

# American Rescue Plan Act 2021

## Joint Interim Budget Subcommittee

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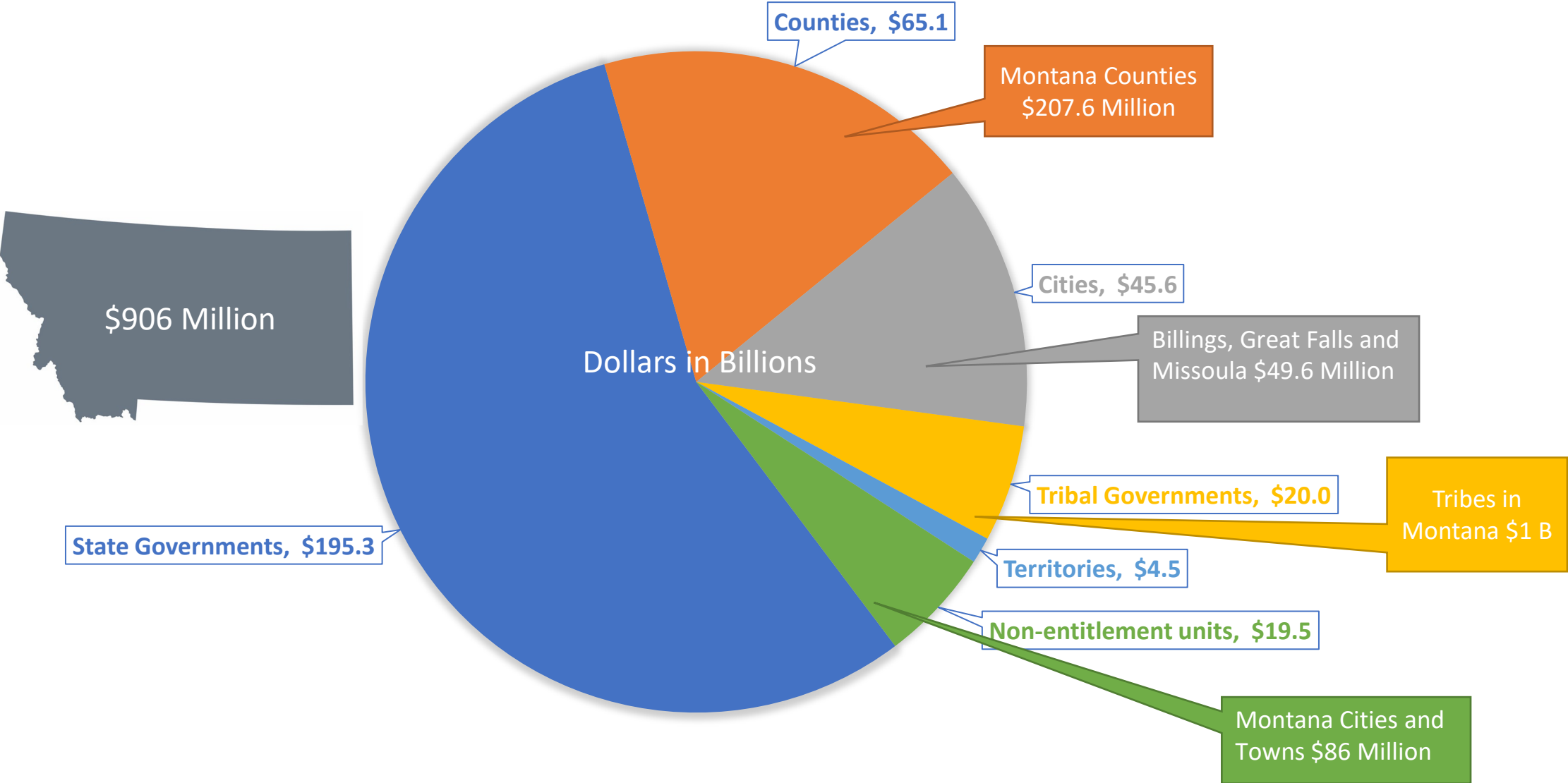


# Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Support Public Health Response	Replace Public Sector Revenue Loss
Address Negative Economic Impacts	Premium Pay for Essential Workers
Water and Sewer Infrastructure	Broadband Infrastructure



CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS  
TOTAL \$350 BILLION

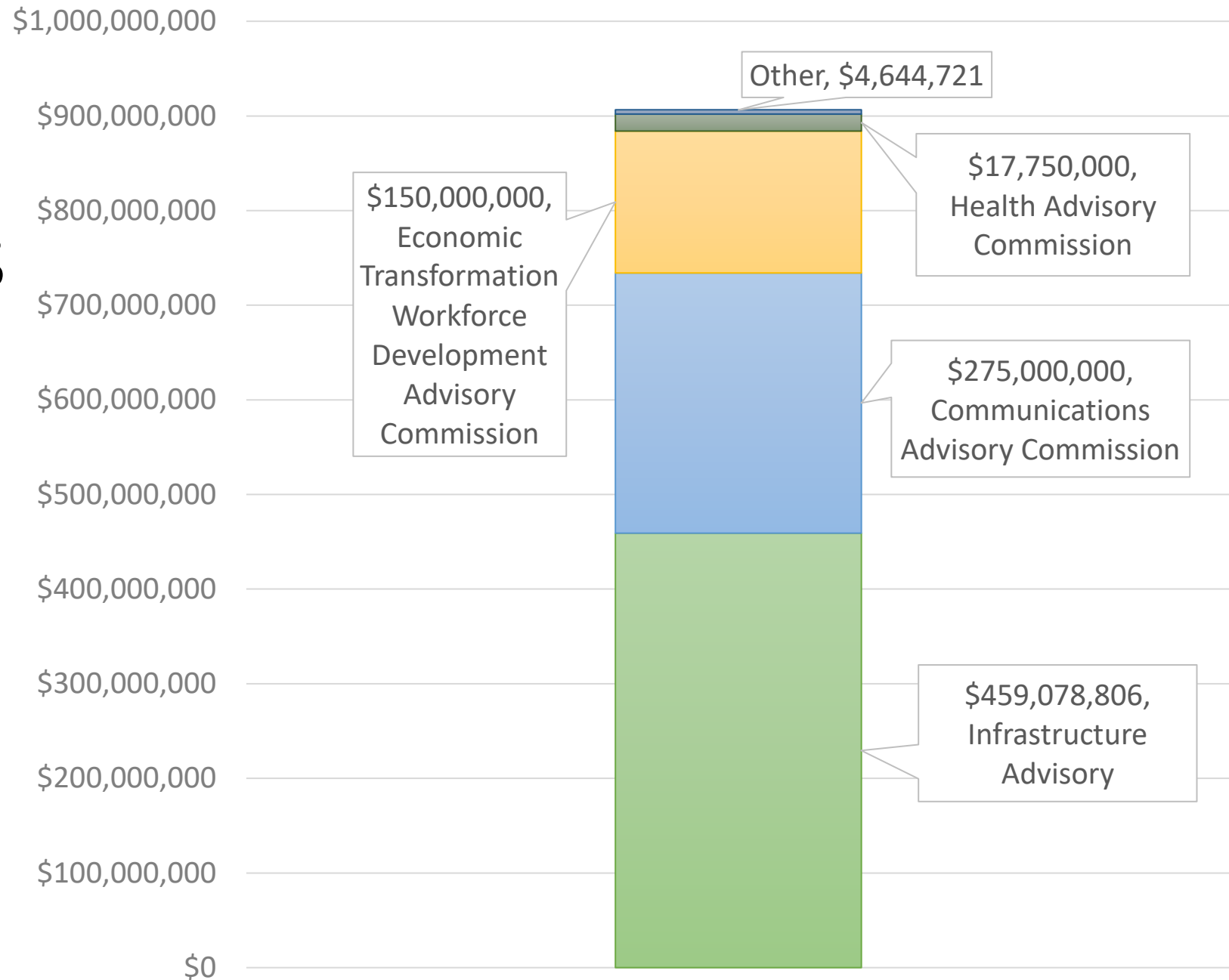


# \$906M State Fiscal Recovery Funds



[State of Montana Recovery Plan](#)

## Montana State Fiscal Recovery Fund





HB 632 - SILOS

**Education**

**Health**

**Infrastructure**

**Communications**

**Economic  
Stabilization**



## HB 632 - KEYS

**CARES Act was quick-action,  
“emergency”**

**ARPA is longer-term,  
“investment” and higher level  
of accountability**

**Many funds are on a  
reimbursement basis**

**Many federal  
constraints/requirements**



# COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMISSION SB 297

## **Mapping**

### **Requirements:**

**Frontier,  
Unserved,  
Underserved,  
Minimum Speeds,**

### **Competitive Grants**

**\$266M plus estimated \$100M+ from  
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**



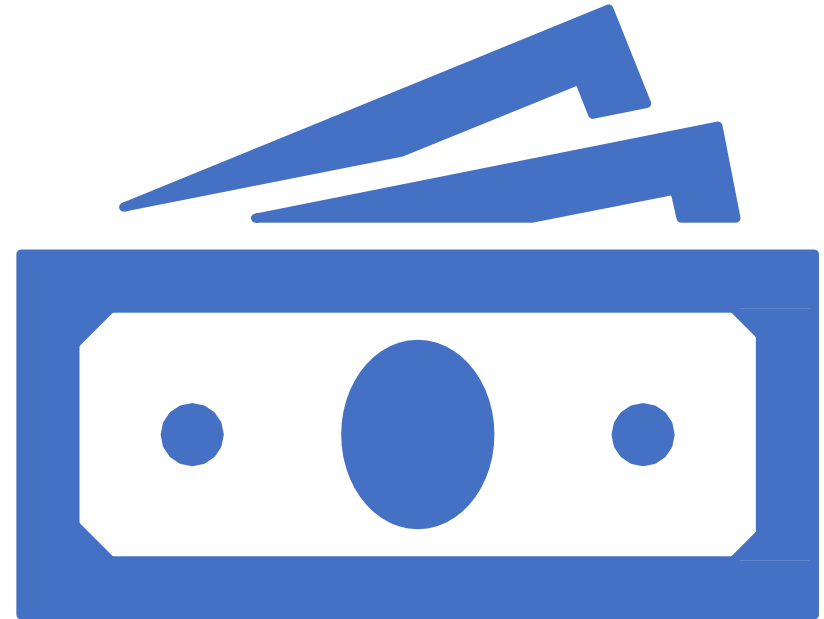
# HB 632 INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

- Review applications for State and local government water & sewer infrastructure projects
- Provide recommendations to the Governor
- DNRC, Dept. of Commerce and DEQ



# *\$459M\* NECESSARY INVESTMENTS IN WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE*

- ✓ \$150M Minimum Allocation Grants
- ✓ \$10M Regional Water Projects
- ✓ \$750K Technical Assistance
- ✓ \$43.3M State Long Range Building Projects, Renewable Resource Grant, Reclamation Development Grants and Montana Coal Endowment Program (formerly TSEP) Grants.
- ✓ \$238M Competitive Grants
  - ✓ \$10M Competitive Irrigation Grants
- ✓ Remainder - Administration

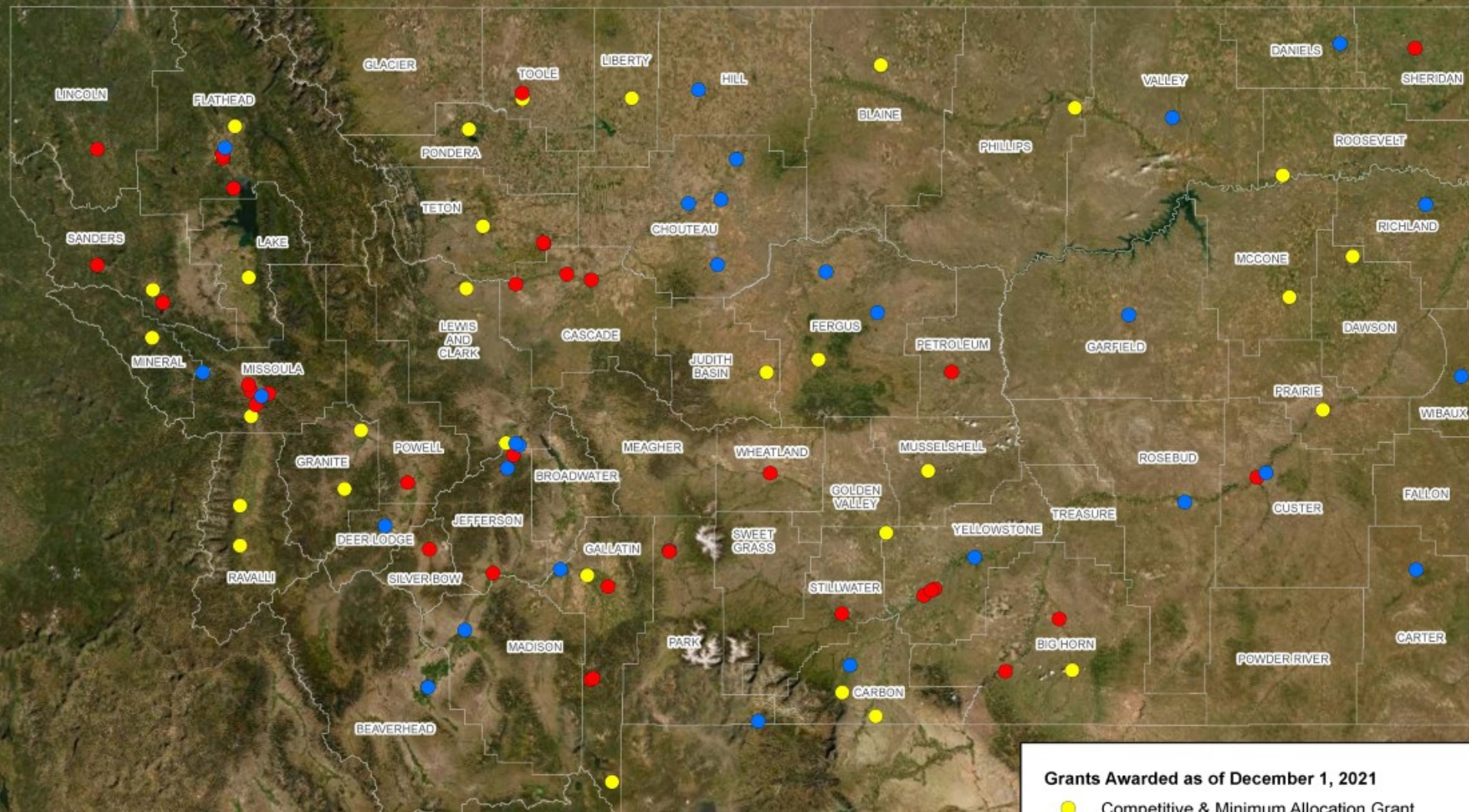


HB 632  
PROJECT  
GRANTS  
*\$155 M*

	Total Competitive Grant Award		Total Minimum Allocation Grant Award	
City	\$	50,692,522	\$	17,604,296
Consolidated City- County	\$	937,476	\$	-
County	\$	6,290,000	\$	13,390,108
School District	\$	235,350	\$	-
State Agency	\$	2,000,000	\$	-
Town	\$	37,090,529	\$	3,287,263
Water and/or Sewer District	\$	23,856,679	\$	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>121,102,555</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>34,281,666</b>



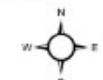
# ARPA Water & Sewer Projects Minimum Allocation and Competitive Grants



Grants Awarded as of December 1, 2021

- Competitive & Minimum Allocation Grant
- Competitive Grant
- Minimum Allocation Grant

Montana County



0 20 40 80 Miles



# ARPA.MT.GOV -> Funds Distributed To Date

[Click Here - ARPA Program Funding Summary](#)

**ORGANIZATION / TOWN - PROGRAM NAME / AMOUNT AWARDED**  
(SCROLL DOWN TO SEE MORE)

**Alfalfa Valley Irrigation District / Chinook - HB 14 - Renewable Resource Grant / \$125,000**

**Apple Rehab Cooney / Helena - Nursing Home Payments / \$190,041**

**Belt, Town Of / Belt - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds / \$72,034**

**Benefis Senior Services / Great Falls - Nursing Home Payments / \$416,304**

**Big Sandy Medical Center - Big Sandy - Swing Bed / Big Sandy - Nursing Home Payments / \$27,718**

**Big Sandy, Town Of / Big Sandy - Montana Coal Endowment Program (HB14) / \$484,671**

**Big Sandy, Town Of / Big Sandy - Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

\*The Montana Emergency Rental Assistance Program is funded through the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and appropriated to Montana Housing by the 2021 Montana Legislature's HB 3 and HB 630.

\*\*Larger cities (City of Billings, City of Great Falls, and City of Missoula) receive funding directly from the US Treasury.

Total ARPA Funds Awarded Statewide

**\$337.2M**

Total ARPA Funds Awarded to Organization

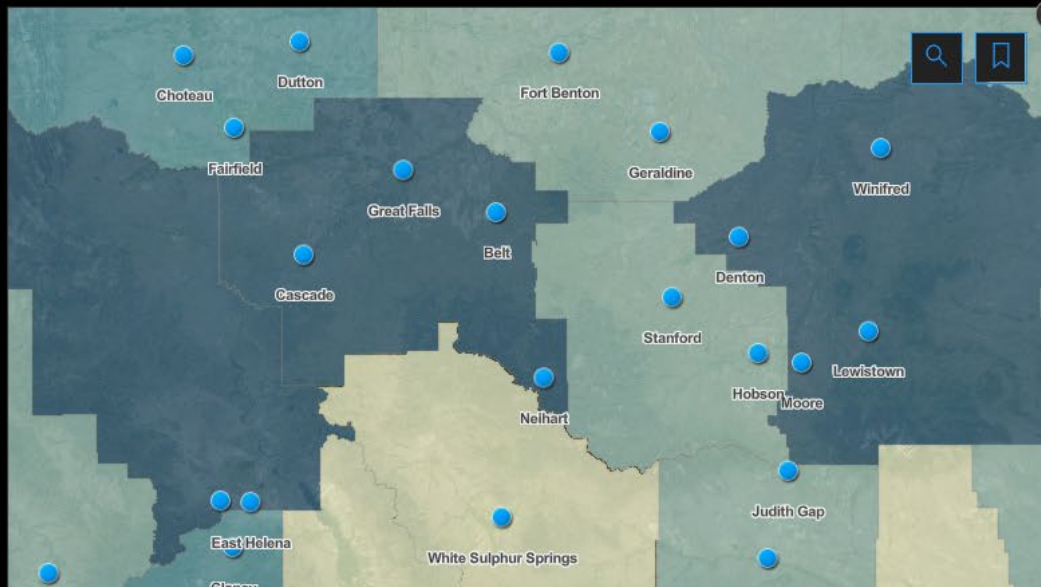
**\$337.2M**

Total ARPA Funds Paid Statewide

**\$145.5M**

Total ARPA Funds Paid to Organization

**\$145.5M**

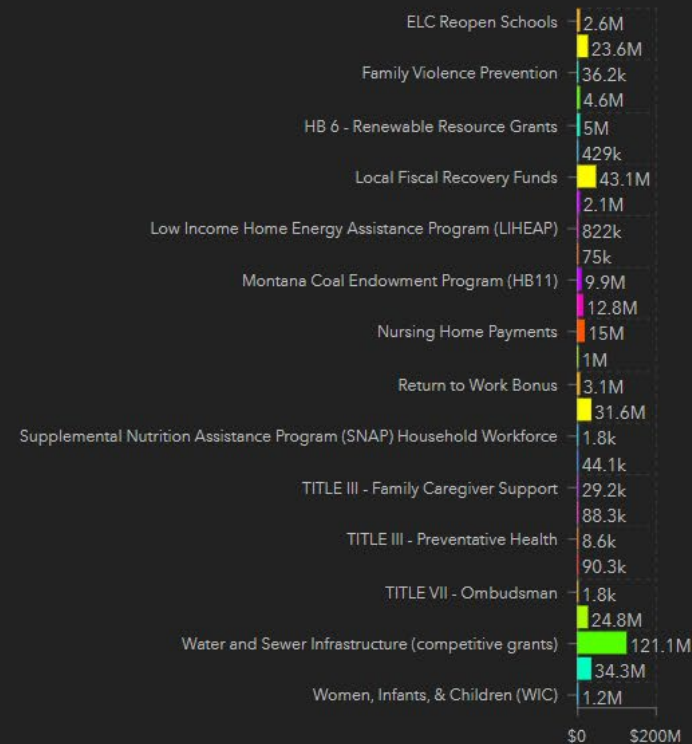


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Map - Total Amount Awarded by County

Map legend

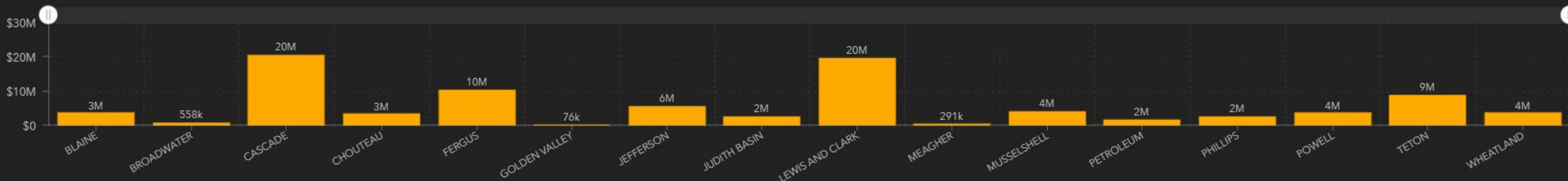
Total Program Awarded Statewide



Awarded Statewide

Paid Statewide

TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED BY COUNTY (SELECT COUNTY BELOW TO POPULATE ORGANIZATIONS BY LIST IN TOP LEFT)





# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT – INTERIM FINAL RULE



- ✓ Invest in necessary improvements to their water and sewer infrastructures...
- ✓ Invest in an array of drinking water infrastructure projects...
- ✓ Invest in wastewater infrastructure projects...
- ✓ Aligns with Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
- ✓ Flexibility to identify those water and sewer infrastructure investments that are of the highest priority for their own communities.

# WATER PROJECTS

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## ***Eligible Projects:***

- Treatment
- Transmission & distribution
- Source
- Storage
- Consolidation
- Creation of new systems
- Energy efficiency
- Capital projects
- Planning and assessment
- Replacement of lead service lines



# SEWER PROJECTS

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## ***Eligible Projects:***

- Centralized wastewater treatment
- Energy and water conservation
- Stormwater
- Decentralized wastewater treatment
- Nonpoint Source Reduction Projects
  - Agricultural Best Management Practices
  - Resource extraction or contaminated sites
  - Landfills
  - Habitat protection and restoration
  - Groundwater protection and restoration
  - Surface Water protection and restoration
- Planning and assessment
- *No rehabilitation of dams and reservoirs*





# WATER & SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



U.S. Treasury  
Local Fiscal Recovery Funds  
(LFR)



State of Montana  
RRGL and MCEP  
ARPA Funds



State of Montana  
Minimum Allocation Grants  
\$150 Million  
Gas Tax Allocation



State of Montana  
Competitive Grant Program  
\$25 Million Max\*



\*The Infrastructure Advisory Commission has set a \$2M cap on projects.

# ARPA MINIMUM ALLOCATION GRANT PROGRAM

***APPLICATIONS DUE:***  
July 15, 2021 – January  
1, 2023

DNRC review - eligibility

Infrastructure Advisory  
Commission recommend

Awarded by the  
Governor

***ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:***  
Counties, Cities and  
Towns

***ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:***  
Water & sewer  
infrastructure

***GRANT LIMITS:*** \$150  
Million (Gas Tax  
Allocation)


***MATCH REQUIRED***  
Lesser of: One-to-one  
matching funds – OR -  
25% of the local ARPA  
funds (Treasury)


APPLY ONLINE  
arpa.mt.gov -> Water &  
Sewer -> [Minimum  
Allocation Grants](#)

## DNRC ARPA Dashboard

[Counties](#)
[Cities & Towns](#)
[LAT / LONG Location Finder](#)


 MONTANA COUNTY - **MINIMUM ALLOCATION** / **MATCH REQUIRED**


 BEAVERHEAD COUNTY - **\$1,295,908** / **\$459,034**


 HORN COUNTY - **\$1,180,802** / **\$646,765**


 JUNE COUNTY - **\$1,050,444** / **\$324,427**

BROADWATER COUNTY - **\$552,124** / **\$302,866**

CARBON COUNTY - **\$767,731** / **\$520,802**

CARTER COUNTY - **\$539,699** / **\$60,797**

CASCADE COUNTY - **\$1,787,464** / **\$1,787,464**

CHOUTEAU COUNTY - **\$1,226,355** / **\$273,633**

CUSTER COUNTY - **\$722,083** / **\$553,676**

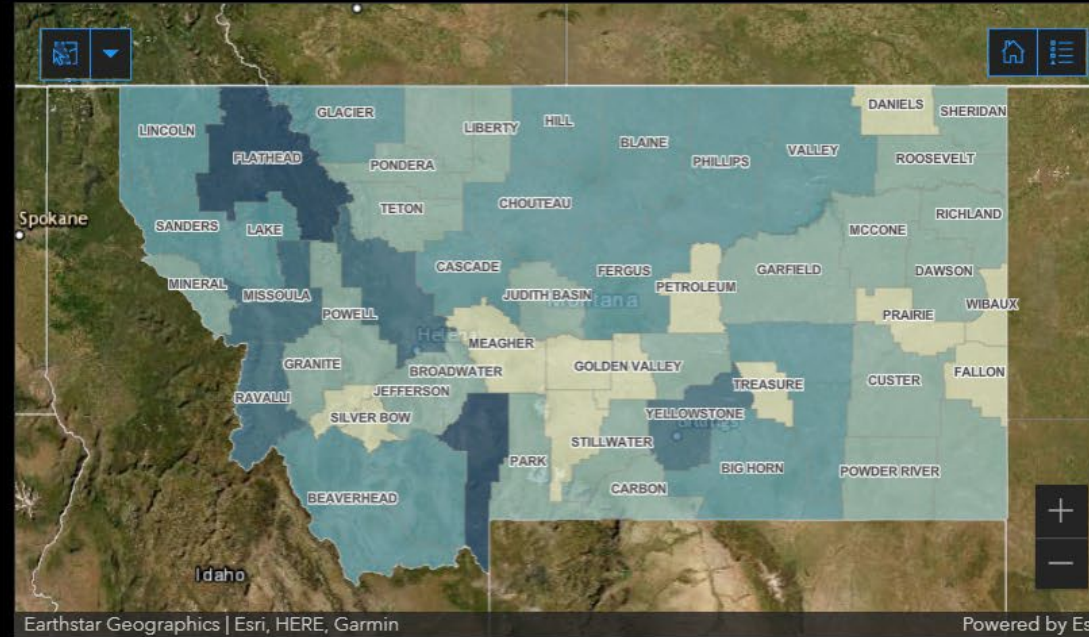
DANIELS COUNTY - **\$444,537** / **\$82,066**

DAWSON COUNTY - **\$746,961** / **\$418,244**

DEER LODGE COUNTY - **\$341,546** / **\$341,546**

FALLON COUNTY - **\$435,296** / **\$138,201**

FERGUS COUNTY - **\$1,151,115** / **\$591,500**



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\*Population & Median Housing Income estimates are provided by the American Community Survey 5-year Data Profile, U.S. Census Bureau.

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Cities and Towns visit:  
<https://arpa.mt.gov/Local-Governments>

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for Counties and Metropolitan Cities  
 visit: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy->

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**\$1,295,908**

Minimum Allocation Grant

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**\$459,034**

Match Required

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**9,453**

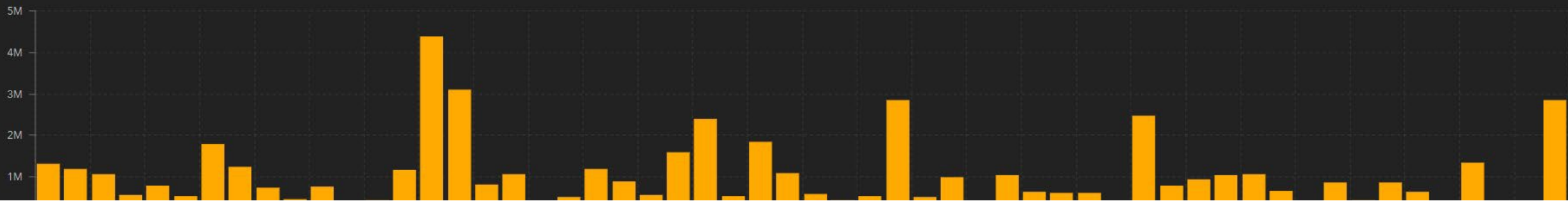
2019 Population Estimate

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY

**\$43,201**

Median Housing Income

HB 632 Minimum Allocation Grant by County





# Big Sandy Stormwater Project

Reshape drainage system  
to capture stormwater  
and prevent flooding



# ARPA COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

***APPLICATIONS DUE:***  
January 14, 2022

DNRC review and  
rank

Infrastructure  
Advisory  
Commission  
recommend

Awarded by the  
Governor

***ELIGIBLE  
APPLICANTS:*** Local  
Governments  
(HB 632)

***ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:***  
Water & sewer  
infrastructure

***PROJECT CAP:*** \$2M

***MATCH REQUIRED***  
Ranking will  
consider % match

APPLY ONLINE  
arpa.mt.gov ->  
Water & Sewer ->  
[Competitive Grants](https://arpa.mt.gov/Competitive-Grants)



# COMPETITIVE GRANT RANKING



# Competitive Grants – Round 1

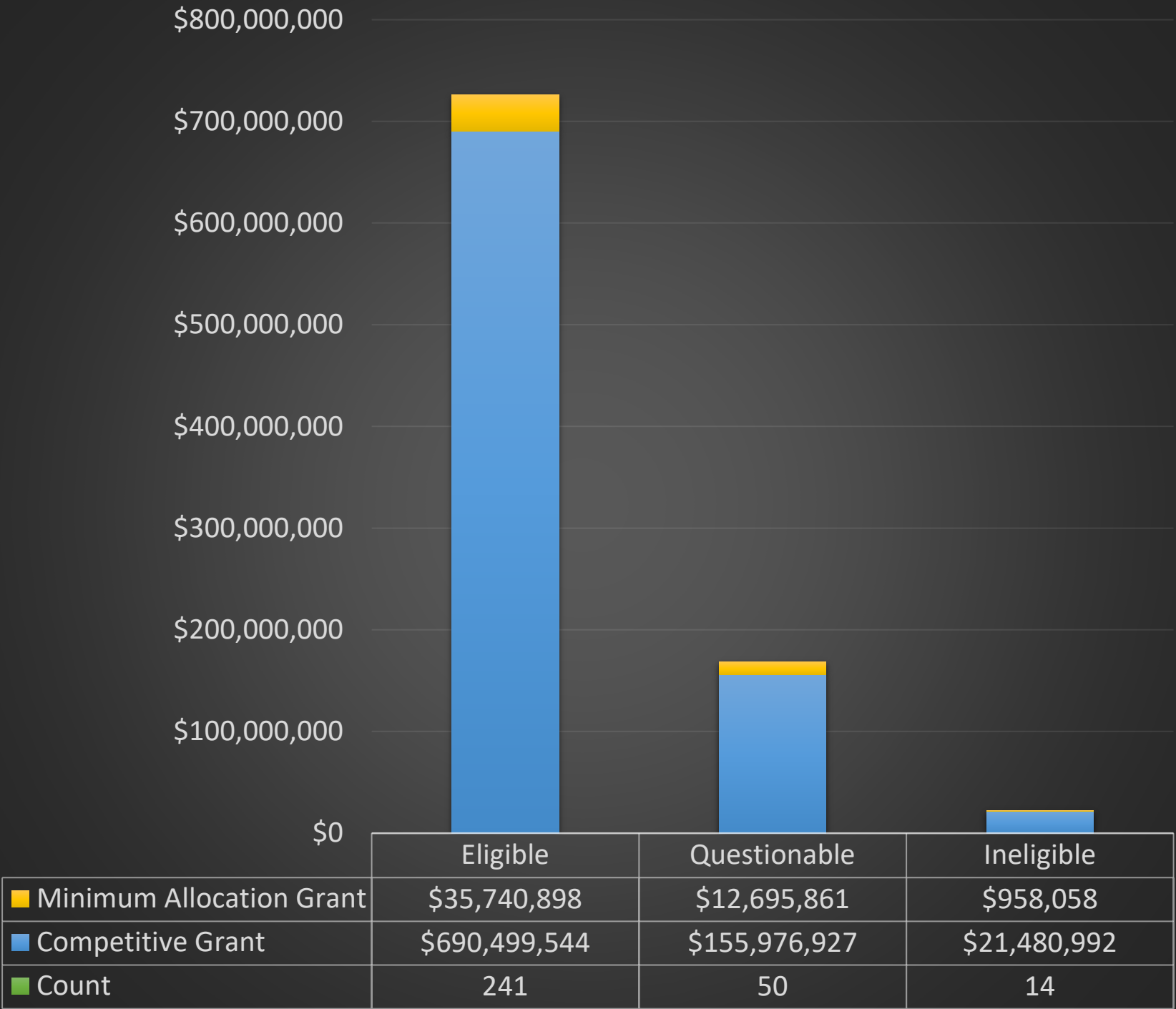
319 Total Applications

16 Minimum  
Allocation  
Grants

207  
Competitive  
Grants

96 Minimum  
&  
Competitive  
Grants

# Competitive Grants First Round





# City of Dillon

Water main replacement  
Rank #62





# City of Belgrade

Wastewater Treatment  
Plant Upgrade and  
Expansion

Rank #44





# Town of Whitehall

Water Treatment Facility  
Rank #18





# City of Kalispell

Replacement of Original  
1920's Era Water and  
Sewer Mains in Downtown  
Kalispell

Rank #62



# IRRIGATION GRANTS \$10 M

***APPLICATIONS  
DUE:***  
January 14, 2022

DNRC Review &  
Rank

Infrastructure  
Advisory  
Commission  
Recommend

Awarded by  
Governor

ELIGIBLE  
APPLICANTS: Local  
Governments (HB  
632)

ELIGIBLE  
PROJECTS: ARPA  
Eligible Agricultural  
Irrigation Projects

PROJECT CAP:  
\$500K  
Improvement  
Projects

MATCH: Ranking  
will consider %  
match

APPLY ONLINE:  
arpa.mt.gov ->  
Water & Sewer ->  
[Irrigation Grants](#)





### **Agricultural Irrigation Projects:**

- Irrigation specifically for agricultural cropland
- MUST provide a water quality benefit

### **Improvement Projects for Existing Irrigation:**

- Repair, replacement or reconstruction
- Upgrades to a system
- Conversion to a more efficient system

# Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) Program

## House Bill 6 \$6.55 M

- 38 Projects \$5.26 M
- RRGL Planning \$1 M
- Emergency Grants \$100 K
- Private Grants \$100 K
- Irrigation Development Grants \$300 K
- Watershed Management Grants \$300 K

## House Bill 14 \$4.72 M

- 38 Projects



# RRGL PROGRAM – ARPA FUNDING SUMMARY

## House Bill 6

- \$4.5 M ARPA Water & Sewer Funds
- \$1.7 M ARPA Revenue Replacement
- \$375 K Natural Resource Projects Account (State Special Revenue)

## House Bill 14

- \$4.0 M ARPA Water & Sewer Funds
- \$596 K ARPA Revenue Replacement
- \$125 K Natural Resource Projects Account (State Special Revenue)





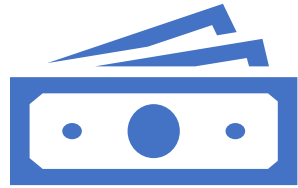
# RRGL PLANNING GRANTS

House Bill 6 Authorization \$1 M

- Round 1 Obligation = \$656 K
- Remaining = \$344 K
- Over \$1 M Applications



# RECLAMATION & DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (RDG) PROGRAM



## House Bill 7 \$4.5 M

9 Projects \$3.7 M\*

RDG Planning \$800 K

\*\$429K Funded with ARPA Water  
& Sewer Funds

\*\$4.07 M Natural Resource  
Projects (SSR)



## House Bill 14 \$2.1 M

6 Projects\*

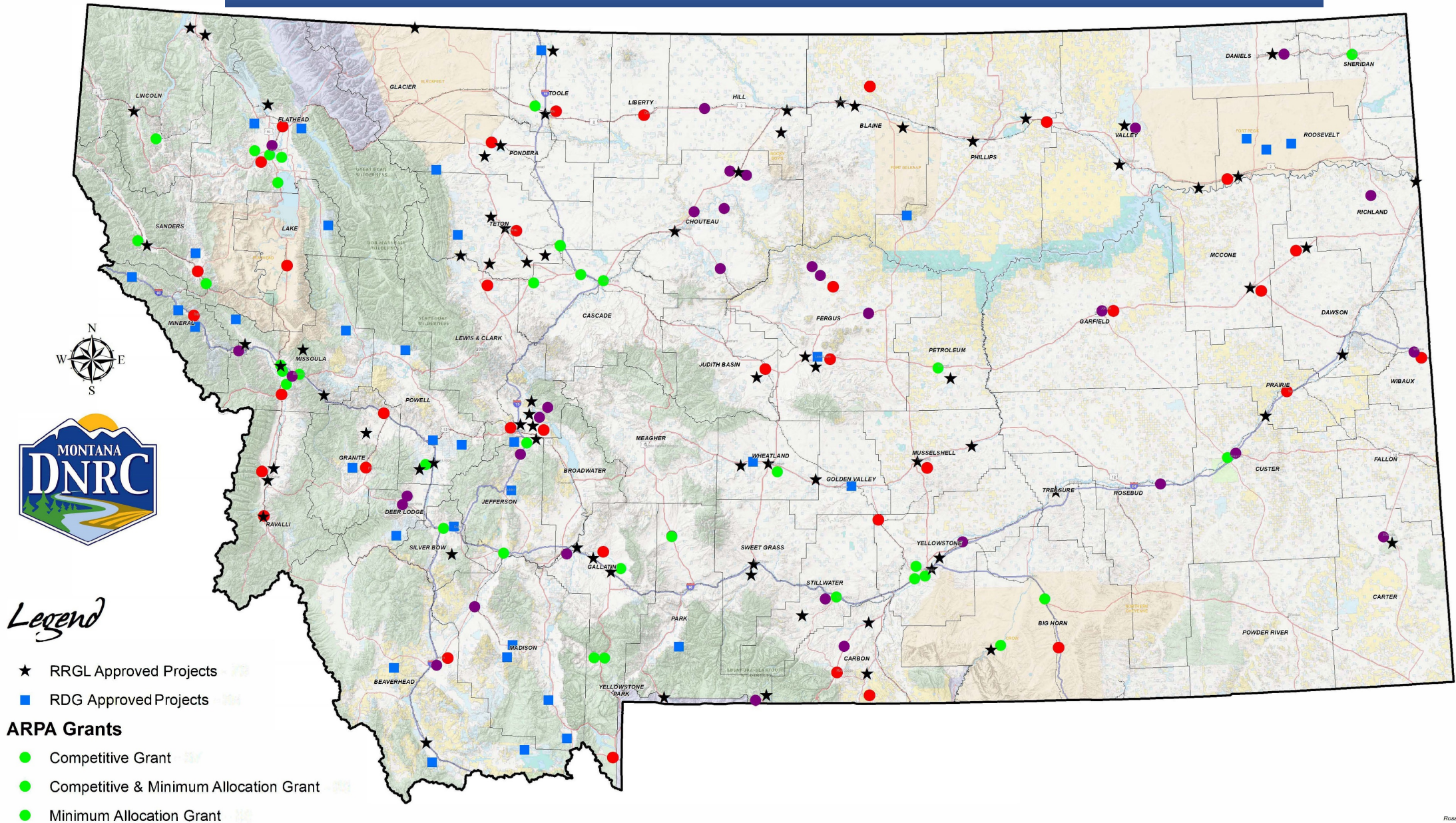
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\*Natural Resource Projects  
(Transfer from GF to SSR)



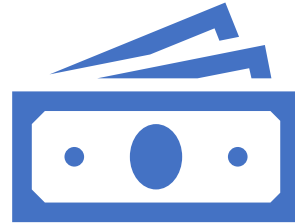


# 2021 DNRC PROJECT GRANTS





# REGIONAL WATER SYSTEMS



**House Bill 11 \$5 M\***

4 Regional Water Systems

\*ARPA Water & Sewer Funds



# AREAS TO BE SERVED BY REGIONAL WATER SYSTEMS

