



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 PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Appropriations for renewable resource grants. (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, 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 for emergency projects to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
 - (b) \$700,000 for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
 - (c) \$200,000 for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
 - (d) \$300,000 for watershed grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- and

- (e) \$100,000 for septic loan grants 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 in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation up to \$4,172,615 for grants to political subdivisions and local governments during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015. The funds referred to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2015 report to the 64th legislature.

(3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the following order of priority until available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be provided for projects farther down the priority list that would not otherwise receive funding. If at any time a grant sponsor

determines that a project will not begin before June 30, 2017, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation.

(4) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

Applicant/Project	Amount
Bitterroot Conservation District (Supply Diversion Improvement Project)	\$125,000
Whitefish, City of (I & I Mitigation Project)	\$125,000
White Sulphur Springs, City of (Wastewater Improvements Project - Phase 2)	\$125,000
Polson, City of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Livingston, City of (Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades)	\$125,000
Cascade, Town of (Missouri River Reclamation)	\$125,000
Bitter Root Irrigation District (Siphon 1 - Phase 3 Improvements Project)	\$125,000
Westby, Town of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Bainville, Town of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Fallon County Water and Sewer District (Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
Sidney, City of (Wastewater Improvements Project Phase II)	\$125,000
Terry, Town of (Wastewater Treatment Upgrades)	\$125,000

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
(Musselshell Basin Instrumentation Project)	\$125,000
Pondera County Conservation District	
(Wasteway Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvements Project)	\$125,000
Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District	
(Phase 5 Water and Sewer Improvements)	\$125,000
Missoula County	
(Mill Creek Restoration Project)	\$125,000
Flaxville, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Milk River Joint Board of Control	
(Hydrometric Gauging Station Expansion and Upgrade Project)	\$125,000
Missoula, City of	
(Caras Park Outfall Stormwater Treatment Retrofit, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Chester, Town of	
(Wastewater Improvements)	\$125,000
Hysham, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Simms County Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements Phase 3)	\$125,000
Laurel, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Pondera County Conservation District	
(C-5 Canal Conversion Project)	\$125,000
Fromberg, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Jefferson County	

(Whitehall Sugar Beet Row Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
(Electric Light Ditch Irrigation Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
Butte-Silver Bow Consolidated City-County	
(Moulton Reservoir - Reclamation & Protection Project)	\$125,000
Rocker, Montana County Water and Sewer District	
(Sewer Connection to TIFID Wastewater Pipeline)	\$125,000
Tri-County Water District	
(Wastewater Treatment Project)	\$125,000
Neihart, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Cut Bank, City of	
(Wastewater Treatment Project)	\$125,000
Missoula County	
(Buena Vista Trailer Community Wastewater Improvements Phase 1)	\$125,000
Denton, Town of	
(Water System)	\$125,000
Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 1	
(Lateral 19.3 Pipeline Conversion Project Phase 1)	\$125,000
Winifred, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Highwood County Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project	
(Wasteway Project)	\$65,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
(East Fork Rock Creek Main Canal Lining Project)	\$125,000
Riverside Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater Facility Plan)	\$125,000

Lewistown, City of	
(Riverdale Subdivision Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
East Clark Street Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
(Preservation and Conservation of Resources)	\$125,000
Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2	
(Main Canal Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Sidney Water Users Irrigation District	
(High Canal Phase 5 Project)	\$125,000
Lower Musselshell County Conservation District	
(DMWUA South Canal Pre-Tunnel Lining Project)	\$125,000
Clinton Irrigation District	
(Canal Wasteway Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Roundup, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Missoula County Weed District	
(Montana Biological Weed Control Coordination Project)	\$100,500
Jordan, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Crow Tribe of Indians	
(Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project)	\$125,000
Helena Valley Irrigation District	
(Irrigation Efficiency and Water Conservation Project)	\$125,000
Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
(Reduce Waste Project)	\$125,000
Hysham Irrigation District	
(Re-Lift Canal Improvement Project)	\$125,000
South Wind Water and Sewer District	

(Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Study)	\$125,000
Bainville, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Black Eagle-Cascade County Water & Sewer District	
(Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Phase 2)	\$125,000
Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	
(Wastewater Improvements Project)	\$125,000
Fort Peck Tribes	
(Lateral L-42M Rehabilitation Project, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Toston Irrigation District	
(Toston Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
Hot Springs, Town of	
(Wastewater Improvements Project)	\$125,000
Lockwood Irrigation District	
(Pump Station Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Missoula, City of	
(Buckhouse Bridge Outfall - Stormwater Treatment Retrofit)	\$125,000
Harlowton, City of	
(Phase 3 Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Greenfields Irrigation District	
(J-Lake Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvement)	\$125,000
Malta Irrigation District	
(Exeter Siphon Replacement Project)	\$125,000
Garfield County Conservation District	
(Little Dry Water User's Association-Infrastructure Improvements)	\$125,000
Gallatin County	
(Septic System Repair Assistance Program)	\$125,000
Flaxville, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000

Glasgow, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Conrad, City of	
(Conrad Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Missoula Irrigation District	
(Water Conservation Project)	\$125,000
Malta Irrigation District	
(Peoples Creek Diversion Dike Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
East Bench Irrigation District	
(Main Canal Gate Automation)	\$125,000
Dillon, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Medicine Lake, Town of	
(Wastewater Improvements)	\$125,000
Kevin, Town of	
(Wastewater Improvement Project - 2014)	\$125,000
Department of Environmental Quality	
(Montana Time of Travel - Interactive Web Map Application for Montana)	\$125,000
Liberty County Conservation District	
(Marias River Bank Stabilization Project - Phase 2)	\$125,000
Foys Lakeside County Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Ruby Valley Conservation District	
(Smith Slough/Smith Ditch Fisheries Enhancement Project)	\$125,000
Green Mountain Conservation District	
(Improving Water Quality and Fish Habitat in the Vermilion River Watershed)	\$120,248
Glen Lake Irrigation District	
(Costich Drop Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
Lincoln County	

(Measuring and Modeling the Effects of Mining and Associated Reclamation Activities on Selenium and Nitrate Inputs to Lake Kocanusa)	\$110,500
Petroleum County Conservation District	
(Musselshell Watershed Prioritized Projects Initiative)	\$125,000
Big Sandy, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313	
(Woodland Park Well)	\$125,000
Judith Gap, Town of	
(Phase Sewer Improvements)	\$125,000
Gore Hill County Water District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Flathead Basin Commission	
(Flathead Basin Watershed Plan)	\$125,000
Huntley Project Irrigation District	
(Feasibility Study)	\$125,000
Crow Tribe of Indians	
(Crow Agency Renewable Energy Technology Wastewater Treatment Facility)	\$117,500
Park County Conservation District	
(Upper Shields River Fish Barrier and Road Improvements)	\$120,000
Bozeman, City of	
(Sourdough Canyon Natural Water Storage Assessment)	\$125,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
(Willow Creek Access Road Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
Sanders County	
(Middle Clark Fork River, Plains Reach - Channel Stabilization)	\$125,000
Thompson Falls, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Shelby, City of	

(Stormwater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Mile High Conservation District	
(Blacktail Creek Non Point Nutrient Management Project)	\$125,000

Section 2. Coordination of fund sources for grants to political subdivisions and local governments. A project sponsor listed under [section 1(4)] may not receive funds from both the reclamation and development grants program and the renewable resource grant and loan program for the same project during the same biennium.

Section 3. Conditions of grants. Disbursement of funds under [section 1] is subject to the following conditions that must be met by the project sponsor:

(1) A scope of work and budget for the project must be approved by the department of natural resources and conservation. Any changes in scope of work or budget subsequent to legislative approval may not change project goals and objectives. Changes in activities that would reduce the public or natural resource benefits as presented in department of natural resources and conservation reports and applicant testimony to the 64th legislature may result in a proportional reduction in the grant amount.

(2) The project sponsor shall show satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative of the program report to the legislature for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, or, in the case of grants issued under [section 1(1)], completion of conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant authority.

(3) The project sponsor must have a fully executed grant agreement with the department.

(4) Any other specific requirements considered necessary by the department must be met to accomplish the purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal as presented to the legislature.

Section 4. Appropriations established. There is appropriated to any entity of state government that receives a grant under [section 1] the amount of the grant upon award of the grant by the department of natural resources and conservation. Grants to entities from prior biennia are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

Section 5. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the renewable resource program grants listed in [section 1]. The authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302.

Section 6. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

Section 7. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

Section 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0006, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2015.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY M. CUFFE

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