

RAVALLI COUNTY LOCAL WORKING GROUP RESOURCES

Granting Agency	Grant	Focus	Timeline for application	When funding is available	Funding	Group familiar with granting agency
MT Department of Environmental Quality	319	To restore water quality in waterbodies whose beneficial uses are impaired by nonpoint source (NPS) pollution and whose water quality does not meet state standards	Varies slightly. First proposal due in June/July. Final Proposal in October.	July 1 of the following year	\$25,000- \$300,000	Bitter Root Water Forum 406-375-2272
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Future Fisheries	To restore rivers, streams and lakes to improve and restore Montana's wild fish habitats.	June 1 and December 1	October and April, respectively	\$2,000- \$200,000	FWP/BRWF 406-363-7169
NRCS	Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP)	A recovery effort aimed at relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fire, windstorms, and other natural occurrences.	Incident Specific	Declaration of disaster and EWP Funds allocated	75% damage survey report cost estimates	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District 406-361-6186 406-361-6181
NRCS	EWP Floodplain Easement Option	An alternative measure to traditional EWP recovery, where it is determined that acquiring an easement in lieu of recovery measures is the more economical and prudent approach to reducing a threat to life or property.	Incident Specific	Declaration of disaster and EWP Funds allocated	Assessed value of easement rights purchased	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District 406-361-6186 406-361-6181
NRCS	Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Farm and forest producers receive assistance to implement practices that optimize environmental benefits on working land.	Applications accepted year round. June 1st deadline for subsequent year funding.	Annually funded with contracts awarded between March and May of each year.	50%-90% of the practices' average regional cost. Payment limitation of \$450,000.	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District
NRCS	Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Offers payments to producers who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and who agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship.	Applications accepted year round. Funding cycle application deadlines vary year to year.	Annually funded with contracts awarded between March and May of each year.	\$1,000 - \$40,000 annually for five years	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District
NRCS	Agricultural Lands Easement Program (ACEP)	Help conserve agricultural lands and wetlands and their related benefits.	Applications accepted year round. Funding cycle application deadlines vary year to year.	Funding cycle deadlines announced annually	Assessed value of easement rights purchased plus 50% - 100% of restoration costs	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District/Bitter Root Land Trust
NRCS	Healthy Forests Reserve Program	Restore, enhance and protect forestland resources on private lands through easements. HRFP aids the recovery of endangered and threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, improves plant and animal biodiversity and enhances carbon sequestration.	Applications accepted year round. Funding cycle application deadlines vary year to year.	Funding cycle deadlines announced annually	Assessed value of easement rights purchased plus 50% - 100% of restoration costs	NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District
MDA	Noxious Weed Trust Fund	Weed Management Programs	Applications due in December. Awards in March of following year	Funding cycle deadlines announced annually	Up to \$75,000 for research projects, education and development projects and cooperative cost share grants	Bitter Root Land Trust (406) 375-0956
MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Recreational Trails Program	Supports Montana Trails including acquisition, easements, maintenance (including equipment) and education	Applications due in March. Awards in July.	Funding cycle deadlines announced annually	Small: \$0-\$20,000; Mid: \$20,001-\$45,000, Big: \$45,001-\$90,000	Bitter Root Land Trust
Clark Fork Coalition		Water leasing, point of diversion and source changes, water purchases	continuous (?)	within 12-24 months after initiation of process	depends on water savings and value of water	Fork Coalition, Clark
Farm Service Agency	Continuous CRP	Restoration of riparian areas	continuous	continuous, depends on time to plan project and process paperwork	payment for acres enrolled and cost share for practices such as fence, off-site water, tree and shrub planting	Coral Maxwell, FSA 406-361-6183
Bitterroot Conservation District (BCD)	Cost-Share Program	BCD partners with landowners proposing projects that benefit natural resource concerns on private property within Ravalli County.	Applications accepted July 1-Sept 1	April following year	70%-30% up to \$7000.00	406-361-6181 http://bitterrootcd.org

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Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)	HB223 Grant	Any on the ground non individual project sponsored by a Montana Conservation District	Applications accepted quarterly. July 31, October 15, January 15, April 30	Quarterly	\$20,000.00	Bitterroot Conservatoin District http://dnrc.mt.gov/
Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)	Grant & Loan Programs	On the ground resource benefit projects. Includes the Renewable Reseource Grants & Loans program.	review web-site for availability and qualifications			Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) http://dnrc.mt.gov/
Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC)		(New program related to watershed conservation, just heard about it at BCD meeting on October 27th.)			\$20,000.00	Department of Natural Resource and Conservation (DNRC) http://dnrc.mt.gov/
NRCS	Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	NRCS and its partners deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through program contracts or easement agreements.	Applications accepted year round. Funding cycle application deadlines vary year to year.	Funding cycle deadlines announced annually	25%-40% funding	Hamilton NRCS / Bitterroot Conservation District
RC&D	Hazardous Fuels Reduction Program	Bitter Root RC&D, funded by DNRC using USFS State and Private Forestry funds, oversees reduction of hazardous fuels on private lands in Ravalli, Missoula and Mineral Counties.	Applications accepted year round based on funds availability	Year round. Reimbursable grant so work is done and request for funding goes to DNRC.	50% to 75% of approved costs per executed agreement between landowner and BR RC&D.	Bitter Root RC&D (406) 363-5450 bitterrootrcd@cybernet1.com
Ravalli County Weed Department	Bitterroot Valley Cooperative Weed Management Program				50% cost share	406-777-5842