

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

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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 PROJECT 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 for renewable resource grants. (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 by the department over the course of the biennium;

(b) \$1,062,000 to be used for planning 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) \$100,000 to be used for water project private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;

(e) \$200,000 to be used for development of the state water plan; and

(f) \$200,000 to be used for grants to build organizational capacity.

(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 \$6,761,983 for grants to political subdivisions and local governments during the biennium ending June 30, 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

1 amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 4] and the contingencies
 2 described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2013 report to the 63rd legislature. The
 3 legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in subsection (4).

4 (3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the following order of
 5 priority. Funds not accepted or used by these projects may be provided for any renewable resource programs
 6 projects authorized under this section or for reclamation and development program projects authorized by the
 7 63rd legislature in House Bill No. 7. If at any time a grant sponsor determines that a project will not begin before
 8 June 30, 2015, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation.

9 (4) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

10 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

11 Applicant/Project	Amount
12 Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	
13 (Racetrack Water Users Association:	
14 Water Efficiency and Energy Conservation Project - Phase 1)	\$100,000
15 South Wind Water and Sewer District	
16 (South Wind Water and Sewer District Improvements)	\$100,000
17 Craig County Water and Sewer District	
18 (Craig Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
19 Forsyth, City of	
20 (Forsyth Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
21 Clinton Irrigation District	
22 (Clark Fork Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
23 Beaverhead County Conservation District	
24 (Swamp Creek Siphon Project)	\$100,000
25 Miles City, City of	
26 (Miles City Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
27 Alberton, Town of	
28 (Alberton Wastewater Project)	\$100,000
29 Richland County	
30 (Richland County-Savage Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Dawson County	
2	(Dawson County-West Glendive Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Fort Benton, City of	
4	(Fort Benton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Belt, Town of	
6	(Belt Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
7	Vaughn Cascade County Water and Sewer District	
8	(Vaughn Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
9	Malta Irrigation District	
10	(Dodson South Canal Head Gate Replacement Project)	\$100,000
11	Park County	
12	(Park County Fairgrounds Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
13	Bitter Root Irrigation District	
14	(BRID Siphon 1 - Phase 4 Improvements Project)	\$100,000
15	Cut Bank, City of	
16	(Cut Bank Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Ward Irrigation District	
18	(Ward Irrigation District Lost Horse Creek/Ward Canal Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Glendive, City of	
20	(Glendive Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
21	Harlowton, City of	
22	(Harlowton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Lockwood Irrigation District	
24	(Lockwood ID Intake Canal Headgate Replacement Project)	\$100,000
25	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
26	(Pioneer Ditch Company Irrigation Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
27	Glen Lake Irrigation District	
28	(Glen Lake Irrigation District Rolling Hills Section of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
29	Hill County	
30	(Beaver Creek Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation)	\$98,321

1	Winnett, Town of	
2	(Winnett Wastewater)	\$100,000
3	DNRC Water Resources Division	
4	(East Fork Rock Creek Main Canal Lining Project)	\$99,939
5	Boulder, City of	
6	(Boulder Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
7	White Sulphur Springs, City of	
8	(White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Improvements Project - Phase 1)	\$100,000
9	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
10	(Helena Valley ID Pump Automation Project)	\$100,000
11	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 1	
12	(Buffalo Rapids 1 Lateral 20.6 Conversion Project)	\$100,000
13	Whitefish, City of	
14	(City of Whitefish Nutrient Reduction Plan)	\$100,000
15	Fort Peck Tribes	
16	(Fort Peck Tribes Phase 2 Lateral L-2M Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
17	Flathead County	
18	(Bigfork Stormwater Project - Phase IV)	\$100,000
19	Three Forks, City of	
20	(Three Forks Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
21	Libby, City of	
22	(Libby Flower Creek Dam Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Frenchtown Irrigation District	
24	(Frenchtown Irrigation District: Main Canal Lining Project)	\$99,978
25	DNRC Water Resources Division	
26	(Replacement Headgates for the Deadman's Basin Supply Canal Project)	\$100,000
27	DNRC Water Resources Division	
28	(Cooney Dam Outlet Canal Weir Replacement and Automated Instrumentation Project)	\$100,000
29	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	
30	(Kohrs and Manning Ditch Company Infrastructure Improvements)	\$100,000

1	DNRC Flathead Basin Commission	
2	(Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Project, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Project)	\$100,000
3	Dutton, Town of	
4	(Dutton Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Fairfield, Town of	
6	(Fairfield Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
7	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2	
8	(Buffalo Rapids 2 Terry Pump Station Discharge Line)	\$100,000
9	Choteau, City of	
10	(Choteau Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
11	Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
12	(Daly Ditches Irrigation District Preservation and Conservation of Resources)	\$100,000
13	Toston Irrigation District	
14	(Toston ID Toston Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
15	Gallatin County Conservation District	
16	(Darlington Creek Enhancement Project at Cobblestone Fishing Access)	\$100,000
17	Missoula County Conservation District	
18	(Missoula Conservation District Orchard	
19	Homes Ditch Company Intake Improvements Project)	\$100,000
20	Missoula Irrigation District	
21	(Missoula Irrigation District Water Conservation Project)	\$100,000
22	Valier, Town of	
23	(Valier Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
24	Fort Belknap Indian Community	
25	(Fort Belknap Main Canal A Underdrain Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
26	Bozeman, City of	
27	(Bozeman Creek at Bogert Park Enhancement Project)	\$100,000
28	Hamilton, City of	
29	(Hamilton Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
30	Lodge Grass, Town of	

1	(Lodge Grass Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
2	Montana State University	
3	(Adopt-A-Reach: Empowering Community Stewardship)	\$64,462
4	Pondera County Conservation District	
5	(Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company KB2 Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
6	Manhattan, Town of	
7	(Manhattan Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
8	Greenfields Irrigation District	
9	(Muddy Creek Wastewater and Erosion Reduction)	\$100,000
10	University of Montana	
11	(An Algae Bioremediation System for Acidic Industrial Wastewaters)	\$99,882
12	Black Eagle-Cascade County Water & Sewer District	
13	(Black Eagle Wastewater System Improvements)	\$99,407
14	Stevensville, City of	
15	(Stevensville Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
16	Havre, City of	
17	(City of Havre Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
18	Elk Meadows County Water District	
19	(Elk Meadows Ranchettes County Water District Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
20	Cascade, Town of	
21	(Cascade Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
22	Moore, Town of	
23	(Moore Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
24	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
25	(Big Timber Creek Channel Stabilization Project - Phase II)	\$100,000
26	Roundup, City of	
27	(Roundup Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
28	Garfield County Conservation District	
29	(CMR Range Monitoring Pilot Project)	\$99,994
30	(5) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for	

1 purposes of encumbering the funds during the biennium ending June 30, 2015, pursuant to 17-7-302.

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

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Condition of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through 4]
9 for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:

10 (1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and
11 conservation. Changes in the project scope of work or budget that reduce the public or natural resource benefits
12 as presented in department reports and applicant testimony to the 63rd legislature may result in a proportional
13 reduction in the grant amount.

14 (2) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative
15 of the renewable resource grant and loan program report to the legislature for the biennium ending June 30, 2015,
16 or, in the case of grants issued under [section 1(1)], completion of conditions specified at the time of written
17 notification of approved grant authority;

18 (3) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and

19 (4) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to meet the
20 purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal to the legislature.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriations established.** For any entity of state government that
23 receives a grant under [sections 1 through 3], an appropriation is established for the amount of the grant listed
24 in [section 1(4)]. Grants to entities from prior bienniums are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

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

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30 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable

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

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4 NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2013.

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