

FUNDING YOUR PROJECT

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OUTLINE OF FUNDING SOURCES

- **Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation**
- **Montana Dept. of Agriculture**
- **Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks**
- **USDI Bureau of Reclamation**
- **USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service**
- **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**
- **Montana Trout Unlimited**

MONTANA DNRC



- **RRGL Grants, \$125,000**
- **RRGL Planning Grants, \$15,000**
- **Irrigation Development Grants, \$20,000**
- **Private Grants and Loans**
 - **Loan, up to \$400,000, 30 yr. max. term**
- **HB 223 Grants**

MONTANA DEPT. OF AG.



➤ **Growth Through Agriculture (GTA) Program**

- **Goal: irrigation projects serving multiple users**
- **Applicants:**
- **Up to \$150,000 (grant/loan)**
- **1:1 match**

- **Example project: 2014 Fort Peck Irrigation Project**

USDI BUREAU OF RECLAMATION



➤ **WaterSMART Grants**

- **Goal: Water efficiency**
- **Applicants:**
 - Irrigation districts
 - States
- **Up to \$1,000,000**
- **1:1 match**
- **Example: Malta Irrigation District, head gate project (\$118,000)**
- **Example: Fort Shaw Irrigation District, canal lining (\$300,000)**

MONTANA DEPT. OF FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS



- **Future Fisheries Grant Program**
 - **Goal: Irrigation efficiency**
 - **Goal: Improve/maintain fish passage**
 - **Applicants: essentially anyone**

 - **\$350,000 to \$650,000 annually**

 - **Example: Little Prickly Pear Creek (Lewis and Clark Co.) Fish Screen**



USDA NRCS

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**
 - **Goal: Promote agricultural production, forest management, and environmental quality**
 - **Applicants: Private agricultural producers**

MT TROUT UNLIMITED

- **Chapter Mini Grants**
 - **Goal: water efficiency**
 - **Applicants: must apply through local TU chapter**
 - **\$500 - \$6,000**
- **Local Chapter Assistance**
 - **Potentially fund fish screens/diversions/culverts or bridges**

NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION



- **Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant Program**
 - **Goal: Enhance water quality/quantity, while increasing agricultural productivity**
 - **\$40,000 average grant**
 - **Montana has geographic priority**

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE



- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife**
 - **Goal: Assist private landowners to restore wetlands and riparian habitat by offering technical and financial assistance**
 - **Emphasizes partnerships! Private landowners, conservation organizations, and other government agencies complete habitat projects under joint ventures.**
 - **Focuses on threatened ecosystems and imperiled watersheds**

LINKS

- **DNRC:**
www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/LoansGrants/Default.asp
- **Dept. of Ag.:**
agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Development/GrantsLoans/GTA/
- **FWP:**
fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/habitat/fish/futureFisheries/overview.html
- **Nat'l. Fish & Wildlife Fdn.:**
www.nfwf.org/environmentalsolutions/Pages/home.aspx#.VDL6iRa5JIr
- **Trout Unlimited:**
montanatu.org/who-we-are/chapters/chapter-mini-grants/
- **Bureau of Reclamation:**
www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/
- **NRCS**
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/mt/programs/financial/equip/

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING TOOLBOX

- **DNRC considering creating a toolbox to help irrigators plan for funding major infrastructure improvements**
- **Case studies showing funding on major infrastructure projects (dams/irrigation systems)**
 - **How was the funding broken down:**
 - **Grants/Loans/Cost to users**
- **Please complete the survey!!!**