

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY B. MCCHESENEY

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations from natural resources projects state special revenue account. (1) There is appropriated from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation up to:

(a) \$100,000 to be used for emergency projects to be awarded over the course of the biennium;

(b) \$800,000 to be used for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; ~~AND~~

~~(c) \$300,000 to be used for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;~~

(C) \$300,000 TO BE USED FOR IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT GRANTS TO BE AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE COURSE OF THE BIENNIUM;

~~(d)(e)(D) \$50,000 to be used for water project private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; and~~

~~(e) \$180,000 to be used for development of the state water plan and inventory to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; AND~~

(E) \$180,000 TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE WATER PLAN AND INVENTORY TO BE AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE COURSE OF THE BIENNIUM.

(2) There is appropriated from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established



1 in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation ~~\$5,780,000~~ \$6,260,000 that is available
 2 in the natural resources projects state special revenue account for grants to political subdivisions and local
 3 governments during the 2013 biennium. The funds in this section must be awarded by the department to the
 4 named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts set out in subsection (3), subject to the
 5 conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant
 6 and loan program January 2011 report to the 62nd legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves
 7 the grants listed in subsection (3). Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in this section in the
 8 following order of priority until available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked
 9 projects must be provided for projects farther down the priority list or planning grants that would not otherwise
 10 receive funding. If at any time a grant sponsor determines a project will not begin before June 30, 2013, the
 11 sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation. After receiving notification, the
 12 department may revert the grant amount to the natural resources projects state special revenue account to make
 13 it immediately available for other projects. After all eligible projects are funded, remaining project funds may be
 14 used for any renewable resource program projects authorized under this section or for reclamation and
 15 development program projects authorized by the 62nd legislature in House Bill No. 7. With the exception of
 16 planning grants, projects that are funded by the reclamation and development grants program may not be funded
 17 under [sections 1 through 3].

18 (3) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

19 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

20 Applicant/Project	Grant Amount
21 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
22 (Hydropower Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
23 Sheridan, Town of	
24 (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
25 Deer Lodge, City of	
26 (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
27 Fergus Conservation District	
28 (Big Spring Creek Stream Restoration at the Machler Conservation Easement)	\$100,000
29 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Trust Land Management Division	
30 (Smith Lake Dam Rehabilitation)	\$100,000

1	Culbertson, Town of	
2	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District	
4	(Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection, Phase 4)	\$100,000
5	Beaverhead Conservation District	
6	(Poindexter Slough Fishery Enhancement)	\$100,000
7	Pondera Conservation District	
8	(C Canal Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
9	Buffalo Rapids Project - District 1	
10	(System Improvements - Lateral 26.4)	\$100,000
11	Pondera Conservation District	
12	(Wasteway Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvement)	\$100,000
13	Flathead County	
14	(Bigfork Storm Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
15	Hebgen Lake Estates Water and Sewer District	
16	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Harlem, City of	
18	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Polson, City of	
20	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
21	Amsterdam-Churchill Sewer District No. 307	
22	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Stanford, Town of	
24	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	
26	(Chadbourne Diversion Dam Repair and Selective Fish Passage Retrofits)	\$99,500
27	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
28	(Pump No. 2 Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
29	Belt, Town of	
30	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	
2	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Fort Belknap Indian Community	
4	(Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Conservation)	\$100,000
5	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
6	(Big Timber Creek Channel Stabilization)	\$99,998
7	Sidney Water Users Irrigation Districts 1 and 2	
8	(Increasing Irrigation Efficiency: Districts 1 and 2, Phase 3)	\$100,000
9	Sidney Water Users Irrigation District	
10	(Increasing Irrigation Efficiency: District 5, Lateral 2)	\$100,000
11	Clinton Irrigation District	
12	(Schoolhouse Lateral Pipeline Conversion)	\$100,000
13	East Bench Irrigation District	
14	(Main Canal Check Structure Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
15	Lower Musselshell Conservation District	
16	(Lower Musselshell Delphia Melstone Irrigation Structure Rehabilitation Lining)	\$100,000
17	Madison Conservation District	
18	(South Meadow Creek Water Efficiency)	\$100,000
19	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	
20	(Jocko Upper S Canal Lining)	\$100,000
21	Malta Irrigation District	
22	(Dodson North Canal Siphons Replacement)	\$100,000
23	Roberts Carbon County Water and Sewer District	
24	(Roberts Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation	
26	(Dry Fork Farms Irrigation Enhancement)	\$97,429
27	Flathead Joint Board of Control	
28	(Jocko Upper J Canal Diversion Structure)	\$100,000
29	Lockwood Irrigation District	
30	(Intake Canal Spillway Replacement)	\$100,000

1	Glendive, City of	
2	(Glendive Floodplain Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
3	Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
4	(Water Quality and Quantity Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
6	(East Fork Rock Creek Diversion and Fish Screen)	\$100,000
7	Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
8	(Hedge Canal Improvement)	\$100,000
9	Gallatin Gateway County Water and Sewer District	
10	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
11	Greenfields Irrigation District	
12	(Big Coulee Wastewater and Water Quality)	\$100,000
13	Park Conservation District	
14	(Park-Branch Paradise Canal Water Efficiency)	\$100,000
15	Huntley Project Irrigation District	
16	(Lower Canal Seepage Lining)	\$100,000
17	Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	
18	(Systemwide Water Meter Installation)	\$100,000
19	Fairfield, Town of	
20	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
21	Fort Peck Tribes	
22	(Lateral L-2M Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
23	Hardin, City of	
24	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Bitter Root Irrigation District	
26	(Siphon 1 Improvement, Phase 2)	\$100,000
27	North Havre County Water District	
28	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
29	Roundup, City of	
30	(Musselshell Watershed Sustainable Irrigation Management Program)	\$60,000

1	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
2	(Clark Fork River Basin Task Force)	\$32,000
3		<u>\$63,000</u>
4	Green Mountain Conservation District	
5	(Tuscor Creek Restoration)	\$84,778
6	Lewistown, City of	
7	(East Fork Dam Repair)	\$100,000
8	Crow Tribe	
9	(Crow Agency Water System Improvements, Phase 4A)	\$100,000
10	Hill County Water District	
11	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
12	Roundup, City of	
13	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
14	Kevin, Town of	
15	(Water System Improvements, Phase 3)	\$100,000
16	LaCasa Grande Water and Sewer District	
17	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
18	Whitefish, City of	
19	(Haskill Basin Water Conservation and Preservation)	\$100,000
20	Ravalli County	
21	(LiDAR Mapping for Flood Hazard Identification, Phase 3)	\$75,000
22	Lockwood Water and Sewer District	
23	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
24	<u>MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS</u>	
25	<u>(CHADBOURNE DIVERSION DAM REPAIR AND SELECTIVE FISH PASSAGE RETROFITS)</u>	<u>\$99,500</u>
26	<u>DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION--WATER RESOURCE DIVISION</u>	
27	<u>(EAST FORK ROCK CREEK DIVERSION AND FISH SCREEN)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
28	Teton Conservation District	
29	(Eureka Reservoir Improvements)	\$100,000
30	East Helena, City of	

1	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
2	Missoula County	
3	(Spring Meadows Sewer)	\$100,000
4	<u>CASCADE CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
5	<u>(WHITMORE RAVINE EROSION CONTROL AND STORM DRAINAGE, PHASE I)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
6	Missoula County	
7	(Missoula County LiDAR Mapping)	\$50,000
8	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
9	(Martinsdale Supply Canal Headworks Rehabilitation)	\$98,688
10	Ravalli County Environmental Health	
11	(Bitterroot Valley Septic Systems Impact Evaluation Model, Phase 2)	\$73,745
12	Foy's Lakeside County Water and Sewer District	
13	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
14	Pablo/Lake County Water and Sewer District	
15	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
16	Cut Bank, City of	
17	(Water System Improvements, Phase 4)	\$100,000
18	University of Montana Natural Heritage Program	
19	(Wetland and Riparian Mapping for the Lower and Middle Musselshell Watersheds)	\$99,934
20	Bozeman High School, Montana School District No. 7	
21	(Mandeville Creek Restoration and Community Education)	\$100,000
22	White Sulphur Springs, City of	
23	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
24	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
25	(Cooney and Deadman's Basin Automated Instrumentation)	\$100,000
26	Park Conservation District	
27	(Livingston Ditch Water Efficiency and Infrastructure Protection)	\$100,000
28	Carbon Conservation District	
29	(Whitehorse Canal Company -- River Bank Stabilization)	\$82,950
30	Ronan, City of	

1	(Storm water System Improvements)	\$100,000
2	Fromberg, Town of	
3	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
4	Jordan, Town of	
5	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
6	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Board of Control	
7	(Lower Yellowstone On-Farm Water Conservation Measures)	\$100,000
8	Butte-Silver Bow Consolidated City-County Government	
9	(Big Hole River Pump station Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
10	Manhattan, Town of	
11	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
12	North Powell Conservation District	
13	(Blackfoot Irrigation Efficiency)	\$60,000
14	Kalispell, City of	
15	(Woodland Park Pond Remediation)	\$100,000
16	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
17	(StreamStats Interactive Web Map Application)	\$100,000
18	Libby, City of	
19	(Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility Upgrades)	\$100,000
20	Toston Irrigation District	
21	(Crow Creek Pumping Plant Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
22	Em-Kayan Water and Sewer District	
23	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
24	Gallatin County Solid Waste District	
25	(Logan Landfill Waste-to-Energy Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
26	Hill County Conservation District	
27	(Milk River Basin Riparian and Hydrology Restoration)	\$54,245
28	Brady County Water and Sewer District	
29	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
30	Lincoln Conservation District	

1	(Sinclair Creek Watershed Improvement)	\$100,000
2	Tin Cup Water and Sewer District	
3	(Tin Cup Lake Dam Improvements)	\$94,638
4	Melrose Water and Sewer District	
5	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
6	Augusta Water and Sewer District	
7	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
8	Target Range Water and Sewer District	
9	(Replacing Obsolete Septic Systems)	\$100,000
10	Carbon Conservation District	
11	(Pleasant Valley Canal Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
12	Troy, City of	
13	(Water System Improvements, Phase 3)	\$100,000
14	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
15	(Water Resource Survey Framework)	\$71,000
16	University of Montana	
17	(Developing Wolf Population Monitoring Techniques to Advance Management	
18	and Conservation of Wildlife in Montana)	\$100,000
19	Lockwood Area/Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District	
20	(Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Addition)	\$100,000
21	Eureka, Town of	
22	(Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion)	\$100,000
23	Joliet, Town of	
24	(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	University of Montana	
26	(An Experimental Assessment of the Ecological and Social Dimensions of	
27	Human-Bear Conflict)	\$99,067
28	Bigfork County Water and Sewer District	
29	(Water Supply and Transmission Main Improvements)	\$100,000
30	Park County	

1	(Shields River Surface and Groundwater Analysis, Planning and	
2	Long-Range Policy Formulation)	\$81,192
3	Petroleum County Conservation District	
4	(Horse Creek Coulee Water Storage)	\$82,286
5	Shelby, City of	
6	(West Interceptor Water System)	\$100,000
7	Sidney, City of	
8	(Optimizing Water Development from the City of Sidney Well Field)	\$100,000
9	Thompson Falls, City of	
10	(Transmission Main Replacement)	\$100,000
11	(4) Grant projects listed in subsection (3) are eligible for a loan up to the amounts recommended in	
12	subsection (3) in lieu of a grant. The authorization for the loan is contained in House Bill No. 8.	
13	(5) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for	
14	purposes of encumbering the funds within the 2013 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302.	
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16	<u>NEW SECTION. Section 2. Conditions of grants.</u> Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through	
17	3] for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:	
18	(1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and	
19	conservation. Changes in the project scope of work or budget that reduce the public or natural resource benefits	
20	as presented in department reports and applicant testimony to the 62nd legislature may result in the proportional	
21	reduction in grant amount.	
22	(2) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative	
23	in the renewable resource grant and loan program project recommendations and biennium report submitted to	
24	the 62nd legislature for the 2013 biennium or, in the case of emergency, irrigation development, and private grant	
25	and planning grant applications, of conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant	
26	authority;	
27	(3) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and	
28	(4) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to	
29	accomplish the purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal	
30	to the legislature.	

