

Delivering Local Assistance Program

Grant Application Workshop

September 5, 2019



Funding Available

- \$21.5 Million total in funding through a state funded program created as a result of 2019 Legislature in House Bill 652 (HB 652)
 - \$10.75 for eligible local governments
 - At least \$10.75 for eligible school districts



Eligible Applicants

- Local Governments impacted by natural resource development as defined in House Bill 652, 2019 Legislative Session
 - City or Town
 - County
 - Consolidated Local Government
 - Tribal Government
 - Water, Sewer, Solid Waste District
 - School District
 - Authority defined in 75-6-304



Applicants

- Local governments must be able to demonstrate impact related to growth or decline associated with coal, oil, gas, or timber
- Recorded local production records as reported by Dept. of Revenue, DNRC or other federal or state agencies. Describe impacts further in narrative responses



Eligible Project Types – Local Governments

- Drinking Water Systems
- Wastewater Treatment Systems
- Sanitary Sewer or Storm Sewer Systems
- Solid Waste Disposal & Separation Systems
- Bridges
- Facilities for government administration
- Public safety related to law enforcement, fire protection, emergency services



Eligible Projects - Schools

- Related to life safety or security issues
- Major repairs or deferred maintenance in existing facility
- Major improvements or enhancements to existing facility



Projects, cont.

- Applicants may apply for multiple projects
- Projects must be stand alone
- Applications for projects already underway will be accepted, back to January 1, 2019, but will be ranked based on need and priority



Eligible Funding

- \$750,000 per project
- Maximum \$1.5 million, per county
- Local Government applications with overlapping boundaries must present which project is highest local priority
- A City/Town does not need to prioritize with a school within the City/Town boundaries also applies
 - Funding is separated for local gov'ts & schools



Funding, cont.

- If an applicant also applied to the 2018 TSEP funding cycle and did not receive legislative approval for funding, the amount applied for may not exceed the original TSEP amount requested
- However, if the applicant is unsure TSEP HB652 bonding funds will be received, a DLA higher amount may be requested, but may be reduced depending on TSEP projects funded with bonding



Funding, cont.

- Projects with substantial changes from TSEP the application need to submit a full application to DLA
- Projects that do not have substantial changes, and are not approved for HB 652 bonding funds, from the TSEP application need only completed Sections 1 & 2 (natural resource development impact component) for DLA



Application Submission

- Submit applications no later than September 30, 2019 (postmarked or delivered by 5:00pm)
- Commerce may request additional information as necessary to clarify the proposed project



Application

- One hardcopy, one electronic copy
- <https://transfer.mt.gov/>
- DOCCDD@mt.gov (if file size permits)

- Department of Commerce
Community Development Division
301 S Park Avenue *OR* PO Box 200523
Helena, MT 59620-0523



Ranking and Review

- Commerce staff will create prioritized list(s) based on program criteria
- Higher consideration will be given to those projects with greater impacts of coal, oil, gas and timber
- Funds available at time start-up conditions are met as defined in HB 652
- Start-up conditions must be met by September 30, 2020



Considerations

- TSEP Grant Administration Manual applies
- Technical or Planning documents may be requested
 - Development of plans limited to 5% DLA requested
- Matching funds are not required, but encouraged
- Compliance with Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) will need be completed after DLA award is received



Questions?

- Email or call CDD staff at:
- DOCCDD@mt.gov
- 406-841-2770
- <https://comdev.mt.gov>

