

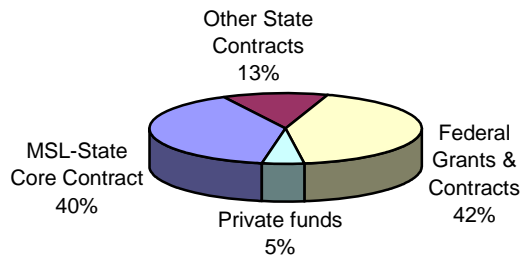
## Financial Structure

The annual budget of the Montana Natural Heritage Program currently totals around \$900,000. Of that, just over \$300,000 (about 33%) is provided by the contract with the State Library. These funds are appropriated as part of the NRIS core support, which in turn comes from four state agencies (DEQ, FWP, DNRC, MDT), the University system, the RIT Fund and state General Fund.

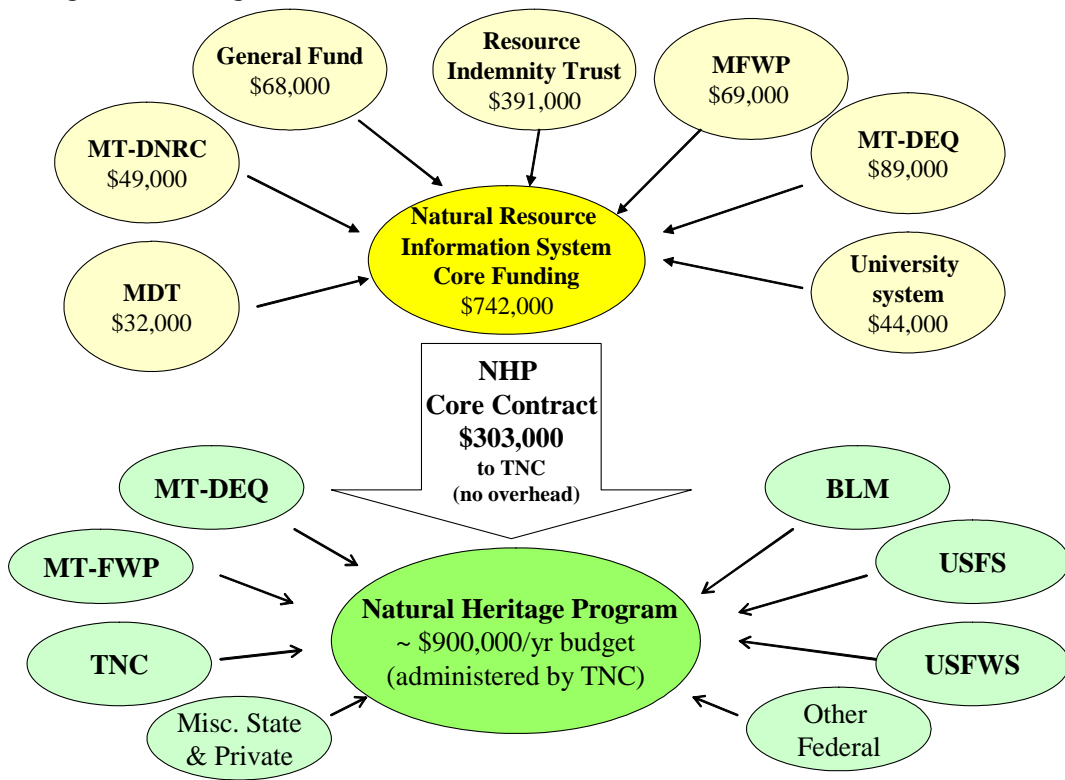
The balance – about two-thirds – of funding for the Natural Heritage Program comes from a variety of grants and contracts (secured by NHP staff and administered through TNC) with numerous partner agencies that require and utilize services provided by the NHP. Over a dozen different agencies and organizations currently contribute to funding the NHP, which operates between 30 and 40 separate grants and contracts at any given time.

In addition to the \$300,000 provided by the contract the State Library funds approximately \$35,000 in ITSD computer fees, administrative support, and rent for the Natural Heritage Program. The Nature Conservancy does not pull an overhead on our contract and we don't pull any overhead on their external contracts.

**Figure 1. Annual Income Sources**  
(Total annual budget: \$800,000 - \$900,000)



**Figure 2. Funding Structure**



**Figure 3. Current NHP Funding Agreements**  
(total = about \$2 Million, as of Jan-05 )

