



RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM - (RDGP)

LONG-RANGE PLANNING RECOMMENDATION - HB 7 – *Do Pass As Amended*

Program Comparison - Reclamation and Development Grant Program - HB 7 and HB 14					Comparison to Executive Request		
Budget Item	Budget 2021 Biennium	Budget 2023 Biennium	Biennium Change	Biennium % Change	LRP Budget 2023 Biennium	Ex Change	Ex % Change
Number of Grants	11	16	5	45.5%	13	(3)	-27.3%
	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Proposed</u>			<u>Proposed</u>		
Grants Cost	\$3,969,000	\$5,802,155	\$1,833,155	46.2%	\$4,598,606	(\$1,203,549)	-30.3%
Other Grants Cost	1,844,778	800,000	(1,044,778)	-56.6%	800,000	0	0.0%
Total Costs	\$5,813,778	\$6,602,155	\$788,377	13.6%	\$5,398,606	(\$1,203,549)	-20.7%
State Special (HB 7)	4,566,778	4,502,833	(63,945)	-1.4%	3,299,284	(1,203,549)	-26.4%
GO Bond Proceeds (HB 14)	1,247,000	2,099,322	852,322	68.3%	2,099,322	0	0.0%
Total Funds	\$5,813,778	\$6,602,155	\$788,377	13.6%	\$5,398,606	(\$1,203,549)	-20.7%

As seen in the figure above, the Long-Range Planning (LRP) Subcommittee recommended a reduction of \$1.2 million to the project appropriation in HB 7. The reduction in appropriation in HB 7 would reduce the total number of grants by 3. The reduction is recommended to correct an imbalance between anticipated revenues and appropriations in the natural resource projects account, which funds HB 7 and HB 6. The RDGP also receives additional project funding in HB 14.

The LRP subcommittee also recommended the elimination of language stating that grants will be funded in priority order, and instead allows grant to receive funding once the recipient meets the program conditions as stated in HB 7. Note: The same change was made in HB 14.

A complete listing of the RDGP grant projects is seen in the figure on the following page.

Reclamation and Development Grants (RDGP) - HB 7 and HB 14
Long-Range Planning Recommendation - 2023 Biennium

Rank	Applicant / Project Description	Project Type	Total Project Cost	Grant Recommended	Cumulative Total
1	Philipsburg, Town of Wastewater Treatment System Improvements, Metals Contaminated Sludge Removal & Disposal	Mining	752,000	429,000	429,000
2	Mineral County Conservation District Flat Creek Dispersed Tailings Removal and Restoration	Mining	1,138,205	219,960	648,960
3	Missoula County Ninemile Creek Placer Mine Reclamation	Mining	893,482	351,000	999,960
4	Harlowton, City of Contaminated Soils and Free Product Removal at the Harlowton Roundhouse in Harlowton, MT Phase 4	Hazardous Waste	1,031,547	500,000	1,499,960
5	Mineral County Interim Remedial Action at Milwaukee Road - Haugan State Superfund Facility	Hazardous Waste	525,206	499,324	1,999,284
6	Powell County Milwaukee Roundhouse Area Remediation - Phase 2	Hazardous Waste	505,000	500,000	2,499,284
Total HB 7 Projects			\$4,845,440	\$2,499,284	
Grants below this line may not be funded in HB 7 if projects receive funding in the listed order					
7	Montana Tech - Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Modernization of Montana's Regional Seismic Network	Crucial State Need	845,250	499,739	2,999,023
8	Montana Department of Environmental Quality Landusky Swift Gulch High Flow Treatment System and Stream Rehabilitation	Mining	416,177	411,199	3,410,222
9	Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection Dist. Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation	Mining	331,676	292,611	3,702,833
Total Potentially Unfunded HB 7 Projects			\$1,593,103	\$1,203,549	
Grants Funded in HB 14					
10	Lewistown, City of Central Post and Treating Company CECRA Facility: Phase II, Capping and Site Reclamation	Hazardous Waste	528,720	500,000	4,202,833
11	Sunburst, Town of Suta South Clean Up	Hazardous Waste	220,600	185,805	4,388,638
12	City and County of Butte-Silver Bow Butte Mining District: Reclamation and Protection - Phase V	Mining	404,470	224,680	4,613,318
13	Ruby Valley Conservation District Granite Creek Reclamation Realignment	Mining	3,486,500	461,500	5,074,818
14	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District Upper French Gulch Fish Passage and Restoration	Mining	219,832	194,832	5,269,650
15	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes Orphaned Oilwell Abandonment and Reclamation	Oil and Gas	503,862	300,000	5,569,650
16	Ryegate, Town of Former Ryegate Conoco Groundwater Remediation	Hazardous Waste	235,474	232,505	5,802,155
Total HB 14 Projects			\$5,599,458	\$2,099,322	
Total R&D Grants Recommended			\$10,444,898	\$4,598,606	