



WESTERN MONTANA  
**Conservation  
 Commission**

# DNRC Grant Authorizing Statement, Lobbying Certification and Conflict of Interest Acknowledgment

## A. Grant Authorization

I certify that the information and the statements in this application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the project or activity as described in this application complies with all applicable state, local and federal laws and regulations. By my signature below, I certify that I have knowledge of and understand the content of this application and that I am fully authorized to apply to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) for the grant specified in the submitted materials.

I further declare that, for \_\_\_\_\_ (Entity Name), I am legally authorized to enter into a binding contract with the DNRC to obtain funding if this application, \_\_\_\_\_ (Title), is approved. I understand that all funds must be both authorized by the Montana Legislature and available in the natural resources project account before grants are available.

A facsimile, photocopy or electronic copy of the signature below shall have the same force and effect as an original signature and an electronic signature shall be regarded as an original signature. 30-18-102, MCA.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature and Title of Authorized Representative                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name and Title of Representative

## B. Lobbying Certification

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. The recipient will forward this Lobbying Certification, in its entirety, to all subrecipients of federal grant funds and will retain the signed certification(s) in its grant files.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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/s/  
Signature and Title of Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Printed Name and Title of Representative

### **C. Conflict of Interest**

The recipient or subrecipient must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, agent, or board member with a real or apparent conflict of interest may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by the Federal award. A conflict of interest includes when the employee, officer, agent, or board member, any member of their immediate family, their partner, or an organization that employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from an entity considered for a contract. An employee, officer, agent, and board member of the recipient or subrecipient may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors. However, the recipient or subrecipient may set standards for situations where the financial interest is not substantial or a gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The recipient's or subrecipient's standards of conduct must also provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations by its employees, officers, agents, or board members.

If the recipient or subrecipient has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a State, local government, or Indian Tribe, the recipient or subrecipient must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest mean that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the recipient or subrecipient is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

1. There is no current or potential conflict of interest within the recipient's organization, or its subrecipients, that may influence the management of federal grant funds. If a potential conflict of interest arises, the recipient will immediately disclose the conflict, in writing, to DNRC.
2. The recipient's organization will maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award, and administration of contracts. These standards will provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations by its employees, officers, agents, or board members.

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