



June 2021 Programs Update

Grant-Funded Programs

Water Quality Education & Outreach Mini-Grant Program

Each Year MACD awards ~\$ 24,000 from DEQ to subaward education and outreach projects.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **DEQ FY2019 contract:** \$32,00, Expires 05/22 - Subawards are ongoing
- b. **DEQ FY2020 contract:** \$32,000, Expires 05/23. 10/11 applicants were fully funded.
- c. **DEQ FY2021 contract:** \$33,090 Awarded. Funding for 2022 call for applications

Flathead Basin Wastewater Partnership

In 2020, formed an MOA partnership with Lake CD, Flathead Basin Commission, Flathead CD, Flathead County, Friends of Lake Mary Ronan, and Flathead Lakers for the purpose of implementing a Flathead Basin wide outreach effort and septic maintenance cost-share program. The committee brought on a BSWC member for program implementation in 2021.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **DEQ FY19 Contract:** \$70,00. Expires 06/21
- b. A BSWC member is coordinating outreach efforts including targeted postcards, newspaper ads, and a tabling station at the NW MT Fair in Kalispell.
- c. 45 residents have enrolled in the program thus far (\$30,000 available for pumping cost-share)

Ranching for Rivers

50% cost-share program for infrastructure for implementation of grazing management practices (fencing, stock water tanks, spring development, water crossings) and the development of Grazing Management Plans.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **DEQ FY16 Contract:** \$124,032.00. Expires 12/21
- b. All funds have been encumbered, and additional \$24,000 was recently added to the contract to fund another project in the Sun River Watershed.
- c. Meeting with partners in June to discuss a continued program.

Watershed Stewardship Funding

Funds were originally for a NW Natural Resource Specialist. In 2020, after the position was left vacant, the remaining funds were used in an open competitive sub awarding process. \$ 10,975 was awarded to Gallatin CD and \$ 6,125 was put towards MACD's 2021 BSWC member.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **DNRC-DEQ FY16 Contract:** \$146,597.31. Expires 04/22
- b. Gallatin CD's project is ongoing through 2021

District Assistance & Communications

MACD employees a part-time Communications Specialist to provide technical and communications support to conservation districts (i.e. website hosting and publication materials development)

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **DNRC FY20 Agreement:** \$5,000. All funds spent and agreement expired

- b. **DNRC FY21 Agreement:** \$25,000. Expires 03/22
- c. Eric Rannestad is the current Communications Specialist providing assistance to CDs, participating in the Communications Subcommittee, publishing District Dispatch and the monthly TMC.

NRCS Contribution Agreements

Conservation Delivery Agreement

Agreement was put together to implement various activities that helped to promote soil health, pollinators, and conservation storytelling. Funds have been disbursed to assist with a variety of projects including Lake CD's Pollinator initiative, Carter CD's storytelling project, annual soil health workshops and the 2020 Soil Health Symposium, and annual contributions to BSWC cost-share.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **NRCS FY16 Agreement:** \$435,200.00. Expires 08/22
- b. Carter CD project is ongoing
- c. 2022 Soil Health Symposium planning is ongoing
- d. 4 2021 BSWC host-sites were provided cost-share through agreement

Montana Conservation Partnership Initiative (MCPI)

The MCPI agreement was put together as a way for NRCS to be able to pass subaward funding to district and partner projects, support MACD's SGI partner positions, and continue the soil health symposium.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. **NRCS FY19 Agreement:** \$ 2,876,926. Expires 09/22
- b. Currently 7 subaward contracts are in place, totaling \$1,302.680
- c. \$700,000 allocated to support SGI Range Conservationists located in Ekalaka, Roundup, and Malta. A fourth position is currently open for Circle.
- d. \$61,250 allocated for Big Sky Watershed Corps cost-share

Bridger Plant Materials Center

The BPMC in Carbon County is owned by the Conservation Districts of MT and WY. NRCS currently has a lease to conduct business on the land. In 2020 the BPMC and former SWCDM Board discussed the opportunity to transition BPMC to an LLC for ease of conducting business. This conversation will continue following the finalization of the MACD-SWCDM Merger.

June 2021 Updates:

- a. BPMC's Spring Board meeting was held on March 11th
- b. 4 Seasonals have been hired on by the BPMC Board to assist NRCS
- c. 1 BSWC member is serving with BPMC

2021 QUICKBOOKS GRANT OVERVIEW	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	Grant Expiration
FEDERAL			
NRCS MT Conservation Partnership Initiative	\$ 730,552.93	\$199,432.45	Sep. 2022
NRCS Conservation Delivery	\$ 86,827.13	\$ 12,305.91	Jun. 2021
DEQ 319 FY20 Mini-Grant	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,181.00	Mar. 2023
DEQ 319 FY19 Mini-Grant	\$ 24,379.05	\$ 8,871.25	Mar. 2022
DEQ 319 FY18 Mini-Grant		\$ 3,642.55	Closed
DEQ 319 Septic System	\$ 50,244.38	\$ 2,167.50	Jun. 2022
DEQ 319 Ranching for Rivers	\$ 83,036.24	\$ 17,593.75	Dec. 2022
STATE			
FWP - Sage Grouse Initiative Contribution	\$ 20,000.00	-	Dec. 2022
DNRC - Watershed Stewardship Agreement	\$ 18,785.50	\$ 7,603.25	Dec. 2021
DNRC - RD-SWCD-636	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	Closed
DNRC - RD-MACD-643	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 4,288.28	Mar. 2022
LOCAL / NGO			
WWF - Sage Grouse Initiative Contribution	\$ 5,800.00		Jan. 2021
Big Sky Watershed Corps MOU	\$ 14,500.00		Annual
Soil Health Sponsorship/ Registration	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 8329.2.00	for 2022 Event
Website Hosting	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 645.30	
TOTAL Program Income	\$ 1,092,125.23	\$ 263,731.24	
		<i>Pending Income:</i>	<i>\$ 155,839.18</i>
PROGRAM EXPENSES (Passthrough)			
	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	
Partner Subawards	\$ 486,866.13	\$ 200,814.59	
2022 Soil Health Symposium	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	
Mini Grant Subawards	\$ 21,559.05		
Ranching for Rivers Cost-Share	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 12,629.00	
Flathead Septic Cost-Share Program	\$ 26,625.00		
BSWC Cost-Share	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 12,250.00	
MACD BSWC	\$ 12,250.00	\$ 6,000.00	
TOTAL Passthrough Expenses	\$ 651,800.18	\$ 235,193.59	
Sage Grouse Initiative Employees			
	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	
Payroll Expenses,	\$217,919.10	\$ 53,248.916	

Travel & Supplies	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 50.00
TOTAL SGI Expenses	\$229,919.10	\$ 53,298.91