

Key Points

DNRC RRGL (*Department of Natural Resources and Conservation Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Programs*)

Intro: The Montana Legislature established the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan (RRGL) program to fund the conservation, management, development and preservation of Montana's renewable resources. The program is administered by the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). This program is funded through interest accrued on the Resource Indemnity Trust Fund (RIT).

➤ Programs funded

Renewable resource projects include:

- Water conservation
- Water quality
- Forestry
- Air Quality
- Resource Education
- Waste Management

Montana Codes Annotated specifies that funding from RRGL may cover:

- Feasibility, design, research, and resource assessment studies
- Preparation of construction, rehabilitation, or production plans
- Construction, rehabilitation, production, education, or other implementation efforts

➤ Eligibility

Any division of state, county, city, tribal government or other local political subdivision is eligible to apply. If the group you represent does not fall into this category, you *may* still be eligible to apply by arranging sponsorship through a governmental entity.

➤ Application Process

Find out how to put together a successful application by attending the free workshop offered by DNRC. DNRC staff and consultants review applications and make recommendations. The DNRC director and the Governor of Montana then review the recommendations. By January of the year following the application deadline, the recommendations will be finalized and submitted to the Montana Legislature for approval. Legislative authorization will be completed near the end of the following April. [Successful applicants may execute Grant Agreements and Bond Purchase Agreements with DNRC after July of the year following the application deadline. The agreements must be made prior to incurring expenses on the projects. Any expenses made prior to an executed grant agreement will NOT be reimbursable.]

➤ Deadlines

May 15 of even-numbered years. Because RRGL programs require State legislative approval, DNRC only accepts applications once every two years.

➤ Resources for more information

DNRC staff is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the Renewable Resource Grant and Loan Program. Please call Bob Fischer or Pam Smith at (406) 444-6668.

Internet address is http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/ResDevBureau/renewable_grant_program.asp