



# REPORT TO SOUTH CENTRAL MONTANA CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

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Dear Supervisor & Staff in the 14-conservation district coverage area,

## There's Still Time to Apply! CD Bureau Planning, Project, and Pollinator grant cycle closes October 15

[Updated Grant Guidelines](#)



Other current open opportunities:

- CDB FY24 CD Education Grant <https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit/260642/fy-24-cd-education-mini-grants>
- Forestry Division Conservation Education Small Grants: <https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit/258499/forestry-conservation-education-small-grant-program-coned-fy23>
- Fall 2023 Reclamation and Development – Planning Grant Application: <https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit/274193/fall-2023-reclamation-and-development-planning-grant-application/eligibility?previousLoginDate=2023-09-29T21%3a05%3a43.4270000Z>
- All DNRC grant opportunities can be found on Submittable. <https://grants.dnrc.mt.gov/submit>

## CD Funding Findings Report



Earlier in 2023, surveys were emailed to conservation districts asking questions on funding needs and priorities for CDB plan for current and future funding. *Love them or not, surveys are tools to extract useful information.* Let me know if you didn't receive the full survey results and would like a copy.

Immediately after CDB's annual meeting this May in Glendive, the first of six funding forums to discuss survey results and feedback were held across the state. Information collected from each discussion will be used to inform the DNRC budget planning process and CD account budget. A [CD Funding Findings Report](#) will be distributed at the upcoming MACD's Area Meetings.

## CDB office hours Fall Schedule

Office hours are held the first and third Thursdays of every month via Zoom. Zoom link: <https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/83284872151?pwd=OUdqcy9Fa3JhT2wxWE0xRnBrVTJsZz09> [mt-gov.zoom.us]

## ONE PAID HOLIDAY IN OCTOBER

- Columbus Day is Monday, October 9

## Upcoming Events

- **October 3:** MACD Area 4 meeting – Lower Musselshell CD – Roundup

## Is a Federal Shutdown Imminent?

In the last monthly report, I mentioned the possibility of a federal government shutdown to happen October 1. As of this writing (September 29), it is looking like a probable scenario. In the event of a partial shutdown, some but not all the bills are signed and enacted, and those programs may continue. However, during a full shutdown, no appropriations are available. That means facilities and offices may close, federal workers may not be paid, and other services may go unfulfilled.



**Important note:** CDs co-located in USDA buildings can be locked out until a new budget is adopted. You may be receiving this report with only have a day before the federal fiscal year, so please be prepared.