



Montana Local Government Infrastructure (construction and planning) State Funding Programs Matrix

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Type/Agency/Program	Bill/Authority	Match Required	Program Specifics Eligible Entities and Notable Terms / Conditions	Funding Source and Amount	Funding Type	Water	Waste-Water	Solid Waste	Bridges	Storm Water	Roads	Other Trans.	Irrigation	Dams	Housing	Parks	Other	
<b>Programs Directly Appropriated and Approved by the Legislature</b>																		
<b>Commerce</b>	Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) <sup>F</sup> (2021 Bien. Appropriation: \$34.7 million)	HB 11	Yes	*Cities, towns, counties, tribal governments, consolidated local governments, county or multi-county water, sewer or solid waste districts, other authorities as defined in 75-6-304, MCA. *Grants are no greater than 50% of the eligible project / grant recipients must meet all "start-up" conditions to receive grant awards.	*Revenues from interest earnings of the TSEP sub-trust of the coal severance tax trust. (principal capped at end of FY 2016) *Revenues are ~\$9 to \$10 million per year *Grants are limited to \$750,000	Grants	X	X	X	X	X							
	TSEP Project Planning <sup>F</sup> (Biennial Appropriation: \$0.9 million)	HB 11	No	*Same as above. *For project planning only.	Same as above	Grants	X	X	X	X	X							
	Coal Board Grants <sup>A</sup> *Administratively attached to Commerce (2021 Bien. Appropriation: \$4.2 million)	HB 2	No	*Cities, towns, counties, school districts, water and sewer districts, state agencies, governing bodies of federally recognized Indian tribes in areas impacted by coal mining and production.	*Revenues from a distribution of the coal severance tax. *Revenues average ~\$3.0 million per year.	Grants	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
<b>State Infrastructure Funding Programs</b>	<b>DNRC</b>	Treasure State Endowment Regional Water Program <sup>F</sup> (TSEPRW) (2021 Bien. Appropriation: \$5.0 million)	HB 11	Yes	*Regional water authorities. Construction grants to federally authorized projects only; administrative grants for all 4 existing regional water systems.	*Revenues from interest earnings of the TSEP sub-trust of the coal severance tax trust. (principal capped at end of FY 2016) *Revenues are ~\$3.25 million per year *Revenues support project costs and the administrative costs of the program and regional water authorities.	Grants	X										
		Renewable Resource Grants (RRG) (2021 Bien Appropriation: \$9.0 million)	HB 6	No	*Political subdivisions of state, local and tribal government including state agencies and universities, counties, incorp. cities and towns, conservation districts, irrigation districts, water /sewer /solid waste districts & tribes. *Projects must provide benefits to Montana's natural resources.	*Appropriations from the Natural Resource Projects state special revenue account. *Revenues from oil and natural gas and resource indemnity ground water assessment tax distributions and a portion of the resource indemnity trust earnings. *Revenues vary significantly with the variance of the sources. *2021 biennium revenues were projected to be \$9.5 million. *Revenues also support several other grant programs. *Grants are limited to \$125,000.	Grants	X	X		X			X	X			
		RRG Project Planning <sup>F</sup> (Biennial Appropriation: \$0.8 million)	HB 6	No	Same as Renewable Resource grants.	*Appropriations from the Natural Resource Projects state special revenue account. *Grants between \$5,000 and \$15,000.	Grants	X	X		X			X	X			
		Renewable Resource Emergency Grants <sup>F</sup> (Biennial appropriation: \$0.1 million)	HB 6	No	Same as Renewable Resource grants	*Appropriations from the Natural Resource Projects state special revenue account. *Limited to \$30,000.	Grants	X	X		X			X	X			
		Renewable Resource Loans (RRL) <sup>F</sup> (2021 Bien. Appropriation: \$74.5 million)	HB 8	No	Political subdivisions of state, local and tribal government including state agencies and universities, counties, incorporated cities and towns, conservation districts, irrigation districts, water/sewer/solid waste districts and tribes.	*Loan funds come from the CST trust. *Loan repayments are returned to the trust, and there has never been a default on these loans.	Loans	X	X	X				X	X			

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State Infrastructure Funding Programs	DNRC	Irrigation Development Grants <sup>F</sup> (Biennial Appropriation: \$0.3 million)	HB 6	No	Private individuals, associations, corporations or groups.	*Appropriations from the Natural Resource Projects state special revenue account (see RRG above). *Maximum grant of \$15,000.	Grants							X				
	MDT	Aeronautical Grant and Loan <sup>C</sup> Program (grants) (2021 Biennium Appropriations: \$0.7 million)	HB 2	No	*Airports. *The Montana Aeronautics Board, has sole authority on the annual awarding of grant and loan monies.	*Revenues are from the aviation and airline fuels (gasoline tax).	Grants				X		X					
		Aeronautical Grant and Loan Program (loans) <sup>C</sup> (2021 Biennium Appropriations: \$0.7 million)	HB 2	No			Loans							X				
	FWP	Community Fishing Ponds <sup>F</sup> (Biennial Appropriation: \$0.05 million)	HB 5	Yes	*State agencies, cities, counties, angler groups, civic organizations, or other community-based organizations. *Applicants must provide a minimum of 30% of the costs associated with the project. *Funding for project costs that create or enhance angling opportunity. *The project must be located near a community and should involve a pond-sized waterbody.	*Revenues from FWP fees *Program funding ~\$25,000/year	Grants											X
		Montana Off-Highway-Vehicle Program <sup>F</sup> (2021 Biennium Appropriation: \$0.3 million)	HB 5	No	*Clubs, friends' groups, associations, city, county, federal & state agencies, etc. *OHV club, OHV association, a chamber of commerce, or governmental agency working in conjunction with an OHV club.	*Revenues from gasoline taxes associated with fuel sold for off-highway vehicle use. *Maximum grant is \$20,000.	Grants											X
<b>Federal Grants Administered by State Agencies</b>																		
State Administered Federal Programs	Commerce	Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) <sup>A</sup> Administered by MT Department of Commerce (2021 Biennium Appropriation: \$14.9 million)	HB 2		*Limited to towns, cities, and counties with the exception of Billings, Great Falls and Missoula, which receive their own CDBG entitlement funds annually. *Indian tribes are ineligible to apply as tribes receive funds directly from an Indian CDBG Program	*Federal block grants provided through US Dept. of Commerce, Housing and Urban Development *Montana Allocation. *Apply through MT DOC.	Grants	X	X							X		X
	Commerce	HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) <sup>A</sup> Administered by MT Department of Commerce (2021 Biennium Appropriation: \$16.8 million)	HB 2		*Communities, public housing authorities (PHAs), and nonprofit community housing development organizations (CHDOs) *Expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for very low-income and low-income Montanans (those at or below 80% of area median income)	*Federal block grants provided through US Dept. of Commerce, Housing and Urban Development *Montana Allocation *Apply through MT DOC.	Grants									X		
	MDT	Transit Grants Administered by MT Department of Transportation (2021 Biennium Appropriation: \$32.3 million)	HB 2		Local public bodies; private nonprofit organizations; Tribal governments and agencies; and operators of public transportation services	*Federal Allocation - US DOT	Grants						X					

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<b>Programs Statutorily Appropriated</b>																			
<b>Statutorily Appropriated State Infrastructure Funding Programs</b>	<b>Commerce</b>	Big Sky Development Program	90-1-205	Certified regional development corporations (CRDCs), tribal governments, other economic development organizations, which are located in a county that is not part of a CRDC region: Flathead, Richland, Lincoln, Ravalli and Missoula counties have been designated as meeting eligibility requirements	*Revenues from interest earnings of the Big Sky Development sub-trust of the coal severance tax trust. (principal will be capped at end of FY 2025) *Revenues ~\$3.3 million per year.	Grants												X	
		InterCap Loans		*Eligible government units defined under 17-5-1604. *Local governments may finance improvements to utility systems through the INTERCAP loan program using the revenues of the system to repay the loan	*Loans made from investment funds of the Board of Investments. *Loans of \$1.0 million or more require approval from the loan committee or Board.	Loans	X	X	X										
	<b>DMRC &amp; DEQ</b>	Drinking Water, State Revolving Funds Loans (SRF)  *State and federal funds	17-6-204	*Municipalities, public or private community water systems & non-profit non-community water systems, public entities and state agencies. *All treatment plants and water distribution systems must have a certified operator	*Federal funding through allocations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. *State funding match provided through the proceeds of state general obligation bonds. *75-6-227 - creation of state debt in an amount not to exceed \$30 million in principal amount of general obligation bonds outstanding.	Loans	X												
		Water Pollution, State Revolving Funds Loans (SRF)  *State and federal funds	75-5-1108	*Municipalities (meaning a state agency, city, town or other public body created pursuant to state law) Municipalities or Private Persons (meaning an individual, corporation, partnership or other non-governmental legal entity) to finance non-point source pollution control projects and wastewater projects	*Federal funding through allocations from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. *State funding match provided through the proceeds of state general obligation bonds. *75-5-1122 - creation of state debt in an amount not to exceed \$40 million in principal amount of general obligation bonds outstanding.	Loans		X	X		X								
	<b>MDT</b>	Local Government Road Construction and Maintenance Match Program (Step-up fuel taxes will increase program funding over the upcoming years. In FY 2021 Bien.: \$35.8 million)	15-70-130	*City, town, county, or consolidated city-county government. *Required match: \$20 of grant funding to \$1 of local government matching funds. *Funds must be obligated within 5 years. *Entities may reserve funds for up to 2 years.	*Revenues are 65% of the 2017 HB 473 fuel taxes increases. *Total available revenues are allocated to local governments based on road miles, population, and area. *Amount of program funding varies by fuel sales - projected to be \$35.8 million in 2021 biennium.	Grants				X		X	X						X
		Gas and diesel tax distributions to cities and towns <sup>C</sup> (Annual Appropriations: \$10.4 million)	15-70-101	N/A	* Incorporated cities and towns (municipalities) - (consolidated city/county governments are considered to have both city and county boundaries for the tax dist.). *Funds must be used as defined in the Constitution.	*Revenues are a \$16.7 million annual distribution of gasoline taxes. *Distributions are based on a formula in statute based on the population (40%), road miles (40%), and land area (20%).	Tax Dist.						X	X					
		Gas and diesel tax distributions to counties <sup>C</sup> (Annual Appropriations: \$6.3 million)			N/A		*Counties - (consolidated city/county governments are considered to have both city and county boundaries for the tax distributions) *Funds must be used as defined in the Constitution.	Tax Dist.						X	X				
		Gas and Diesel Tax Distributions to tribal governments <sup>C</sup> (2021 Biennium Appropriations: \$10.7 million)	18-11-112	N/A	*State tribal governments with cooperative agreements. *Funds are not required to be used as defined in the Constitution.	*Revenue sharing for gasoline taxes.	Tax Dist.												

<sup>A, C, F</sup> For more information, refer to the indicated section of the Legislative Budget Analysis and Fiscal Report

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**Montana Local Government Infrastructure (construction and planning) Federal Funding Sources**

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Program	Federal Administering Agency	Eligible Entities	Infrastructure Types														
			Water	Waste-Water	Solid Waste	Bridges	Storm Water	Roads	Other Transport	Irrigation	Dams	Housing	Parks	Other			
Rural Development Grants (RD) Water and Environmental Grants	U.S. Department of Agriculture	*Public entities, tribes, non-profit corporations-rural areas with up to 10,000 population.	X	X	X		X										
Rural Development Loans (RD) Water and Environmental Loans		*Priority to populations under 1,000, low income, health hazards, and service to additional rural users.	X	X	X		X										
Water & Waste Predevelopment Planning Grants Search Grant (Planning)	U.S. Department of Agriculture	*Public entities, tribes, non-profit corporations-rural areas who can demonstrate financial need.	X	X	X		X										
Water & Waste Water Technical Assistance and Training, Source Water Protection		*All Public Water Supply Systems.	X	X			X										
WaterSMART and Energy Efficiency Program	Department of Interior, Reclamation	*Irrigation and water districts, tribes, states, and other entities.	X									X	X				
Sanitation Facilities Construction Program	Environmental Protection Agency / U.S. Indian Health Service	* Federally-recognized Indian Tribes.	X	X													
Public Works Grants	U.S. Economic Development Administration	*Municipalities, Counties, Indian Tribes, nonprofits.	X	X													
Clean Water Act (CWA) Safe Drinking Water Act-Indian Set Aside Grants	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	*Federally-recognized Indian Tribes.	X	X													
EPA Water Training, Septic, and Wastewater Program		*All Public Water Supply Systems.	X	X													
Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)	U.S. Department of Transportation	* Transportation, transit operators, special authorities, local governments, and private entities.				X		X	X								
TIFIA Rural Project Initiative (RPI)	U.S. Department of Transportation	*Rural communities.				X		X	X								

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