

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM
PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PROJECTS THROUGH THE
QUALITY SCHOOLS FACILITY GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE SCHOOL FACILITY
AND TECHNOLOGY ACCOUNT IN THE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND; PLACING CONDITIONS UPON
GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR
EMERGENCY GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PLANNING
GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations from school facility and technology account -- grants
for school facility projects.** (1) There is appropriated \$11,069,265 to the department of commerce for the
biennium beginning July 1, 2011, from the school facility and technology account provided for in 20-9-516 in the
state special revenue fund to be used to finance grants authorized by this section.

(2) The funds appropriated in subsection (1) must be used by the department to make grants to the
public school districts listed in subsection (3) for the described purposes and in amounts not to exceed the
amounts set out in subsection (3). The appropriations are subject to the conditions set forth in 90-6-812 and
described in the quality schools facility grant program 2013 biennium report to the 62nd legislature. The
legislature, pursuant to 90-6-809 and 90-6-810, authorizes the grants for the projects listed in subsection (3). The
department shall commit funds to projects listed in subsection (3), up to the amounts authorized, based on the
manner of disbursement set forth in subsection (5) until the funds appropriated in subsection (1) are expended.

(3) The following applicants and projects are authorized for grants and listed in the order of their priority:

Applicant/Project	Grant Amount
1. Big Sandy/Lighting and Sensors	\$124,340
2. Sweet Grass Co. HS/HVAC Remodel	\$207,500

1	3.	Somers/Roof Replacement	\$418,142
2	4.	Box Elder/Elementary School Addition	\$799,590
3	5.	Winnett/Finish Shop Building and Purchase Equipment	\$314,107
4	6.	White Sulphur Springs/Geothermal Heating System	\$350,000
5	7.	Helena ELE/ADA Improvement	\$1,429,796
6	8.	Gardiner/Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$43,694
7	9.	Centerville/Boiler Replacement	\$148,534
8	10.	Shelby ELE/Wall Repairs	\$146,904
9	11.	Fair-Mont-Egan/Classroom Addition	\$379,110
10	12.	Livingston/Roof Replacement	\$709,336
11	13.	Corvallis/New Vocational Facility	\$901,318
12	14.	North Star/Fire Alarm System	\$123,386
13	15.	Choteau/Food Service Facility Repairs	\$344,400
14	16.	Miles City/Upgrade Temperature Controls	\$442,841
15	17.	Shelby HS/Lighting Retrofit	\$102,895
16	18.	Rocky Boy/Replace Emergency Generator	\$72,650
17	19.	Whitefish/HS Campus Redevelopment (Phase I)	\$658,019
18	20.	Colstrip/Upgrade Temperature Controls	\$329,153
19	21.	Whitehall/Roof Replacement	\$534,232
20	22.	Stanford/Boiler Replacement	\$220,500
21	23.	Grass Range/Door and Breezeway Upgrades	\$38,315
22	24.	Superior/Classroom Expansion	\$521,162
23	25.	Geraldine/Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$106,900
24	26.	Bozeman HS/Lighting Retrofit	\$109,087
25	27.	Frazer/Boiler Replacement	\$243,086
26	28.	Libby/Boiler Replacement	\$391,470
27	29.	Hamilton/Boiler & Heat System Replacement	\$751,000
28	30.	Bozeman ELE/Lighting Retrofit	\$107,798

29 (4) This section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the grant recipients listed in subsection (3) for
 30 purposes of encumbering the school facility and technology account state special revenue funds during the 2013

1 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302. However, a grant recipient's entitlement to receive funds is dependent on the
2 grant recipient's compliance with the conditions described in 90-6-812 and on the availability of funds.

3 (5) Funding for projects in subsection (3) must be provided only so long as there are sufficient funds
4 available from the school facility and technology account in the state special revenue fund. Funding for these
5 projects must be made available in the order that the grant recipients satisfy the conditions described in 90-6-812.
6 Once all funds appropriated in subsection (1) for the biennium are totally committed to projects that have satisfied
7 the conditions described in 90-6-812, the obligation to any remaining projects ceases.

8 (6) Grant recipients must complete the projects described in subsection (3) by June 30, 2013, or the
9 grant contract must be terminated.

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11 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriations from school facility and technology account --**
12 **emergency grants.** There is appropriated \$100,000 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning
13 July 1, 2011, from the school facility and technology account in the state special revenue fund for the purpose
14 of providing emergency grants to public school districts for a school facility project that is necessitated by an
15 emergency, as defined in 90-6-803.

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Appropriations from school facility and technology account --**
18 **planning grants.** There is appropriated \$900,000 to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning
19 July 1, 2011, from the school facility and technology account in the state special revenue fund for the purpose
20 of providing matching planning grants to public school districts for the planning of school facility projects, as
21 defined in 90-6-803.

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23 NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation.** (1) The
24 legislature, pursuant to 90-6-809 and 90-6-810, authorizes grants for the projects identified in [sections 1 through
25 3].

26 (2) The authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the school facility and
27 technology state special revenue account provided for in 20-9-516(1).

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29 NEW SECTION. **Section 5. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a
30 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell

1 Chippewa tribe.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 6. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2011.

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