

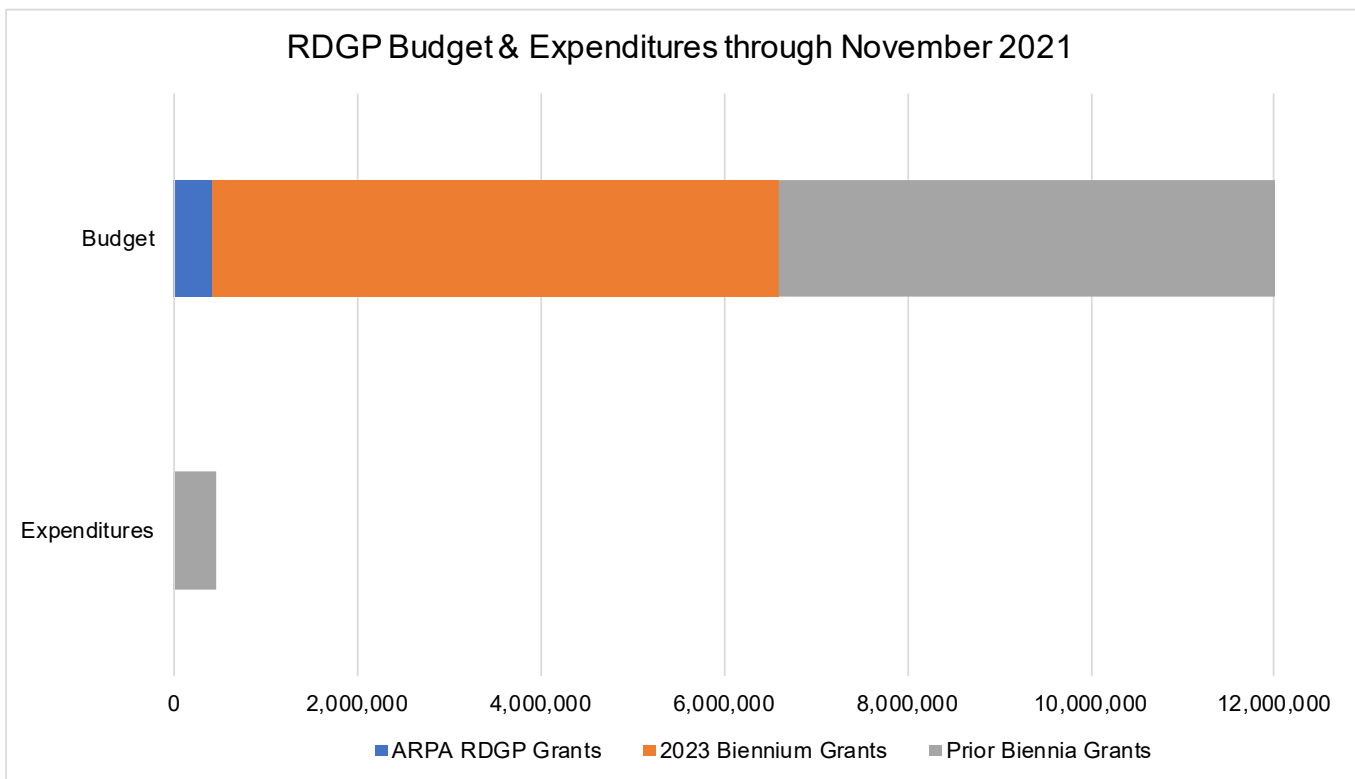
RECLAMATION & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Reclamation and Development Grants Program (RDGP) is designed to fund projects that, “...indemnify the people of the state for the effects of mineral development on public resources and that meet other crucial state needs serving the public interest and the total environment of the citizens of Montana (90-2-1102, MCA).” The program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC).

BUDGET & EXPENDITURE

The following chart and table show RDGP 2023 biennium budget and expenditure for FY 2022 through November 2021.



RDGP Budget and Expenditures through November 30, 2021					
Item	Appropriations	Expenditures	Balance	% Expended	
2023 Biennium Project Grants - HB 7&14	5,373,155	-	5,373,155	0%	
2023 Biennium Project Planning Grants - HB 7	800,000	-	800,000	0%	
ARPA RDGP Grants	429,000	-	429,000	0%	
Prior Biennia Grants - HB 7	5,452,304	452,806	4,999,498	8%	
Total Appropriations/Expenditures	12,054,459	452,806	11,601,653	4%	

Approximately \$5.4 million was appropriated in the 2023 biennium for 16 RDGP project grants authorized in HB 7 and HB 14. An additional \$800,000 was budgeted for planning grants in HB 7. Under HB 632, \$429,000 was budgeted for RDGP grants to be funded by federal ARPA funds. There are no expenditures from the 2023 biennium budget to date.

About \$5.5 million of the budget was established for grants authorized in prior biennia. \$4.9 million of that budget is for grants authorized under HB 7 in prior biennia. Of that budget, \$429,000 has been expended in FY 2022, \$362,000 has been expended for project grants, and \$67,000 has expended for prior biennia planning grants. From the remainder, \$540,000 of the prior biennia budget was established for project grants authorized under HB 652 by the 66th legislature for the 2021 biennium for local infrastructure grants. \$24,000 of that budget has been expended in FY 2022 through November of 2021.

FUND BALANCE

The following chart shows the projected fund balance for the Natural Resource Project Account, based on 2021 biennium actuals and 2023 biennium projections.

Natural Resource Project Account Fund Balance Analysis - 2023 Biennium					
Account 02577					
	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Projected	FY 2023 Projected	2023 Biennium Total
Available Balance	\$10,242,619	\$9,376,853	\$9,710,996	\$400,552	\$9,710,996
Revenue Projections ¹					
RIT Interest Earnings	2,176,299	2,812,419	1,914,606	2,293,628	4,208,234
Resource Indemnity & Groundwater	804,083	679,719	573,704	512,938	1,086,642
Oil and Gas Tax	921,370	893,548	1,061,999	977,543	2,039,542
Other Revenues	96,335	97,978	0	0	0
HB 14 GF Transfer	0	0	2,099,322	0	2,099,322
Total Revenues	3,998,087	4,483,664	5,649,631	3,784,109	9,433,739
RRGL Appropriations - HB 6					
Other Grants	599,266	805,869	0	0	0
Prior Biennia	2,480,645	1,947,905	3,374,254	0	3,374,254
2023 Biennium Grants	0	0	500,000	0	500,000
Total RRGL Expenditures/Appropriations	3,079,911	2,753,774	3,874,254	0	3,874,254
RDGP Appropriations - HB 7					
Other Grants	32,518	285,496	800,000	0	800,000
Prior Biennia	1,751,423	1,110,535	4,912,666	0	4,912,666
2023 Biennium Grants	0	0	5,373,155	0	5,373,155
Total RDGP Expenditures/Appropriations	1,783,941	1,396,031	11,085,821	0	11,085,821
Total Expenditures/Appropriations	4,863,852	4,149,521	14,960,075	0	14,960,075
Estimated Ending Fund Balance	\$9,376,854	\$9,710,996	\$400,552	\$4,184,661	\$4,184,661
¹ HJ 2 projections					

Because grants for both RRGL and RDGP are appropriated from the Natural Resources Project Account, both are included in the table to show the fund balance for the account. Revenues for the account came in slightly lower than expected in HJ 2 in FY 2021 by about \$127,000. Revenue projections for the 2023 biennium are from HJ 2. Prior biennia expenditures in FY 2021 for RDGP were about \$1.1 million, which was lower than originally anticipated.

The projected ending fund balance at the end of the 2023 biennium is approximately \$4.2 million.