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Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)

Program	Timeline	Scope	Eligible Solutions	Contacts
Emergency Watershed Protection Program	Will only consider requests for assistance received within 60 days of the disaster or the date damaged sites could be safely accessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Watershed impairment, imminent threat, and property -NRCS bears up to 75% eligible construction costs -Examples of impairments: debris clogged waterways, unstable streambanks, severe erosion jeopardizing public infrastructure -Need local sponsor (city, county, conservation district, etc.) -EWP assistance is not available if the recovery measures are eligible for assistance under the FSA Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) – see below 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NRCS checks damaged area and plans an eligible solution that must answer yes to the following questions: 1) Does the proposed solution provide protection from additional flooding or soil erosion? 2) Does it reduce threats to life or property from a watershed impairment? 3) Does it restore the hydraulic capacity to the natural environment to the maximum extent practical? 4) Is it economically and environmentally defensible and technically sound? 	<p>Ted Nelson theodore.nelson@usda.gov 406-946-3006</p> <p>5242 US Highway 89 S Livingston, MT 59407-9133</p>

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

Program	Timeline	Scope	Eligible Solutions	Contacts
Emergency Conservation Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Period to sign up for program is <u>open until 09/02/2022</u> -Can take anywhere from 3 weeks to 6 months – calling is most effective -Need to get site visit and environmental assessment done first 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Provides emergency funding and technical assistance to farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland and conservation structures damaged by natural disasters -Land eligibility determined by on-site inspections of damaged land and includes land used for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) commercial farming, ranching, and orchard operations 2) grazing for commercial livestock production 3) conservation structures such as waterways, terraces, diversions, and windbreaks -Cost-share payment are up to 75% of the cost to implement approved restoration practices, or up to 90% for producers that certify as limited resource, socially-disadvantaged, or beginning farmers/ranchers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Removing debris from farmland (includes water-deposited debris, such as woody material, sand, rock, trash, etc.) -Grading, shaping, or leveling land (filling gullies, releveling irrigated farmland, etc.) -Restoring fences (cross and/or boundary fences, cattle gates, etc.) -Restoring conservation structures (waterways, terraces, diversion ditches) 	<p>Elise Gaboury elise.gaboury@usda.gov 406-222-0212 ext. 2</p> <p>5242 US Highway 89 S Livingston, MT 59407-9133</p>

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Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

Program	Timeline	Scope	Application Instructions	Contacts
Emergency Grant Program	Following initial notification, a DNRC engineer will contact you and arrange for a site investigation. A determination will be made in a matter of days. Grant funding will then be available within 45-60 days.	Typical Projects include: -dike failures, -emergency dam repairs -emergency repairs to municipal drinking water and wastewater systems	-contact David Larson with detailed description of problem, proposed solution, and financial information (estimated cost of project and proposed funding resources)	David Larson Dclarson@mt.gov 406-444-2951 *Give him a call and he can help fill out application*

Army Corps of Engineers (ACE)

Scope	Permits	Contacts
-ACE does not issue “emergency permits,” but does implement significantly modified procedures to evaluate permit applications during emergency situations -An emergency is defined as “a situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures.” -For any activities that are not emergency protective measures (i.e., permanent work or final reconstruction), all regular permitting and regulatory processes apply	-Joint Application: http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cadd/conservation-districts/the-310-law/copy_of_JointApplicationFinal.pdf -See more links and permits in Additional Resources & Links below	Jade Metzler jade.m.metzler@usace.army.mil 406-441-1378

Forest Service (FS)

Program	Contacts
Can provide temporary permits for outfitters and guides to access Forest Service roads and land – contact Alex for more information	Alex Sienkiewicz alex.sienkiewicz@usda.gov 406-222-1892 5242 US Highway 89 S Livingston, MT 59407-9133

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Montana Freshwater Partners (MFP)

Program	Contacts
MFP was already conducting site visits in order to generate a project prioritization plan for restoration projects in Paradise and the Shields Valley. While they still plan on conducting those efforts, it will be in conjunction with flood restoration, and assisting with needs that may be outside of the scope of government emergency funds and grants. They are working on doing fly-overs of the Valley and collecting imagery of damages. They are also willing to help and provide guidance with permitting processes.	Leah Swartz lswartz@freshwaterpartners.org or Jeanette Blank jblank@freshwaterpartners.org

Park Conservation District

Program	Timeline	Scope	Contacts
310 Permit	Must be submitted before the 15 th of each month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The 310 law, also known as the Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act, is administered by CD across the state -It requires that any person or persons desiring to construct in or near a perennial stream must first submit a 310-permit application describing the activity to their local CD - If you must take emergency action, applicants must notify the Park CD in writing within 15 days of the action taken explaining what was done and why -All emergencies submitted to the office each month will undergo a site inspection, review by the board at the next regular meeting and determined appropriate, in need of modification, or in need to be removed/replaced -Emergency 310 Application – see resources below 	DeWitt Dominick dewdom@gmail.com

National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA)

Scope	Contact
NPCA can offer emergency financial assistance to repair or replace lost and damaged fencing. They've worked collaboratively with landowners for the past 13 years to find fencing solutions that meet the needs of landowners, while allowing pronghorn to move through. The requirement is for the new fence to have a wildlife friendly component. They offer volunteer labor to help remove and rebuild fences. They offer a cost share option to support materials purchase if the landowner prefers to hire a fencing contractor.	Kelsie Huyser khuyser@npca.org 406-970-0734

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Individual Assistance Programs

Program Name	Scope
Mass Care and Emergency Assistance (MC/EA)	Composed of 7 services: sheltering; feeding; distribution of emergency supplies; support for individuals with disabilities and other with access and functional needs; reunification services for adults and children; support for household pets, service, and assistance animals, and mass evacuee support
Crisis Counseling Assistance & Training Program (CCP)	Provides eligible governments and NGOS with supplemental funding to assist disaster-impacts individuals and communities through the provision of community-based outreach and psycho-educational services.
Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)	Provides unemployment benefits and re-employment assistance and services – only for those who are not eligible for regular unemployment insurance
Disaster Legal Services (DLS)	Provides legal aid to survivors who qualify as low-income
Disaster Care Management (DCM)	Partnership between a case manager and disaster survivor to assess and address the survivor's unmet needs through a disaster recovery plan. Includes resources, decision-making priorities, and provided guidance and tools to assist survivors.
Individuals & Households Program (IHP)	Provides financial assistance and direct services to eligible individuals and households who have uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs. Does not substitute insurance and cannot compensate all losses. It is meant to cover basic needs and supplemental disaster recovery efforts.
Small Business Association (SBA) Loan	Provides loans for businesses of all sizes, non-profit organizations to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real-estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, other business assets. For small businesses or agricultural practices, and more private non-profits, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs. Interest rates range from 2.935% to 1.688%.

Apply online at www.disasterassistance.gov or call 800-621-3362

Additional Resources & Links

If you'd like to volunteer or are looking for volunteers that can match the work that you need, call 2-1-1 to sign up. Non-emergency calls can be addressed to the Park County hotline available from 8am-10pm at 406-222-4131.

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MT EWPP Website: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mt/programs/planning/ewpmt/>

Resources for Sponsors:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detailfull/national/programs/landscape/ewpp/?cid=nrceprd1377897> – while this is meant for the sponsor organizations, it is a useful document to outline precise details of the program.

	EWP PROGRAM PROCESS	SPONSOR ACTIONS
1	A sponsor may submit a request to NRCS for EWP assistance	Contact the local NRCS District Conservationist or State EWP Program Manager to discuss submitting a request
2	NRCS determines whether EWP is applicable and prepares an initial cost estimation and damage survey report (DSR)	Contribute DSR team members
3	Funding (if available) is allocated for implementation of the emergency measures identified in an approved DSR	Prepare forms needed to receive federal assistance
4	Enter into a Project Agreement	In cooperation with NRCS, define the responsibilities and activities to be carried out
5	Design and Construct Recovery Measures	If sponsor is responsible for design and/or construction, complete these activities as assigned in the Project Agreement
6	Request Cost Reimbursement	Follow process in the Project Agreement
7	Perform Operation and Maintenance	If NRCS determines a need for O&M, the sponsor will provide necessary O&M

FSA

ECP Fact Sheet: https://www.fsa.usda.gov/Assets/USDA-FSA-Public/usdafiles/FactSheets/emergency-conservation-program-ecp-fact_sheet.pdf

DNRC

Emergency Grant Program: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/resource-development/renewable-resource-grant-program/renewable-resource-emergency-grants-and-loans>

ACE

Joint Application/310 Permit: http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/the-310-law/copy_of_JointApplicationFinal.pdf

Post-Flood Permitting Article: <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Media/Fact-Sheets/Fact-Sheet-Article-View/Article/714872/post-flood-permitting-mt/>

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Montana Regulatory Office: <https://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program/Montana/>

Nationwide Permit 45 – Repair of Uplands Damaged by Discrete Events Fact Sheet: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/docs/env/2021/2021-NWP-45-FS-all-BMP-RC-SRMZ.pdf#:~:text=Nationwide%20Permit%2045%20%28NWP%2045%29%20%E2%80%93Repair%20of%20Uplands,damaged%20by%20storms%2C%20floods%2C%20or%20other%20discrete%20events.>

Nationwide Permit 33 – Temporary Construction, Access, and Dewatering Fact Sheet: https://www.swt.usace.army.mil/Portals/41/docs/missions/regulatory/2021%20NWP/NWP-33.pdf?ver=KaFn_21afISpa-7U1riqWw%3d%3d#:~:text=Nationwide%20Permit%2033%20-%20Temporary%20Construction%2C%20Access%2C%20and,construction%20activities%20or%20access%20fills%20or%20dewatering%20of

Nationwide Permit 3 – Maintenance Fact Sheet (pages 1-19): <https://saw-reg.usace.army.mil/NWP2021/NWP-3.pdf>

2021 Nationwide Permits Regional Conditions for State of Montana: <https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utills/getfile/collection/p16021coll7/id/20036>

Park CD

310 Permit/Joint Application: http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/conservation-districts/the-310-law/copy_of_JointApplicationFinal.pdf

Emergency 310 Application: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/cardd/docs/conservation-districts/310-folder/fillable-310-emergency-form-1.pdf#:~:text=When%20emergency%20action%20has%20been%20taken%20to%20safeguard,out%20this%20work%20and%20for%20obtaining%20landowner%20permission.>

FEMA

Online application: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov/>

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