



Section 319 Grant - Final Proposal Form

FY2014 Final Proposals are due Friday, October 4, 2013

Section I: General Information

Project Title Big Sky Watershed Corps Support

Project Sponsor Information

Sponsor Name Montana Watershed Coordination Council

County Statewide

Website www.mtwatersheds.org

Tax Identification # 46-1545855

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Project Location

Watershed Name or HUC # Multiple

TMDL Planning Area Multiple

(1) Waterbody Name from 2012 List of Impaired Water Multiple

(1) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment Multiple

(2) Waterbody Name from 2012 List of Impaired Waters

(2) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment

(3) Waterbody Name from 2012 List of Impaired Waters

(3) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment

Activity 1 Name Implementation Activities

Latitude (1)

Longitude (1)

Activity 2 Name

Latitude (2)

Longitude (2)

Activity 3 Name

Latitude (3)

Longitude (3)

Nonpoint Source (NPS) Information

Which WRP does the project implement? Other

What is the WRP status? DEQ-Accepted

Does the project implement recommendations in a TMDL? Yes

Waterbody Type

Functional Category Riparian Projects

1st Pollution Category Silviculture (Forest Management)

Percent of Total (%) 20

2nd Pollution Category Agriculture (Irrigated Crop Production)

Percent of Total (%) 30

3rd Pollution Category Urban Runoff/Stormwater (Municipal)

Percent of Total (%) 20

4th Pollution Category Hydromodification (Streambank or Shoreline Modification/Destabilization)

Percent of Total (%) 30

Project Funding

319 Funds Requested	<input type="text" value="\$55,500.00"/>	Does the project sponsor have any open 319 contracts?	<input type="text" value="Yes"/>
Matching Funds		Project Title	<input type="text" value="Effective Watershed Communication"/>
State Match	<input type="text"/>	DEQ Contract Number	<input type="text" value="213027"/>
State In-Kind Match	<input type="text"/>	319 Award	<input type="text" value="\$9,000.00"/>
Local Funds	<input type="text" value="\$50,000.00"/>	Projected Closing Date	<input type="text" value="June 2014"/>
Other Match	<input type="text"/>	Project Title	<input type="text"/>
Total Matching Funds	<input type="text" value="\$50,000.00"/>	DEQ Contract Number	<input type="text"/>
Other Federal Funds	<input type="text" value="\$170,148.00"/>	319 Award	<input type="text"/>
Total Project Budget	<input type="text" value="\$275,648.00"/>	Projected Closing Date	<input type="text"/>
Administrative Fee	<input type="text" value="\$5,500.00"/>		

Project Description

Methods: Please describe the specific activities of this project.

Provide cost share support to place Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps (BSWC) members within 10 or more qualified watershed groups and conservation districts across Montana. Each professional BSWC member will live and work in their host site community for 10.5 months and provide professional organizational capacity to enable focused efforts for WRP project development, implementation and outreach to effectively and efficiently implement Water Quality Restoration and TMDL plan goals over the next 2 years.

Objectives: Please describe the specific/measurable objectives that will ensure the achievement of the project goal(s).

The overall goal is to help build or strengthen local capacity to improve watershed health and protection, and implement approved WRPs. Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps members work within targeted (DEQ accepted or pending WRPs) host site organizations to focus on meeting watershed restoration goals. Activities will include 3 specific objectives: Watershed Health and Protection, Education and Outreach, and Volunteer Engagement. Throughout their 10.5 month term member activities may include: project design, coordination and implementation; stream restoration; riparian revegetation; grant writing; data collection; school and community education/outreach events; and organizing, coordinating and managing volunteer water monitoring teams.

Overview: Please provide a brief summary of the proposed project.

Successful long term WRP implementation depends on broad stakeholder commitment, local leadership and strong organizational capacity to ensure sustainability. Montana is fortunate to have over 60 watershed groups and 58 Conservation Districts located in every county in Montana. Montana Watershed Coordination Council (MWCC) and the Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) are directly connected to these organizations across the state. Many of these groups are eager to accomplish projects on the ground, but often lack the funding, qualified staff or organized volunteers to develop and initiate the projects. State and federal agencies do not have the resources to station an employee in each of these organizations. Funding for organizational capacity is very limited and often not sufficient or long term. So how do we get natural resource or technical assistance to these communities to help them navigate project implementation? BSWC members are a great solution. They are pre-screened, well qualified college graduates trained in natural resources that spend 10.5 months living and working on watershed health in selected host site communities. For this project, MWCC will coordinate with MT DEQ to identify community based organizations across Montana (WS groups and CDs) that have DEQ approved or pending Watershed Restoration Plans (WRPs) and are ready to get to work, but lack the organizational or financial capacity to develop and complete the projects. Each host site is required to provide a \$10,000 cash cost share to host a BSWC member. Many of these sites lack the financial resources to provide the \$10,000 cost share. This project will create a source of funds to award up to \$5,000 to help offset the cost share for 9 or more qualified host sites that have an approved WRP and are ready to implement projects. Essentially a full time member for a 10.5 month service term in at least 10 watersheds for a very effective return on the investment. This seed money will provide the support to develop and launch individual projects and education at a local level and potentially build the community capacity, engage staff and volunteers and support future non point source projects. Hosting a BSWC member is a tremendous value for the host site, but it is also important to build and refine the skills and knowledge of the serving members. Through other funding, the BSWC program provides a very modest monthly living stipend for the members (~\$800), but does not provide additional support for job or project specific training, continuing education and professional development. Task 2 of this project would help build and further train the environmental stewards of tomorrow through additional educational events and networking opportunities for the BSWC members during their service term.

Section II: Background Information

A: Statement of Need and Intent

As a headwaters state, Montana has a responsibility to maintain and protect our Nations water resources. We are water rich, people few and funding challenged. As we all strive to sustain or improve watershed health and water quality, locally based organizations provide the first line of defense to assist with the identification, implementation and sustainability of water quality protection activities. Most of the 60+ active watershed groups and 58 Conservation Districts, scattered throughout Montana, often have only one full or part time employee and virtually "no visible means of support". These important community based organizations are the local leaders committed to protecting and maintaining their community economic vitality and resources. They have the desire, but not necessarily the skill set, capacity or resources to develop, coordinate, fund, oversee and maintain water quality restoration projects. For 20 years, MWCC has provided the statewide network, connecting locally based organizations to state and federal agencies to help deliver the resources, technical and professional support they need to improve watershed health and water quality protection in their communities. Thus helping MT DEQ meet several of the goals stated in the 212 NPS plan, "2) *The state strengthens its working partnerships and linkages with appropriate groups, entities, and agencies;* and 3) *The state uses a balanced approach that emphasizes both state-wide and on-the-ground management of individual watersheds;* 5) *The state program identifies waters and watersheds impaired by nonpoint source pollution through a comprehensive assessment program, develops and implements WQ Improvement plans.* In 2011, MWCC and MACD collaborated with the Montana Conservation Corps to create the BSWC, a statewide direct service AmeriCorps program. Now in its second year, this very successful program is supported through a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service with the Montana Governor's office of Community Service and host site cost shares. Each selected host site is expected to provide a \$10,000 cash cost share toward programmatic support. In return, each host site gets a well educated, dedicated AmeriCorps member who will spend 10.5 months living and working within their host site community to improve watershed health and increase understanding and local engagement in water quality and natural resource issues. The enthusiastic BSWC members provide effective, necessary capacity to implement projects, provide direct, local education and outreach, and help develop water quality monitoring programs to meet the identified goals in accepted and approved Watershed Restoration and TMDL plans. Many of the worthy organizations simply do not have the resources to provide the \$10,000 cost share. This application seeks to provide a source of funds for MWCC to manage and distribute up to \$5,000 cost share match support to qualified organizations over the 2015 and 2016 service terms. The BSWC creates a highly educated and enthusiastic team, or Esprit d'Corps, of members accomplishing an incredible amount of work in their watersheds to support effective and long term water quality restoration activities. This funding is vital to providing the seed money to help worthy local groups build, launch or fully implement their water quality protection and improvement goals.

B: Collaborative Effort

Partner	Role
Montana Association of Conservation Districts	Help identify and coordinate potential host sites and BSWC professional development opportunities such as the MACD annual convention, Watershed Wednesday, and regional meetings.
Montana Conservation Corps	Administer the CNCS grant and all BSWC member administrative and payroll services. coordinate with MWCC and MACD for all program activities.
Local Watershed Groups or Conservation District host sites (9+ sites, still to be identified)	Provide at least 10 hours per week of direct supervision for the BSWC members. Provide office space, computer, telephone and inclusion in the community for the members.
MT DEQ	Identify and recommend potential host sites that are seeking technical and organizational assistance in implementing WRPs.
MT DNRC	Provide staff time, travel and assistance to support BSWC and host sites.

Additional Information (Collaborative Effort)

MWCC serves as a "hub" organization that is specifically positioned to connect agencies and conservation organizations to effectively distribute and deliver resources to the locally, community based organizations. The organizations listed above are specific to this project and are only a few of the partners that are connected and collaborate with MWCC.

C: Project Planning and Management

Funding Organization	Award Amount	Project Description	Project Status	Contact Information
Governor's Office of Community Service AmeriCorps grant (Through the Corporation for National and Community Service) 2014	170148.00	Programmatic support to provide 14 slots/host site locations for the Big Sky Watershed Corps Program in 2014.	Approved, new members will start their term in January 2014	Wendy Wigert, Director of Operations, Montana Conservation Corps wendy@mtcorps.org (406)587-4475
Local Match (Host Sites with approved WRPs providing Cost Share \$)	45000.00	Each host site is required to provide a cost share match to host a BSWC member. Since the total cost is \$10,000 per site, all additional \$ will come from local or state match cash dollars.	Pending identification of the host sites	Ann Schwend MWCC BSWC Host site coordinator bswc@mtwatersheds.org (406)444-1806
Administration		MWCC will provide all of the grant and sub award administration		MWCC Chair Chair@mtwatersheds.org

Additional Information (Planning and Management)

MWCC is taking the lead on coordinating with MT DEQ to help identify qualified host site organizations for the 2015 BSWC term year which will begin in January of 2015. Hosting a BSWC member is a competitive process, but good planning will ensure that the individual sites will develop project plans that meet both the needs of BSWC program (Watershed health and protection, Education and outreach, and volunteer engagement) as well as the goals of the accepted WRPs. Having an additional source of funding ensures that finances are not limiting the potential host site's ability to accomplish their goals of protecting or improving watershed health, through acquiring a local BSWC member to assist.

Section III: Project Components

A: Education and Outreach: Please briefly describe the education and outreach component of this proposal, the target audience, and the method of delivery.

Education and outreach are key elements for the BSWC members and their host sites. The members target activities that lead to a better understanding of watershed health, engage the community members to participate and then often turn those activities into community events, or curriculum development for classrooms. BSWC members are also required to participate in a number of volunteer national community service events and often use these events to promote their watershed base work, or engage additional board or community members to participate. Several members from the first 2 years of the program have also developed outreach publications such as websites or frequent newsletters to highlight events, meetings or issues within their community. The members also network, share ideas, publicity and resources among the team through frequent conference calls, social media and blogs. Although BSWC members are hosted locally, through the coordinated system they are providing an invaluable outreach network among the different communities and supervisors that they are serving. MWCC also provides several statewide opportunities for the members to showcase and highlight their watersheds and their work through Watershed Wednesday at the state Capitol, MWCC Symposia, MACD conventions, American Water Resource Association professional meetings and many others. Through these additional opportunities, the BSWC members are reaching a variety of audiences and stakeholders, at the local, regional and statewide levels.

C: Operation and Maintenance

The BSWC is a collaborative partnership among MWCC, MACD and the Montana Conservation Corps (MCC). There is a well defined Memorandum of Understanding that outlines the roles and responsibilities of each of the partner organizations, as well as a Steering Committee to help guide the program. MWCC's primary role is to promote the BSWC program, identify potential host sites and help them find funds to provide the \$10,000 cost share. MWCC is also the host site liaison and coordinates communication among the host site supervisors to ensure that all systems are running smoothly. The mission of MWCC is to "Build and Unite Watershed Communities" and these activities fit well within the goals of the organization, while also complementing the goals of the MT DEQ 2012 non point source management plan, *"The goal of Montana's Nonpoint Source Management Program is to provide a clean and healthy environment by protecting and restoring water quality from the harmful effects of nonpoint source pollution. We believe this can best be achieved through the voluntary implementation of best management practices identified in science-based, community-supported watershed plans"*.

The MWCC team will coordinate with MT DEQ staff to help identify qualified host site communities that are poised to begin projects. Once watersheds are identified, the host site coordinator will work with the potential host site supervisor and local board to develop a scope of work and activities that the BSWC member will tackle once they are on board. Competitive BSWC host site applications are ranked and awarded by the BSWC Steering Committee in August of each year. MWCC and MACD then coordinate with MCC to review the (pre-screened) member applications and send at least 3 potential candidates to each host sites so that they can interview and hire their new member by early October. The team of new members begins their service term in January and must serve over 1700 hours until November. Following completion of their service term, the members are eligible for a \$5,500 educational award and are ready to launch their new careers in a natural resource field.

D: Monitoring: Please briefly describe the monitoring component of this proposal.

The CNCS grant has very specific monthly reporting and monitoring requirements to measure the numbers and effectiveness of the members community work over the course of their service term. As of March 2013, BSWC members and trained volunteers have collected 3469 water quality data points at 44 locations across the state and provided watershed education and outreach to 2,355 beneficiaries for a total of 4400 hours of community education. Many of the sites have also developed SAP and QAPP documents to ensure high quality data collection and management to enable the data to be uploaded into state databases.

Section IV: Scope of Work

Task 1 Title Host Site Cost Share Support

Description

Provide up to \$5,000 cost share match dollars for 9 or more qualified watershed groups or conservation districts to support a BSWC member to develop projects to restore and improve impaired waters, to implement watershed protection activities for unimpaired waters, and to increase awareness and active engagement of community members to improve watershed conditions.

Deliverables

At least 9 community based organizations with approved Watershed Restoration Plans hosting a fulltime BSWC member for 10.5 months working on specifically identified WRP implementation activities.

Task 1 Funding

319 Funds	\$45,000.00
Non-Federal Match	\$45,000.00
Other Federal Funds	\$170,148.00
Total Cost	\$260,148.00
Is Match Secured?	Yes

Timeline July 2014- December 2016

Match Source Local cash from each of the selected, qualified host sites

Task 2 Title Professional development support for BSWC members

Description

Funds to support travel, registration and other fees to allow members to attend pertinent professional trainings and conferences during their BSWC term year.

Deliverables

BSWC members that are knowledgeable, connected and better prepared to address, fund and implement watershed restoration related activities in their watersheds.

Task 2 Funding

319 Funds	\$5,000.00
Non-Federal Match	
Other Federal Funds	
Total Cost	\$5,000.00
Is Match Secured?	

Timeline January 2015-December 2016

Match Source _____

Task 3 Title Administration[illegible]

Provide all aspects of project coordination, communication, fiscal administration and reporting requirements as needed for the grant management.

Deliverables **Task 3 Funding**

Accurate accounting, timely reports and adherence to state and federal guidelines for project oversight and administration.	319 Funds	\$5,500.00
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Task 3 Funding

319 Funds	\$5,500.00
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Non-Federal Match	
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Other Federal Funds	
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Total Cost	\$5,500.00
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Is Match Secured?	Yes
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Timeline	Match Source
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Match Source

Task 4 Title

Description	Value
1. Introduction	1.1. Background
2. Methodology	2.1. Data Collection
3. Results	3.1. Summary of Findings
4. Conclusion	4.1. Final Thoughts

Deliverables Task 4 Funding

	319 Funds	
	Non-Federal Match	
	Other Federal Funds	
	Total Cost	
	Is Match Secured?	

Task 4 Funding

319 Funds	
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Non-Federal Match	
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Other Federal Funds	
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Total Cost	
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Is Match Secured?	
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Timeline	Match Source
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Match 2	2023-01-22	19:00	Stadium B	1-0
Match 3	2023-02-05	15:00	Stadium C	3-2
Match 4	2023-02-12	18:30	Stadium A	0-0
Match 5	2023-02-19	16:00	Stadium D	1-1
Match 6	2023-03-05	14:00	Stadium E	2-0
Match 7	2023-03-12	17:30	Stadium F	1-2
Match 8	2023-03-19	15:30	Stadium G	0-1
Match 9	2023-03-26	18:00	Stadium H	2-1
Match 10	2023-04-02	16:30	Stadium I	1-0
Match 11	2023-04-09	14:30	Stadium J	3-1
Match 12	2023-04-16	19:00	Stadium K	1-1
Match 13	2023-04-23	15:00	Stadium L	2-0
Match 14	2023-04-30	18:30	Stadium M	0-0
Match 15	2023-05-07	16:00	Stadium N	1-2
Match 16	2023-05-14	14:00	Stadium O	2-1
Match 17	2023-05-21	17:30	Stadium P	1-0
Match 18	2023-05-28	15:30	Stadium Q	0-1
Match 19	2023-06-04	18:00	Stadium R	2-1
Match 20	2023-06-11	16:30	Stadium S	1-0
Match 21	2023-06-18	14:30	Stadium T	3-1
Match 22	2023-06-25	19:00	Stadium U	1-1
Match 23	2023-07-02	15:00	Stadium V	2-0
Match 24	2023-07-09	18:30	Stadium W	0-0
Match 25	2023-07-16	16:00	Stadium X	1-2
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Match 34	2023-09-17	18:30	Stadium AG	0-0
Match 35	2023-09-24	16:00	Stadium AH	1-2
Match 36	2023-10-01	14:00	Stadium AI	2-1
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Task 5 Title _____

Description

Deliverables

Task 5 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Task 6 Title _____

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Deliverables

Task 6 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Task 7 Title _____

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Deliverables

Task 7 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Task 8 Title _____

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Deliverables

Task 8 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Task 9 Title _____

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Deliverables

Task 9 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Task 10 Title _____

Description

Deliverables

Task 10 Funding

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Is Match Secured?

Timeline _____ Match Source _____

Section V: Supporting Documents

A: Detailed Project Budget

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B: Project Milestone Table: Please complete the following Project Milestone Table by entering task numbers and titles in the left hand column, then check the box(es) for the appropriate quarter(s) and year(s) in which the task will take place.

Milestone	3QT 2014	4QT 2014	1QT 2015	2QT 2015	3QT 2015	4QT 2015	1QT 2016	2QT 2016	3QT 2016	4QT 2016	1QT 2017
Identify and Recruit potential host sites	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Place BSWC members in their new host sites for service year	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BSWC member support and professional development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please ensure that you submit a **project map(s)** and **letters of support (at least 3)** along with this Final Application form. If design drawings are available please provide those as well. For on-the-ground work please include copies of the applicable permits.

☒ **C: Project Map**

☒ **D: Letters of Support**

☐ **E: Design Drawings**

☐ **F: Applicable Permits**

☐ **G: Draft of amended WRP**

H: Comments: Please use the space provided for any additional information that may not have been captured by this application form.

Watershed Restoration Plan Status

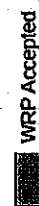
Watersheds are shown with their watershed restoration planning status.

WRP Accepted

WRP Under Development

0 20 40 60 80 100 120 Miles

Montana Department of Natural Resources
Division of Fish and Wildlife
Bureau of Watershed Management
June 2003



WRP Under Development



Watersheds are shown with their watershed restoration planning status.



HUC	HUC Name	WRP Status
17010208	Flathead	In Progress
17010211	Swan	Accepted
10030205	Teton	Accepted
10030104	Sun	Accepted
17010203	Blackfoot	In Progress
1701020403	Ninemile Creek	Accepted
1701021309	Upper Noxon Reservoir	Accepted
1701021307	Beaver Creek	Accepted
1701021308	Vermilion River	Accepted
1701021310	Lower Noxon Reservoir	Accepted
1701021313	Clark Fork River - Cabinet Gorge Reservoir	Accepted
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1701020104	Clark Fork River - Warm Springs	Accepted
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1002000404	Big Hole River - Wisdom	Accepted
1002000403	Headwaters Big Hole River	Accepted
1002000402	Warm Springs Creek	Accepted
1002000401	Governor Creek	Accepted

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Water Activities Work Group 319 Review Committee
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RE: 319 Grant Application Support Letter

Dear 319 Review Committee:

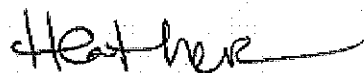
On behalf of the Bitter Root Water Forum (BRWF), I am writing in support of the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's (MWCC) 319 Grant application to assist Conservation Districts and conservation-based organizations host a Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Member to help implement Watershed Restoration Plans.

As a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the traditions of agriculture, community and recreation by protecting, enhancing and restoring the Bitterroot watershed, BRWF recognizes the value of providing additional assistance to conservation districts and conservation groups who are often limited in resources—both financially and in regards to staff capacity. Financing for organizations is competitive and limited, especially for the capacity to support staff. Providing financial assistance for organizations to obtain a BSWC Member is a vital step toward ensuring progress and growth for local organizations and will undoubtedly help groups in developing Watershed Restoration Plans.

As a second-year host site I can personally attest to the benefits of having a Member to assist BRWF in carrying out the mission of our organization. Our Member made significant contributions to our organization and without her contributions we would never have had the capacity that allowed us to develop a Watershed Restoration Plan (WRP). Our final WRP will serve as a jumping off point for future projects, education, and outreach that our next Member can help carry forward.

We strongly urge you to fund MWCC's proposal so that conservation groups may increase their capacity and develop WRP's that will drive projects and education in their watersheds for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,



Heather Mullee
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September 25, 2013

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RE: 319 Grant Application Support Letter

Dear 319 Review Committee:

On behalf of the Blue Water Task Force, a nonprofit watershed group dedicated to promoting the stewardship of the Gallatin River, I would like to express our support for the 319 application from the Montana Watershed Coordination Council for cost share for the Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Program. Our organization has been fortunate to have participated in this program as a host site for the past two years and we just received notification of a third year starting in January. The BSWC program has been a game changer for our organization in numerous ways. The addition of a full-time, energetic, passionate college graduate on board has afforded us the ability to significantly expand our program work, our outreach capability, and our fundraising capacity. This will undoubtedly have major impacts on nonpoint source issues in the Upper Gallatin Watershed.

As a previous host site, we can testify that it is difficult to raise the \$10,000 cost share to support a BSWC member. With a reduction in cost share requirement, organizations would not have to take time away from the important watershed work outlined in their watershed restoration plans to fundraise. This would be an extremely valuable investment in our state's watersheds, as I cannot emphasize enough the difference this program has made for our organization and our capacity to improve water quality in the Gallatin.

The Blue Water Task Force offers its enthusiastic support for the MWCC application for cost share of the BSWC program and urges you to approve this proposal for funding. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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RE: Montana Watershed Coordination Council DEQ 319 Grant

Dear Rob,

The Flathead Lakers support the Montana Watershed Coordination Council's 319 Grant application to assist conservation districts and nonprofit organizations host Big Sky Watershed Corps (Corps) members to help implement Watershed Restoration Plans.

The Big Sky Watershed Corps program engages young watershed professionals and provides them with excellent on-the-ground learning opportunities. The program also allows nonprofit organizations and conservation districts to expand their capacity for a year, when a long term funding commitment for full time staff may be challenging, and to test the needs and capabilities of a group or program to address new issues.

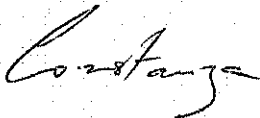
Watershed Restoration Plans can help identify new actions needed to protect and improve water quality. The infusion of young professionals into collaborative watershed restoration project development and implementation can be invigorating and more cost-effective than committing to hiring new staff.

The Flathead Lakers are hosting a Corps member to expand *Flathead River to Lake Initiative* partners' capacity to advance landowner outreach and critical lands restoration and stewardship. *Initiative* partners identified the need to create a collaborative River Steward position to help partners conduct outreach to landowners to encourage restoration, collaboratively implement, maintain and monitor restoration projects, and regularly communicate with landowners to ensure project success. Hosting a Corps member will allow *Initiative* partners to test and evaluate the effectiveness of the River Steward position in helping achieve common goals, and use the evaluation to establish a long-term strategy for partners to establish and support a long-term, seasonal River Steward position.

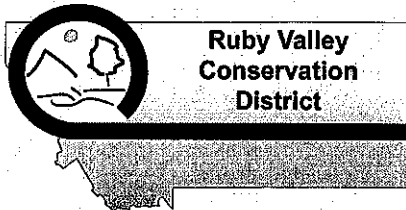
Our experience with the Big Sky Watershed Corps program and our pilot project has been constructive in building our cooperative outreach and restoration program while strengthening our partnership. We are impressed with the program's rigorous Corps member and sponsor training and mentoring efforts that help ensure the program is effective in meeting its goals of building capacity for watershed protection and restoration and providing a learning opportunity for young professionals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Constanza".

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RE: 319 Application for Big Sky Watershed Corps funding assistance

Dear Robert and the 319 Review Panel,

This letter is to support full funding for the application from MWCC that would provide cost share assistance to host sites to obtain a Big Sky Watershed Corps (BSWC) Member.

As a current host site with hopes to be a host site in 2015, I can tell you that without cost share assistance, the RVCD would never have been able to obtain a BSWC Member. We are a district with only about a quarter of our budget covered through mill levies, yet are committed to our work in conservation and education within our community. We rely heavily on grant funding and donations to continue the successful conservation and education work we do here in the Ruby Valley.

Our current BSWC Member is providing technical work that we did not have the staff ability to do, and we would be looking in 2015 to have another Member that would continue technical and educational work within our Watershed, helping to improve water quality, monitoring, and getting educational resources into our community to increase awareness and enhance the quality of the natural resources on the ground.

The BSWC program has proven successful, but it can only continue to be successful if we have funding to help host sites like ours afford them. Please fully fund this application, and help keep these talented, motivated and much needed Members in our communities across the state.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Ramsey, Ruby Watershed Coordinator and
Gary Giem, Chairman RVCD