

APPENDIX E
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Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) 319 Program	\$1.5 Million Annually	Federal	Annual	Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	2yrs	Yes	Quarterly & Final	no more frequently than monthly, at least quarterly Reimbursement	Rob Rung DEQ/WQPB 406-444-6756 rrung@mt.gov	Yes	10%	No	Governmental Entities and Non Profit Organizations 501c(3)	60/40 Cost Share. Must be for Water Quality Protection, Improvement or Planning. 4 Categories of applications: 1. Watershed TMDL Planning 2. Watershed Restoration 3. Groundwater 4. Information & Education.
DEQ/EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Wetland Development Grant	Competitive w/in Region 8 (typically about \$350,000 annually)	Federal	Annual-Winter	Approx. Dates Draft 10/1 Final 12/1	Varies	Yes	Task Based	Upon completion of Tasks	Lynda Saul, DEQ 406-444-6652 lsaul@mt.gov	25% of Total Project Cost	Allowed-usually incorporated into in-kind match	\$100,000	State, local governments, universities, nonprofits	Grant purpose is to develop the capacity for State and Local governments to protect their wetland resources. Actual restoration does not qualify. Tribal governments apply directly to EPA.
DEQ Water Pollution Control State Revolving Fund (WPCSRF) Loan Program	Approximately \$8 Million annually	Federal and State	Open-final approval of engineering review must occur prior to review and approval of application	Varies	Varies	Yes	DEQ repots annually to EPA	Loan repayment period: Payment schedules of 20 years or less; up to 3 years for interim financing	Paul LaVigne,DEQ 406-444-5321 plavigne@mt.gov	No	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown	Municipalities (any state agency, city town or other public body created pursuant to state law) for wastewater projects municipalities and private entities for nonpoint source projects	Wastewater projects including: system rehabilitation, interceptors, treatment facilities, outfall sewers, infiltration & inflow, lagoons, separation of storm sewers, storm sewers; nonpoint source projects including: certain solid waste projects as per 2000 amendments. Ranking criteria: Impairment of water uses, extent project will restore water quality, public health improvement and readiness to proceed. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated.
DEQ Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program	Approximately \$8 Million annually	Federal and State	Open-final approval of engineering review must occur prior to review and approval of application	Varies	Varies	Yes	DEQ repots annually to EPA	Loan repayment period: Payment schedules of 20 years or less; qualifying disadvantaged communities are eligible for loan terms of up to 30 years and term cannot exceed the design life of the project or up to 3 years for interim financing	Mark Smith,DEQ 406-444-5325 marks@mt.gov	No	No	100% of eligible project costs can be borrowed-planning costs covered; ability to repay loan must be shown	All community public water systems owned by private persons or municipalities and nonprofit noncommunity water systems (qualifying as a tax-exempt organization per IRS code (section 501(c)(3) and organized under Montana Law)	Drinking water project which achieve or maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act. Ranking criteria: Protect public health, comply with Federal Safe Drinking Water Act, affordability of the system. All projects anticipating the use of SRF funding must be included on the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan for the fiscal year in which funding is anticipated. Adequate technical, financial and managerial resources to maintain compliance with the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Local Empowerment Grants Program (LEP) MT Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)	\$1.5 Million One-Time Allocation	Federal	Varies	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Monthly	Steve Merritt, MACD, 406-443-5711	No	No	Varies, \$50,000 maximum/group	CDs, watershed groups	Must be sponsored by a CD.
MT Fish, Wildlife and Parks (MFWP) Future Fisheries	Varies, but about \$750,000 Annually	State	6 months	Jan 1 and July 1	Varies	Yes	Final	As bills are submitted	Mark Lere 406-444-2432	Yes	No	No	Anyone, but coordination with local fishery biologist recommended	Projects that restore or enhance habitat for naturally reproducing populations of wild fish.
MFWP Living with Wildlife	\$65,000 Biennial	State	Varies- Usually every other year	Varies-this year is 6/15	2 yrs	Yes, usually not warranted- grant funds are used up quickly and people want their final check.	Interim and Final	Half at contract signing. Remainder after receipt and approval of Final Report	Joe Weigand FWP- Field Services 406-444-3065 joweigand@mt.gov	Yes	Allowed-usually incorporated into in-kind match	\$5,000-more if justified and funding is available.	Private, NPO's, Local, State, Federal Gov.	Living with Wildlife is a grant program developed by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and funded by the Montana Legislature to promote the successful coexistence of people and wildlife in urban and suburban settings. Living with Wildlife will fund projects that emphasize local involvement, partnership approaches, cost sharing, innovation, prevention and proactive solutions to human/wildlife conflicts.
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)/Conservation Districts Grant Program (223 Grants)	\$300,000 annually	State	Four times a year	January/ May/ August/ October (varies)	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis -- as often as necessary	Laurie Zeller, DNRC, 406-444-6667, lzeller@mt.gov	yes/no	yes	\$15,000, but may exceed if justified	Conservation Districts	50:50 cash match required for irrigation projects and projects over \$15,000. Grants may be used for any conservation related activity and must be sponsored by a conservation district.
DNRC/Conservation District Technical Assistance	\$50,000 to \$100,000 annually	State	Anytime	Anytime	Mostly 1 year, depends on project	Yes	With payment request & Final	Reimbursement basis -- as often as necessary	Laurie Zeller, DNRC, 406-444-6667, lzeller@mt.gov	no	yes	No limit	Conservation Districts	Grants may be used for technical assistance necessary to get projects on the ground.
DNRC/Irrigation Development Grant	\$150,000 One-time allocation	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Varies	DNRC/Irrigation Development Pat Riley, 406-247-4413	No		\$15,000	Governmental Entities	Grants must be used for the development of new irrigation projects, and activities that increase the value of agriculture for existing irrigated lands.
DNRC/Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program (RRGL) Planning Grant	300,000 this biennium	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	half upon receipt of draft report, half on receipt of final report	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6668, Pam Smith pamsmith@mt.gov	Yes	No	\$10,000	Governmental Entities	50% cash match required, unless the applicant is a non-revenue producing entity, such as a CD. Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.

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DNRC/RRGL Grant	\$4 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6668, Pam Smith pamsmith@mt.gov	No	No	\$100,000	Governmental Entities	Must be for the conservation, management, development or protection of a renewable resource in Montana.
DNRC/RRGL Emergency Grants	\$100,000 Biennial	State	Biannual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	DNRC/RRGL 406-444-6688, Bob Fischer rfischer@mt.gov	No	No	\$30,000	Governmental Entities	Projects that require immediate attention to prevent substantial damage or legal liability. The project cannot be the result of inadequate operation and maintenance.
DNRC/Reclamation and Development Grants (RDGP) Grant	\$4 Million Biennial	State	Biennial	May 15th even numbered years	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	DNRC/RDGP 406-444-6668, Greg Mills gmills@mt.gov	No	No	\$300,000	Governmental Entities	Projects that reclaim lands damaged by mining; activities that address crucial state needs. Projects must provide benefits in one or more of the following: reclamation, mitigation, and research related to mining and exploration; identification and repair of hazardous waste sites; research to assess existing or potential environmental damage.
DNRC/Private Grants	\$100,000 Biennial	State	Biennial	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	DNRC/Private Grants 406-444-6668, Larry Bloxom, lbloxom@mt.gov	No	No	\$5,000 or 25% of the total estimated cost of the project	An individual, association, for-profit corporation or not-for profit corporation	Projects relating to water where the quantifiable benefits will exceed the costs.
DNRC/Watershed Planning and Assistance Grant	\$144,750 Annually -	State	On-going	Ongoing	12-16 months	Yes	Monthly or Quarterly/Final	Varies - based on reimbursable	DNRC/ WPAG, 406-444-5234 David Martin , damartin@mt.gov	No	10%	\$10,000 per Watershed Project	Conservation Districts must be applicants	Planning Dollars for broad- based watershed efforts including coordination, assessment and education.
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Fuels for Schools and Beyond	Varies Yearly	Federal	Varies	February	Varies	Yes	Yes--varied schedule	As work is completed & documented	Angela Farr, 406-542-4239, afarr@mt.gov	Federal max - 35%	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Up to \$400,000 but no more than 35% of the total project cost for converting existing facilities to biomass heat or no more than 25% of the additional cost of incorporating biomass heat into new construction	Schools or other public or non-profit institutions in communities in Montana	The program will provide funds toward the design, purchase and installation of a new biomass boiler system and a chip or pellet storage facility. The program does not cover the cost of renovation or refurbishment of existing heat distribution systems. The Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) reserves the right to offer a different grant amount than proposed by applicants.

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DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Arbor Day	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - February, Project - June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	An additional 35% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	\$400 for communities with Tree City USA designation since at least 2005. \$150 for non-designated communities.	City, town, county, & tribal governments & other not-for-profit organizations interested in celebrating Arbor Day and increasing awareness of planting trees in the urban landscape	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Tree City USA	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - Open Project - June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	An additional 35% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum award \$500.	Incorporated city, town, tribal, or county governments newly designated as a Tree City USA community	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Urban & Community Forestry Grant	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	App - February Project completion by June	Varies	Yes	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	An additional 100% of award	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Varies	City, town, county, and tribal governments interested in conducting an urban forestry project e.g., tree/vegetation inventory; writing an urban forest mgmt plan based upon a tree inventory; writing a city/county approved tree ordinance; or conducting a tree planting project	All projects must be done on publicly owned land.

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DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - AMTOP Scholarships	Varies Yearly	Federal	Yearly	Prior to conference dates (Jan./Feb.).	Just for conference	No	Upon project completion- With request for payment	Reimbursement basis: After documented expenses are reported	Kelley Gundale, 406-542-4284, kgundale@mt.gov	No	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No	Professionals and members of community tree boards who could benefit from attending the Conference of the Association of Montana Turf & Ornamental Professionals	Tree care professional or member of municipal tree board (for registration costs only).
DNRC/Forestry Assistance Bureau - Forest Pest Management	Varies Yearly	Federal	Varies	Varies	Varies	Yes	Quarterly	Reimbursement upon receipt of documentation	Amy Kearney, 406-542-4283, akearney@mt.gov	50 - 50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No	Private and state land managers interested in conducting forest management activities that reduce the susceptibility to, and impact of, bark beetles	Grant requirements vary.
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - National Fire Plan	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	August-September	1-2 years	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	Paula Rosenthal, 406-542-4235, prosenthal@mt.gov	50-50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	Maximum request is \$300,000.	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Grant is federally funded under the Western State Fire Managers Wildland Urban Interface Grant Program, subject to the provisions thereof. Funds available for fuels mitigation, planning, education, homeowner action.
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Hazardous Fuels Reduction	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	May	1-2 years	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Reimbursement on basis of actual cost	Paula Rosenthal, 406-542-4235, prosenthal@mt.gov	50-50	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No	Communities, Homeowner Assns., Fire Depts., RC&Ds, CD's	Grant is federally funded under the State Fire Assistance Community Protection Program. Funds fuel mitigation on non-federal lands adjacent to federal lands scheduled for treatments that incorporate fire on the landscape.
DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Volunteer Fire Assistance	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Funds transferred at completion of projects	Doug Williams, 406-622-5455, dwilliams4@mt.gov	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No	Fire Service Organizations that serve communities with a population under 10,000	Smaller communities can join for a combined effort (staying under 10,000). Costs associated with projects prior to project approval are not normally eligible. Projects: Fire protection and Organization, Fire Training, Fire Equipment, Fire Prevention, Wildland PPE.

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DNRC/Fire & Aviation Management Bureau - Rural Fire Assistance	Varies Yearly	Federal	Annual	March	6 months	Yes	Quarterly	Funds transferred at completion of projects	Doug Williams, 406-622-5455, dwilliams4@mt.gov	90 - 10 (10% match required)	No set stipulations for DNRC grants	No	Fire Service Organizations serving communities with a population under 10,000	The funding request is limited to training, equipment, and prevention activities. The RFD has the capability to meet cost-share at a minimum of 10%, which may include in-kind services. Agency evaluators will prioritize fund allocation among RFD based on specific criteria, as noted on website.
Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) - Large Grants	\$6.5-\$8.5 million annually	State	Annual	March	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229, kcoleman@mt.gov	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	No	Governmental Entities, Privates, Non-profits	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.
NRDP - Project Development Grants or Small projects	\$200,000 annually	State	Annual	Open Cycle	Varies	Yes	Quarterly & Final	Varies	Kathy Coleman, 406-444-0229, kcoleman@mt.gov	No	Yes - costs must be directly related to implementation of project	\$25,000	Governmental Entities, Privates, Non-profits	Projects must restore, replace or acquire the equivalent of injury natural resources and / or lost services covered in Montana v. ARCO lawsuit.
MT Department of Agriculture (MDA) - Noxious Weed Trust Fund	\$1.8 - 2 million annually	State & Federal	Annual	December	Varies	Yes	April 15; October 15	Any time	Kim Johnson, 406-444-1517	Yes	3%	No	Anyone, but with a sponsor of a County Weed District, Conservation District, University, or Reservation	50:50 cost share on herbicide and commercial application for noxious weed control; must have at least 3 cooperating adjacent landowners for a local cooperative projects; also provides funding for weed education and research projects. Send 1 original grant proposal and 28 copies.

