



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2023 Biennium

Bill # HB0147

Title: Establish the Montana hunters and anglers community fund

Primary Sponsor: France, Tom

Status: As Amended in House Committee

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2022</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2023</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$65,421	\$159,579	\$159,579
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$63,832	\$159,579	\$159,579	\$159,579
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 147 creates a new grant program, the Hunters' and Angler's Community Fund, providing funds to community projects in areas with a population of less than 7,500. The grant program would be funded by donations of no less than \$1 from persons purchasing a wildlife conservation license or a combination license that includes a conservation license.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

1. The department currently has four programs funded by donations made during the purchasing process for a hunting or fishing license.
2. In 2020, a total of 35,731 people donated to these four programs, and the average donation was \$4.47/person.
3. Rounding off the above listed number, the department assumes a total of 35,700 people would choose to donate \$4.47 each to the Hunters' and Anglers' Community Fund, for an annual revenue of \$159,579.

4. Since the bill would not be effective until March 1st, 2022, the department assumes revenue would be 40% of the annual \$159,579 by fiscal year end 2022, which would be \$63,832. This is based on the average percentage of license sales completed by fiscal year end 2020.
5. The department would allow funds to build during FY 2022 and begin granting out funds in FY 2023.
6. The department assumes no additional FTE would be needed for the administration of this program, as current staff in the Financial Aid and Compliance Bureau would be able to manage the workload.
7. Education materials would be mainly disseminated electronically (e.g. agency website, email), and any costs for printed materials are assumed to be minimal, and thus were not included in this calculation.
8. Beginning in FY 2023, the department estimates the seven-member Hunters’ and Anglers’ Community Fund Board created by this bill would need to meet annually.
9. The department estimates travel expenditures for the seven board members to be \$1,239, including hotel, meals, and mileage.
10. Beginning in FY 2023, the department estimates annual board honorarium costs to be \$350, or \$50 per board member at \$50 each.
11. Beginning FY 2023, the department would grant out remaining funds (revenue minus administrative expenses) to communities.
 - a. For FY 2023, the funds for available to grant out would include the net revenue from FY 2022 (\$63,832).
 - b. Beginning FY 2024, the funds available to grant out would include the net revenue from FY 2023 (\$159,579 revenue minus expenditures for board members \$1,589 = \$157,990).
12. Section 17-1-508, MCA, requires analysis of the statutory appropriation relative to the guidance in 17-1-508(3), MCA, to be published in the fiscal note. In reviewing and establishing statutory appropriations, the legislature shall consider the following guidelines.

YES NO

a. The money is from a continuing, reliable, and estimable source.		X
b. The use of the appropriation or the expenditure occurrence is predictable and reliable.		X
c. The authority exists elsewhere.		X
d. An alternative appropriation method is available, practical, or effective.		X
e. It appropriates state general fund money for purposes other than paying for emergency services.		X
f. The money is used for general purposes.		X
g. The legislature wishes to review expenditure and appropriation levels each biennium.		X
h. An expenditure cap and sunset date are excluded.	X	

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Operating Expenses	\$0	\$1,589	\$1,589	\$1,589
Grants	\$0	\$63,832	\$157,990	\$157,990
TOTAL Expenditures	\$0	\$65,421	\$159,579	\$159,579
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$65,421	\$159,579	\$159,579
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	\$0	\$65,421	\$159,579	\$159,579
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$63,832	\$159,579	\$159,579	\$159,579
TOTAL Revenues	\$63,832	\$159,579	\$159,579	\$159,579
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$63,832	\$94,158	\$0	\$0

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date