

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;

21 ~~and~~ AND

- 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~~ \$4,172,615 for grants  
28 to political subdivisions and local governments during the biennium beginning July 1, 2015. The funds referred  
29 to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and  
30 in the grant amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the

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

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

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

9 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

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

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

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

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

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

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

1	Activities on Selenium and Nitrate Inputs to Lake Koocanusa)	\$110,500
2	Petroleum County Conservation District	
3	(Musselshell Watershed Prioritized Projects Initiative)	\$125,000
4	Big Sandy, Town of	
5	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
6	RAE Subdivision County Water and Sewer District No. 313	
7	(Woodland Park Well)	\$125,000
8	Judith Gap, Town of	
9	(Phase Sewer Improvements)	\$125,000
10	Gore Hill County Water District	
11	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
12	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Flathead Basin Commission	
13	(Flathead Basin Watershed Plan)	\$125,000
14	Huntley Project Irrigation District	
15	(Feasibility Study)	\$125,000
16	Crow Tribe of Indians	
17	(Crow Agency Renewable Energy Technology Wastewater Treatment Facility)	\$117,500
18	Park County Conservation District	
19	(Upper Shields River Fish Barrier and Road Improvements)	\$120,000
20	Bozeman, City of	
21	(Sourdough Canyon Natural Water Storage Assessment)	\$125,000
22	Department of Natural Resources and Conservation-Water Resources Division	
23	(Willow Creek Access Road Rehabilitation Project)	\$125,000
24	Sanders County	
25	(Middle Clark Fork River, Plains Reach - Channel Stabilization)	\$125,000
26	Thompson Falls, City of	
27	(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
28	Shelby, City of	
29	(Stormwater System Improvements)	\$125,000
30	Mile High Conservation District	



1 (Blacktail Creek Non Point Nutrient Management Project) \$125,000

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

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

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

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

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

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

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29 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation.** The  
 30 legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the renewable resource program grants listed in [section 1]. The

1 authorization of these grants completes a biennial appropriation from the natural resources projects state special  
2 revenue account established in 15-38-302.

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

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8 NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. NOTIFICATION TO TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL SEND  
9 A COPY OF [THIS ACT] TO EACH TRIBAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED ON THE SEVEN MONTANA RESERVATIONS AND TO THE  
10 LITTLE SHELL CHIPPEWA TRIBE.

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

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16 NEW SECTION. SECTION 8. Effective date. [This act] is effective ~~July 1, 2015~~ ON PASSAGE AND  
17 APPROVAL JULY 1, 2015.

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