

Federal Grants Primer

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Presentation Overview

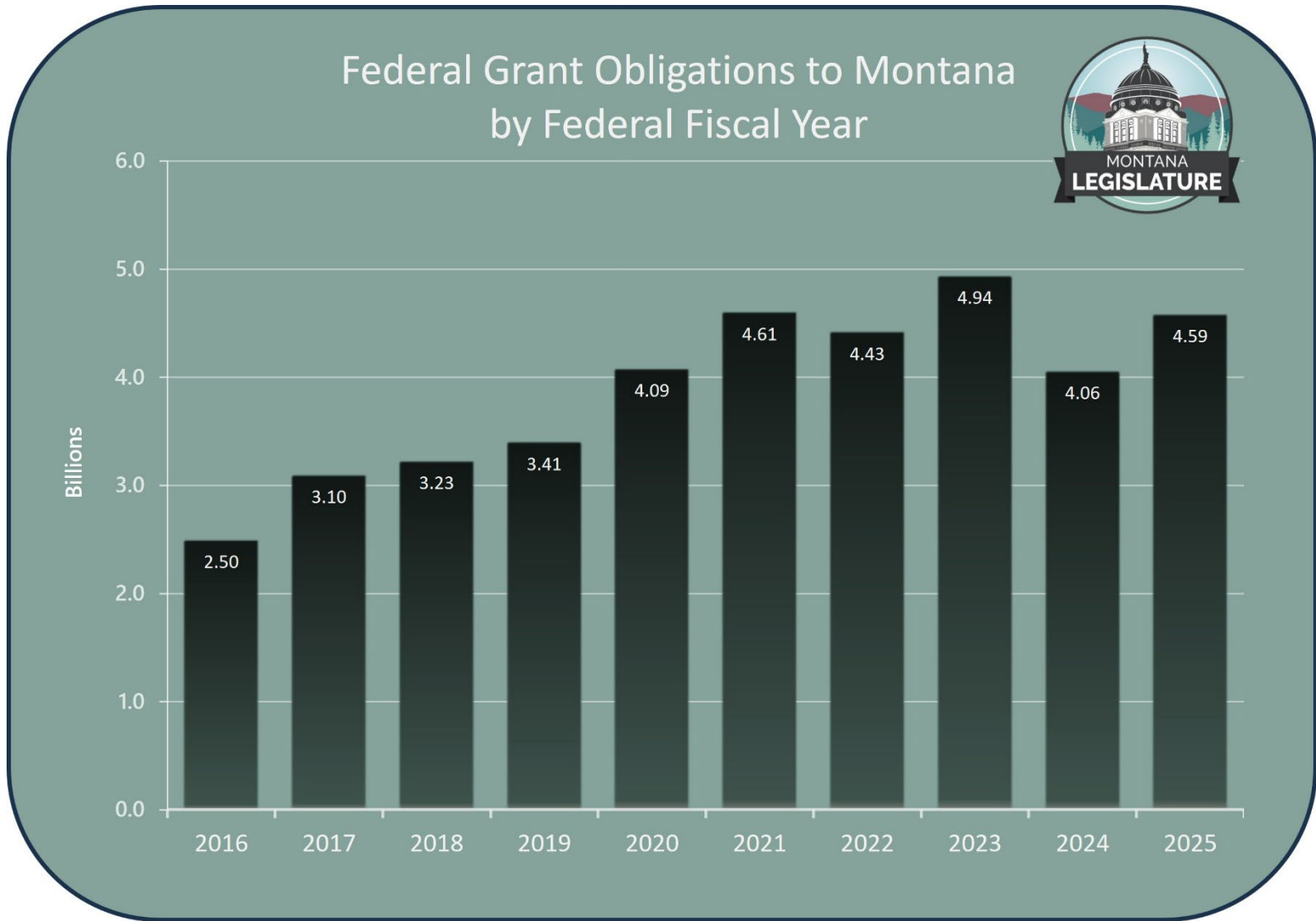
Montana over the past 10 years

Overview of the federal grant process

What other states are doing

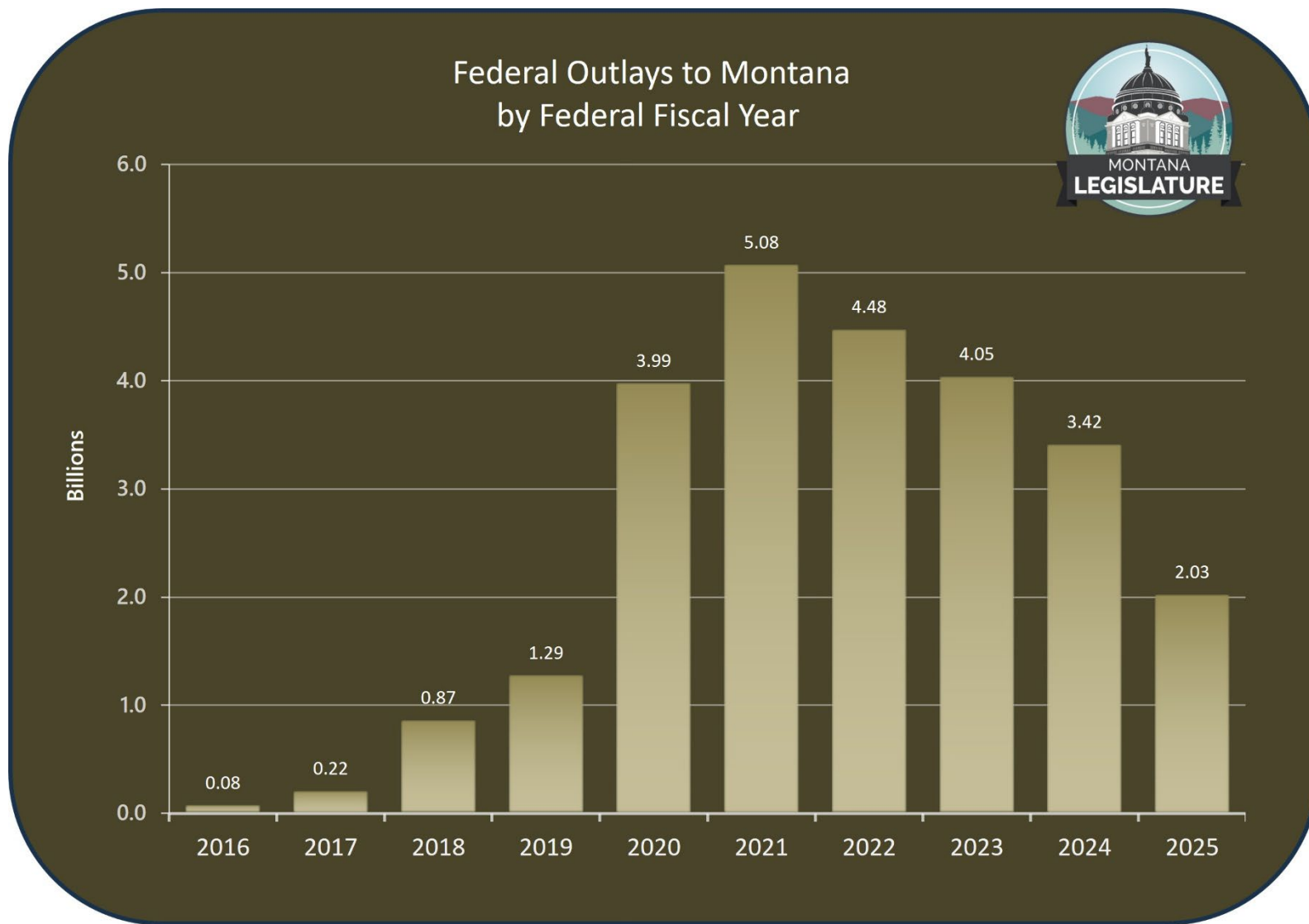
Looking forward

Grant Obligations by Year



*Data obtained from usaspending.gov

Grant Outlays by Year

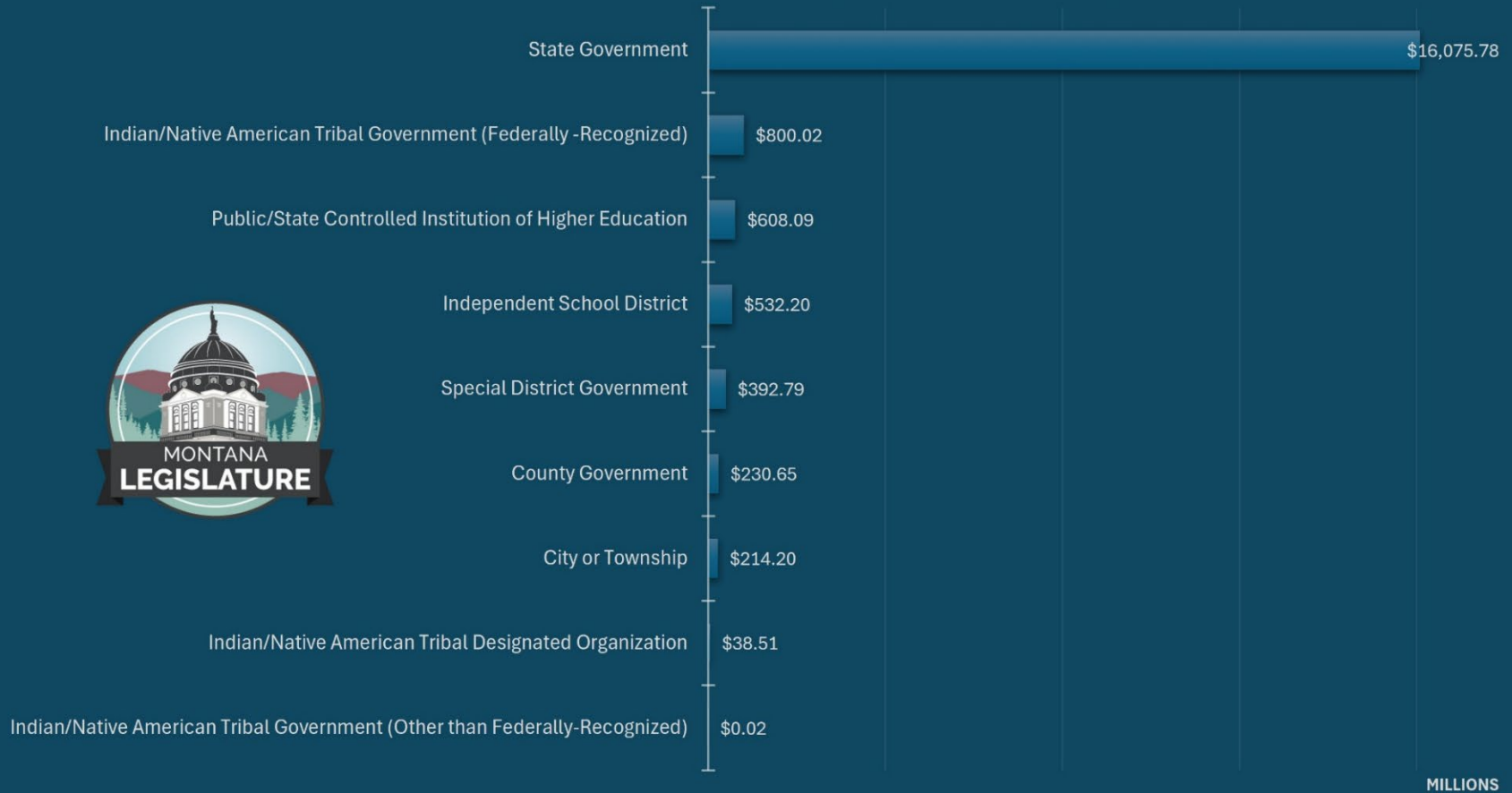


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Grant Outlays by Recipient

Total Federal Outlays to Montana by Recipient Type Federal Fiscal Years (2016 - 2025)



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Federal Grant Lifecycle



PRE-AWARD
PHASE



AWARD PHASE



POST AWARD
PHASE

Pre-Award Phase

Funding Opportunity Announcement

- Awarding agency publishes the FOA on grants.gov
- Applicant identifies the announcement
 - Applicants must register to apply for grants
- Applicants complete required paperwork and submit their application

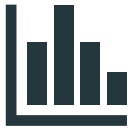
Application Review Process

- Initial Screening
- Programmatic Review and Assessment
- Financial Review

Award Phase

- Notice of Award
 - Legally binding issuance of funds
 - Acceptance legally binds the recipient to carry out the full terms and conditions of the grant

Post Award Phase



Reporting

The awarding agency monitors progress and expenditures.



Auditing

Managed by the Government Accountability office, Office of the Inspector General, and special departments within agencies.



Closeout

End of the Grant process. The recipient must submit final financial and programmatic reports in compliance with CFR200.343.

Other State's Programs

- Tennessee Federal Match Program
 - For grants exceeding 1 million dollars and requiring more than 1 million dollars in state funding
 - Project scope and awarding agency requirements
- Wyoming Grant Assistance Program (WYGAP)
 - Provides technical assistance to local governments, non-profits, and small businesses
 - Application & Management assistance

Looking Forward

- “Skinny” Budget
 - ~4.1% reduction in federal special revenue expenditures from FY 2025*
- H.R. 1
 - ~5.5% reduction in federal special revenue expenditures from FY 2025*
- PAYGO sequestration
 - ~1.5% reduction in federal special revenue expenditures from FY 2025*
- Federal Shutdown & Funding Freezes
 - Future spending is currently unknown
 - Court cases addressing funding freezes are ongoing

*Estimates from the Legislative Fiscal Division’s “Federal Budget Impacts to State and Local Government in Montana”