

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

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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) 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 \$6,072,615 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



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

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

4 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

5 Applicant/Project	Amount
6 Bitterroot Conservation District	
7 (Supply Diversion Improvement Project)	\$125,000
8 Whitefish, City of	
9 (I & I Mitigation Project)	\$125,000
10 White Sulphur Springs, City of	
11 (Wastewater Improvements Project - Phase 2)	\$125,000
12 Polson, City of	
13 (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
14 Livingston, City of	
15 (Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades)	\$125,000
16 Cascade, Town of	
17 (Missouri River Reclamation)	\$125,000
18 Bitter Root Irrigation District	
19 (Siphon 1 - Phase 3 Improvements Project)	\$125,000
20 Westby, Town of	
21 (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
22 Bainville, Town of	
23 (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
24 Fallon County Water and Sewer District	
25 (Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
26 Sidney, City of	
27 (Wastewater Improvements Project Phase II)	\$125,000
28 Terry, Town of	
29 (Wastewater Treatment Upgrades)	\$125,000
30 Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	

1	(Musselshell Basin Instrumentation Project)	\$125,000
2	Pondera County Conservation District	
3	(Wasteway Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvements Project)	\$125,000
4	Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District	
5	(Phase 5 Water and Sewer Improvements)	\$125,000
6	Missoula County	
7	(Mill Creek Restoration Project)	\$125,000
8	Flaxville, Town of	
9	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
10	Milk River Joint Board of Control	
11	(Hydrometric Gauging Station Expansion and Upgrade Project)	\$125,000
12	Missoula, City of	
13	(Caras Park Outfall Stormwater Treatment Retrofit, Phase 1)	\$125,000
14	Chester, Town of	
15	(Wastewater Improvements)	\$125,000
16	Hysham, Town of	
17	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
18	Simms County Sewer District	
19	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
20	Ten Mile/Pleasant Valley Sewer District	
21	(Wastewater System Improvements Phase 3)	\$125,000
22	Laurel, City of	
23	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
24	Pondera County Conservation District	
25	(C-5 Canal Conversion Project)	\$125,000
26	Fromberg, Town of	
27	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
28	Jefferson County	
29	(Whitehall Sugar Beet Row Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
30	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	

1	(Electric Light Ditch Irrigation Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
2	Butte-Silver Bow Consolidated City-County	
3	(Moulton Reservoir - Reclamation & Protection Project)	\$125,000
4	Rocker, Montana County Water and Sewer District	
5	(Sewer Connection to TIFID Wastewater Pipeline)	\$125,000
6	Tri-County Water District	
7	(Wastewater Treatment Project)	\$125,000
8	Neihart, Town of	
9	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
10	Cut Bank, City of	
11	(Wastewater Treatment Project)	\$125,000
12	Missoula County	
13	(Buena Vista Trailer Community Wastewater Improvements Phase 1)	\$125,000
14	Denton, Town of	
15	(Water System)	\$125,000
16	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 1	
17	(Lateral 19.3 Pipeline Conversion Project Phase 1)	\$125,000
18	Winifred, Town of	
19	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
20	Highwood County Water and Sewer District	
21	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
22	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project	
23	(Wasteway Project)	\$65,000
24	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
25	(East Fork Rock Creek Main Canal Lining Project)	\$125,000
26	Riverside Water and Sewer District	
27	(Wastewater Facility Plan)	\$125,000
28	Lewistown, City of	
29	(Riverdale Subdivision Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
30	East Clark Street Water and Sewer District	

1	(Wastewater Collection System)	\$125,000
2	Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
3	(Preservation and Conservation of Resources)	\$125,000
4	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2	
5	(Main Canal Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
6	Sidney Water Users Irrigation District	
7	(High Canal Phase 5 Project)	\$125,000
8	Lower Musselshell County Conservation District	
9	(DMWUA South Canal Pre-Tunnel Lining Project)	\$125,000
10	Clinton Irrigation District	
11	(Canal Wasteway Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
12	Roundup, City of	
13	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
14	Missoula County Weed District	
15	(Montana Biological Weed Control Coordination Project)	\$100,500
16	Jordan, Town of	
17	(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
18	Crow Tribe of Indians	
19	(Wastewater Collection System Improvement Project)	\$125,000
20	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
21	(Irrigation Efficiency and Water Conservation Project)	\$125,000
22	Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
23	(Reduce Waste Project)	\$125,000
24	Hysham Irrigation District	
25	(Re-Lift Canal Improvement Project)	\$125,000
26	South Wind Water and Sewer District	
27	(Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection Study)	\$125,000
28	Bainville, Town of	
29	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
30	Black Eagle-Cascade County Water & Sewer District	

1	(Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation Phase 2)	\$125,000
2	Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch	
3	(Wastewater Improvements Project)	\$125,000
4	Fort Peck Tribes	
5	(Lateral L-42M Rehabilitation Project, Phase 1)	\$125,000
6	Toston Irrigation District	
7	(Toston Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
8	Hot Springs, Town of	
9	(Wastewater Improvements Project)	\$125,000
10	Lockwood Irrigation District	
11	(Pump Station Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
12	Missoula, City of	
13	(Buckhouse Bridge Outfall - Stormwater Treatment Retrofit)	\$125,000
14	Harlowton, City of	
15	(Phase 3 Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
16	Greenfields Irrigation District	
17	(J-Lake Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvement)	\$125,000
18	Malta Irrigation District	
19	(Exeter Siphon Replacement Project)	\$125,000
20	Garfield County Conservation District	
21	(Little Dry Water User's Association-Infrastructure Improvements)	\$125,000
22	Gallatin County	
23	(Septic System Repair Assistance Program)	\$125,000
24	Flaxville, Town of	
25	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
26	Glasgow, City of	
27	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
28	Conrad, City of	
29	(Conrad Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
30	Missoula Irrigation District	

1	(Water Conservation Project)	\$125,000
2	Malta Irrigation District	
3	(Peoples Creek Diversion Dike Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
4	East Bench Irrigation District	
5	(Main Canal Gate Automation)	\$125,000
6	Dillon, City of	
7	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
8	Medicine Lake, Town of	
9	(Wastewater Improvements)	\$125,000
10	Kevin, Town of	
11	(Wastewater Improvement Project - 2014)	\$125,000
12	Department of Environmental Quality	
13	(Montana Time of Travel - Interactive Web Map Application for Montana)	\$125,000
14	Liberty County Conservation District	
15	(Marias River Bank Stabilization Project - Phase 2)	\$125,000
16	Foys Lakeside County Water and Sewer District	
17	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
18	Ruby Valley Conservation District	
19	(Smith Slough/Smith Ditch Fisheries Enhancement Project)	\$125,000
20	Green Mountain Conservation District	
21	(Improving Water Quality and Fish Habitat in the Vermilion River Watershed)	\$120,248
22	Glen Lake Irrigation District	
23	(Costich Drop Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
24	Lincoln County	
25	(Measuring and Modeling the Effects of Mining and Associated Reclamation	
26	Activities on Selenium and Nitrate Inputs to Lake Kooconusa)	\$110,500
27	Petroleum County Conservation District	
28	(Musselshell Watershed Prioritized Projects Initiative)	\$125,000
29	Big Sandy, Town of	
30	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000

1	RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313	
2	(Woodland Park Well)	\$125,000
3	Judith Gap, Town of	
4	(Phase Sewer Improvements)	\$125,000
5	Gore Hill County Water District	
6	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
7	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Flathead Basin Commission	
8	(Flathead Basin Watershed Plan)	\$125,000
9	Huntley Project Irrigation District	
10	(Feasibility Study)	\$125,000
11	Crow Tribe of Indians	
12	(Crow Agency Renewable Energy Technology Wastewater Treatment Facility)	\$117,500
13	Park County Conservation District	
14	(Upper Shields River Fish Barrier and Road Improvements)	\$120,000
15	Bozeman, City of	
16	(Sourdough Canyon Natural Water Storage Assessment)	\$125,000
17	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
18	(Willow Creek Access Road Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
19	Sanders County	
20	(Middle Clark Fork River, Plains Reach - Channel Stabilization)	\$125,000
21	Thompson Falls, City of	
22	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
23	Shelby, City of	
24	(Stormwater System Improvements)	\$125,000
25	Mile High Conservation District	
26	(Blacktail Creek Non Point Nutrient Management Project)	\$125,000

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28       NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Coordination of fund sources for grants to political subdivisions and**

29 **local governments.** A project sponsor listed under [section 1(4)] may not receive funds from both the reclamation

30 and development grants program and the renewable resource grant and loan program for the same project during



1 the same biennium.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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29 **NEW SECTION. Section 6. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable  
30 from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part

1 remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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