

Department of Environmental Quality  
Universal Systems Benefits Funds  
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The Department of Environmental Quality receives some Universal Systems Benefit funding annually. The amount varies and is a portion of the funding that is provided to the Department of Revenue from the Montana-Dakota Utilities Company. Once the funding is available, DEQ and DPHHS determine how to split the funds between the two agencies.

DEQ uses the USB funding to assist with energy analyses on public buildings; provide incentives for energy conservation in public buildings; train building operators; educate students on renewable energy through support of the wind for schools efforts; and educate consumers through workshops.

This work is directed to the electricity customers of MDU, so the audience is limited. In FY11 and 12 activities were aimed at reducing electricity use in health care facilities, water and waste water, and lighting in public buildings.