

## Section I: General Information

Project Title Big Sky Watershed Corps Member Support

### Project Sponsor Information

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### Project Funding

319 Funds Requested	<u>\$88,800.00</u>	Does the project sponsor have any open 319 contracts?	<u>No</u>
Matching Funds		Project Title	<u></u>
State Cash Match	<u></u>	DEQ Contract Number	<u></u>
Local Cash Match	<u>\$36,500.00</u>	319 Award	<u></u>
In-Kind Match	<u></u>	Projected Closing Date	<u></u>
Total Match	<u>\$36,500.00</u>	Project Title	<u></u>
Other Federal Funds	<u>\$0.00</u>	DEQ Contract Number	<u></u>
Total Project Budget	<u>\$125,300.00</u>	319 Award	<u></u>
Administrative Fee	<u>\$8,880.00</u>	Projected Closing Date	<u></u>

### Project Location

Which WRP does this project implement?	<u>n/a</u>	What is the status of the WRP?	<u>DEQ Accepted</u>
Does the project address impairments in a TMDL?	<u>Yes</u>	12 Digit HUC #(s)	<u>many</u>
(1) Waterbody Name from 2014 List of Impaired Waters	<u>many</u>	Activity 1 Name	<u>many</u>
(1) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment to be addressed (ex. metals)	<u>many</u>	Latitude (1)	<u></u>
(2) Waterbody Name from 2014 List of Impaired Waters	<u>many</u>	Longitude (1)	<u></u>
(2) Probable Cause(s) of Impairment to be addressed (ex. metals)	<u>many</u>	Activity 2 Name	<u></u>
		Latitude (2)	<u></u>
		Longitude (2)	<u></u>

## Section II: Project Description

**Goals and Objectives:** Describe the overall goal and specific objectives for this project.

The overall goal is to help build or strengthen local capacity to improve watershed health and protection, and implement approved WRPs.

**Specific Objectives:** Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps members work within targeted (DEQ accepted WRPs) host site organizations to focus on meeting watershed restoration goals. Activities will include objectives as defined by the BSWC programmatic goals of: (a) Watershed Health and protection, (b) Education and Outreach, and (3) Volunteer Management. Throughout their 10.5 month term member activities may include: project design, coordination and implementation; stream, riparian and floodplain restoration; grant writing; data collection; school and community education/outreach events; and organizing, coordinating and managing volunteer water monitoring teams.

**Methods:** Describe the approach selected to address/correct the problem(s), e.g. types of BMPs to be installed, and other important activities.

MWCC has demonstrated efficiency in managing multiple sub awards of this nature to successfully leverage funding resources across a broader landscape. MWCC received and effectively executed a similar grant in the 2014-2015 grant cycle. This program will likewise generate cost share support to place Big Sky Watershed Corps (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.

**Summary:** Provide a brief summary of the project.

Successful long term WRP implementation depends on broad stakeholder commitment, local leadership and strong organizational capacity to ensure sustainability. MWCC will coordinate with MT DEQ to identify community based organizations across Montana (WS groups and CDs) that have DEQ approved Watershed Restoration Plans (WRPs) and are ready to get work, but lack the organizational or financial capacity to develop and complete 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 that \$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 10 or more qualified host sites that have an approved WRP and are ready to implement projects.

**Monitoring:** Describe the monitoring you will conduct to measure project effectiveness.

MWCC Monitoring of Grant Support Program success will include quarterly and final status reports to DEQ which include: (a) Summary of Big Sky Watershed Corps Member quarterly activities; (b) Summary of overall project effectiveness in fulfilling program objective; and (c) Description of financial status.

**Education and Outreach:** Briefly describe the education and outreach component of this project and the target audience.

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 classroom instruction. BSWC members are also required to participate in a number of community activities.

**Partners and Roles:** Identify the project partners and their roles.

Partner	Role
MACD	Help identify and coordinate potential host sites and BSWC professional dev
MCC	Administer the (Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS)) grant
Local watershed groups and CDs	Provide at least 10 hours per week of direct supervision
MT DEQ	Identify and recommend potential host sites
MT DNRC	Provide staff time, travel and assistance to support BSWC and host sites.

### Section III: Scope of Work

#### Task 1 Title **Host Site Shared Support**

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline **July 2016-Dec 2017**

##### Description

Provide up to \$5,000 cost share match dollars for 10 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.

#### Task 2 Title **Professional Development Support for BSWC members**

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline **January 2017-Dec 2017**

##### Description

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

#### Task 3 Title **Project dollars for BSWC Site Projects.**

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline **January 2017-Dec 2017**

##### Description

In order to take advantage of positive restoration and community building opportunities, watershed groups need readily available project funds. For example, a landowner may reach out to a watershed group for a specific restoration activity. The ability of the watershed group to obtain quick project funds through the MWCC mini grant program will enable the project without the delay that could otherwise derail projects.

#### Task 4 Title **Program Administration**

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline **June 2016-Dec 2017**

##### Description

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

Deliverables: Accurate accounting, timely reports and adherence to state and federal guidelines for project oversight and administration.

#### Task 5 Title

319 Funds

Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

Total Cost

Timeline

##### Description

Task 6 Title

319 Funds

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Other Federal Funds

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Task 7 Title

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Task 8 Title

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Other Federal Funds

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Task 9 Title

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Non-Federal Match

Other Federal Funds

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Timeline

Description

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