSTRUCTION GRANT DETAILS

#### ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Incorporated cities and towns
- Counties
- Tribal governments
- County or multi-county water, sewer, or solid waste districts
- An authority as defined in 75-6-304, MCA (e.g., regional water authority)

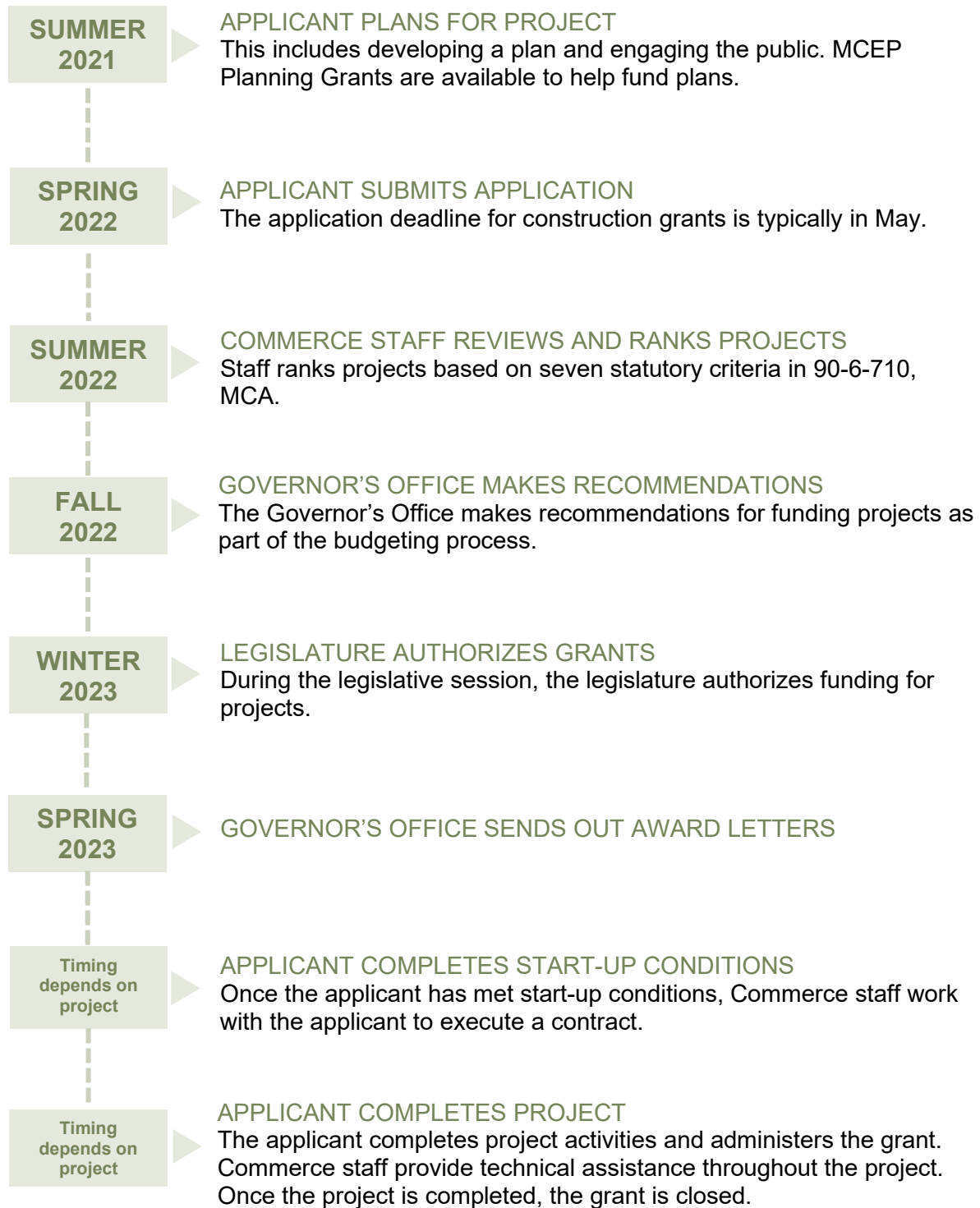
#### ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Drinking water systems
- Wastewater treatment facilities
- Sanitary or storm sewer systems
- Solid waste disposal & separation systems
- Bridges

Maximum grant amount available is \$750,000, \$625,000 or \$500,000 dependent on user rates being charged in the project area. Bridge projects are generally limited to \$500,000.

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## EXAMPLE CONSTRUCTION GRANT TIMELINE



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## TRIBAL GOVERNMENT APPLICATIONS

Tribal Government	Year	Project Name	Amount Awarded	
			Completed	Obligated
Blackfeet Nation	2001	Blackfeet Nation Water System Improvements-PR-2001	\$500,000	
	2018	Blackfeet Nation-Repair Water Main-EG-2013	\$20,000	
Crow Nation	2005	Crow Nation WW System Improvements Crow Agency-PR-2005	\$500,000	
	2008	Crow Nation Crow Agency WW System-PR-2008	\$750,000	
	2009	Crow Nation Water & WW System Improvements-PR-2009	\$750,000	
	2010	Crow Nation WW PER-PL-2010	\$15,000	
	2011	Crow Nation Water System Improvements-PR-2010	\$750,000	
	2015	Crow Nation-Wastewater System Improvements-PR-2014		\$750,000
Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission	2009	N Cheyenne Utilities Commission Water PER-PL-2009	\$15,000	

Tribal Government Applications to MCEP, 1993 – Present

(Source: Projects, Grants, and Loans Database, Montana Department of Commerce)