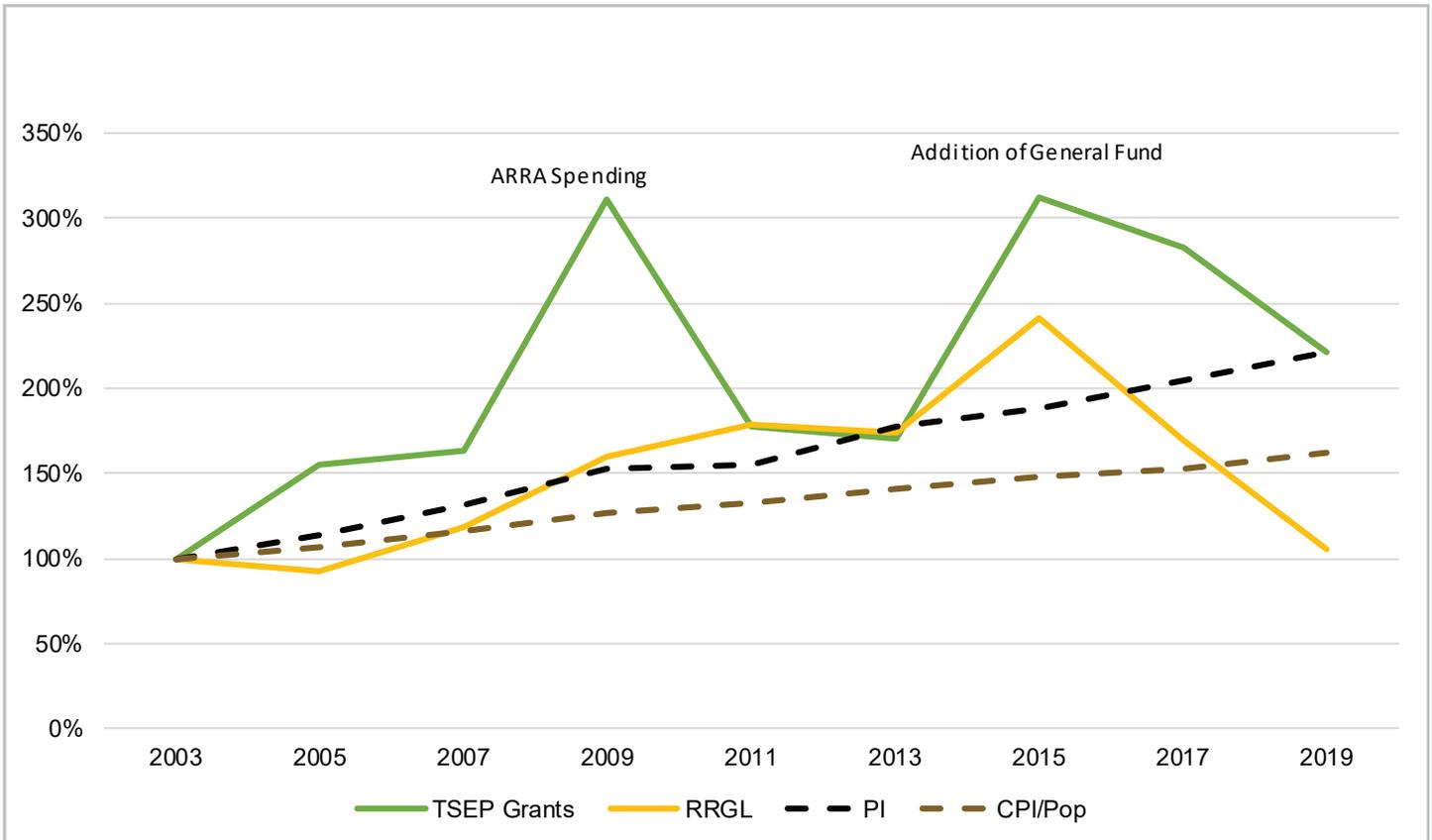


Two programs Montana uses to provide assistance to local governments for infrastructure funding, the **Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)** and the **Renewable Resource Grant Program (RRGL)**, have grown 4% per year since 2003.



This chart shows actual spending and highlights the volatile history of the funding through the programs on a biennial basis related to personal income (PI) and the consumer price index adjusted for population (CPI/POP). Montana statute, 17-8-106, MCA, recommends using growth in personal income for comparison purposes, allowing financial planners to consider past and future demands in services or changes in revenues.

Much of the volatility is related to instances when the legislature provided additional funds for infrastructure, as in the 2009 biennium when there were funding increases related to the federal American Recovery and Relief Act (ARRA) and in the 2015 biennium when program funding was increased through transfers of general fund. There have also been occasions when normal funding was reduced through transfers back to the general fund, as is apparent in the 2019 biennium. The reduction of the program revenues curbed spending during that time.

For additional information, see the LFD report on [State and Local Infrastructure](#).