

Stormwater & Septic Leachate Toxics Reduction Grant Program



Awarded Grants

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Announcing the grants awarded for WMCC's Stormwater & Septic Leachate Toxics Reduction Grant Program! These projects aim to address the escalating challenges posed by toxic pollution in western Montana's watersheds through the following programs:

- Residential Septic System Education & Maintenance Program
- Residential & Community Green Stormwater Infrastructure Program
- Septic System Replacement & Sewer Connectivity
- Showcase Green Stormwater Infrastructure Project

We are so excited to support the great work of organizations and communities across Western Montana to help improve our infrastructure, connect and educate, and mitigate pollution.

Learn more: westernMTwaters.com

Showcase Green Stormwater Infrastructure

City & County of Butte-Silver Bow

Father Sheehan Park Green Stormwater Infrastructure Revitalization Project

Build on existing stormwater education, improve safety and accessibility, and address longstanding stormwater management deficiencies.

City of Missoula

Missoula Public Library Living Roof

Install living roof to reduce stormwater runoff, filter pollutants, cool the building and lower energy use, while demonstrating the power of nature-based solutions.

Septic System Replacement & Sewer Connectivity

Hideaway Community Water & Sewer District

Water & Sewer District Improvement

Upgrade failing septic systems to a community septic system at a manufactured home community that consists of 30 homes, collectively owned by the residents through a cooperative formed in 2021.

Morning Star Community, Inc.

Community-owned Sewer Connectivity

Eliminate failing septic systems and provide connections to the City of Kalispell's wastewater sewer system at 41-unit resident-owned manufactured home community.

Green Acres Cooperative, Inc.

Sewer Improvement

The project will abandon the failing septic tank and connect all of the 32 households in resident-owned manufactured home community to the City of Kalispell's wastewater sewer system.

Flathead County Water & Sewer District No. 1: Evergreen

Septic Tanks Replacement

Replace aged tanks at the Junior High and Elementary Schools, and address the aging pipes that take the effluent to the collection system that gets pumped to the Kalispell Wastewater Treatment Plant.

North Powell Conservation District

Septic System Replacement Project

Assist homeowners in the upper Nevada Creek area with the replacement or upgrade of failing or outdated septic systems. Provide financial and logistical support to residents.

Residential & Community Green Stormwater Infrastructure

City of Missoula

Rose Park Neighborhood Rain Garden

Implementing community-scale green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) use, demonstrating how local governments can create internal partnerships and adopt nature-based design for future city surface improvement projects to improve water quality, enhance neighborhood resilience, and build public understanding of stormwater pollution prevention.

Flathead Lakers

Boettcher Park Stormwater Capture and Filtration

Collaborative project that includes the construction of a 1,000 sq. ft. stormwater retention pond, habitat restoration, community engagement, and long-term monitoring to improve water quality and ensure environmental sustainability.



Flathead Conservation District

Flathead Rain Garden Initiative

Educates Flathead County residents about nonpoint source pollution and promotes the use of rain gardens to reduce runoff and filter pollutants, offers free educational resources, design assistance, and funding for native plants through the Landowner Incentive Program.

Missoula County Department of Ecology & Extension

Native Plant Programming & ReWild Initiative

Native plant-based green stormwater infrastructure, workshops, interpretive signage, community engagement, and free plant distribution program out of the Rocky Mountain Gardens.

Residential Septic System Education & Maintenance

Flathead County Water & Sewer District No. 1: Evergreen

Community Wastewater Education

Creation of a mobile human water cycle education trailer that highlights the process of wastewater treatment and septic system maintenance play in keeping our communities and water systems healthy.

Thompson Chain of Lakes Stewardship Coalition

Septic System Health & Maintenance Education

Launches a new community septic system education outreach program and landowner septic system pumping and maintenance cost-share.

Lake County Conservation District

Flathead Basin Septic Maintenance Reimbursement Program

Continuation of the community septic system education outreach program and landowner septic system pumping and maintenance cost-share in Flathead and Lake Counties.

Flathead Lakers

Focused High Risk Septic Education & Outreach

Community-based social marketing plan development to reach residents around Flathead Lake about the importance of septic system upkeep.



Little Bitterroot Lake Association**Residential Septic System Education, Awareness, and Maintenance**

Continuation of a door-to-door seasonal program bringing awareness to homeowners about maintaining and understanding septic systems and their effect on the water quality of Little Bitterroot Lake in Flathead County.

Clearwater Resource Council**Seeley Lake Septic Maintenance Cost-Share & Community Engagement**

Financially assist homeowners in getting their septic systems inspected and pumped to benefit water quality in the lakes and streams of the Seeley Lake community.

