

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND
5 LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
6 CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM;
7 PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS;
8 PROVIDING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
9 DATE."

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

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13 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriations for renewable resource grants.** (1) For the biennium
14 beginning July 1, 2015, there is appropriated from the natural resources projects state special revenue account
15 established in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation up to:

- 16 (a) \$100,000 for emergency projects to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- 17 (b) \$700,000 for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- 18 (c) \$200,000 for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the
19 biennium;
- 20 (d) \$300,000 for watershed grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;

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- 22 (e) \$100,000 for septic loan grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;

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24 (F) \$2.7 MILLION FOR A GRANT TO THE CITY OF LAUREL FOR THE DRINKING WATER INTAKE
25 MODIFICATION/REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

26 (2) There is appropriated from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established
27 in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation up to \$6,072,615 for grants to political
28 subdivisions and local governments during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015. The funds referred to in this
29 subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant
30 amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies

1 described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2015 report to the 64th legislature.

2 (3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the following order of priority
3 until available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be provided for
4 projects farther down the priority list that would not otherwise receive funding. If at any time a grant sponsor
5 determines that a project will not begin before June 30, 2017, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural
6 resources and conservation.

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

8 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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28 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation. The
29 legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the renewable resource program grants listed in [section 1]. The
30 authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the natural resources projects state special

1 revenue account established in 15-38-302.

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3 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. BY JUNE 1, 2015, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER
4 \$2.7 MILLION FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT
5 ESTABLISHED IN 15-38-302.

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7 NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. NOTIFICATION TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SEND
8 A COPY OF [THIS ACT] TO EACH TRIBAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED ON THE SEVEN MONTANA RESERVATIONS AND TO THE
9 LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA TRIBE.

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11 NEW SECTION. Section 8. Severability. If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable
12 from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part
13 remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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15 NEW SECTION. Section 9. Effective date. [This act] is effective ~~July 1, 2015~~ ON PASSAGE AND
16 APPROVAL.

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