



# Montana Revolving Fund Loan Program

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# Small System Support

## 1. Where to start ???????



# Small Communities

- 1) Lack of Resources
- 2) Part-time Staff
- 3) Small Populations
- 4) They don't know where to start

# Montana - Hired Technical Assistance

## Qualifications for support of small communities:

- 1) Complete an RFP to hire engineers & consultants.
  - a. Work with small systems.
  - b. Be familiar with State & Federal funding programs.
    - State Revolving Fund Loan Program
    - USDA Rural Development
    - State Grant & Loan Programs
- 2) Each community is provided 20 hours of time for a Technical Provider.  
Charge per hour paid for by the state.
- 3) Assessment Report by Technical Provider to State and community.  
Technical Providers will:
  - a. Advise on funding options.
  - B. Help fill out loan/grant application.
- 4) State pays for assistance to the community.

# Community Calls to get help

- 1) Gets the community started.
- 2) They can hire an Engineer.
- 3) Get a Planning Grant - from a State or Federal Agency.
- 4) Apply for funding to complete project.
- 5) Coordinate with our other Technical Assistance agencies.

# Solve the Problem

- 95 % of systems - population is under 1,000.
- Planning grants help the funders plan.
- Income below target rate and qualify for loan forgiveness or grants.
- If there is a system violation? They are invited to a project meeting.
- Most projects need multiple funding sources.



# Questions

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