



AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT FUNDING LAWS; REQUIRING 10% OF MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACCOUNT TO BE USED TO REPAIR AREAS IMPACTED OR DAMAGED BY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; REVISING DISTRIBUTION FOR GRANT AWARDS; AMENDING SECTION 23-2-825, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 23-2-825, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-2-825. Off-highway vehicle grant program. (1) Money deposited in the off-highway vehicle account pursuant to 60-3-201 must be used by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to administer an off-highway vehicle grant program to develop and maintain facilities open to the general public, to repair areas that are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles, and to promote off-highway vehicle safety.

(2) Ten percent of the money deposited in the account must be granted for the promotion of off-highway vehicle safety.

(3) ~~Up to 40%~~ Ten percent of the money deposited in the account may be used to repair areas that are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles.

(4) The department may require an applicant to provide a 10% match in cash or donated services to be eligible to receive a grant.

(5) After awarding a grant pursuant to this section, the department shall, ~~distribute on request of the grantee, make an initial distribution of 50% of the funding to the entity receiving the award with the other 50% to be distributed upon receipt by the department of expense receipts and proof of completion of the project for which the money is awarded, a distribution of 40% on receipt by the department of expense receipts, and a distribution of the final 10% of the funding on receipt by the department of proof of completion of the project for which the money is awarded.~~ distribute on request of the grantee, make an initial distribution of 50% of the funding to the entity receiving the award with the other 50% to be distributed upon receipt by the department of expense receipts and proof of completion of the project for which the money is awarded, a distribution of 40% on receipt by the department of expense receipts, and a distribution of the final 10% of the funding on receipt by the department of proof of completion of the project for which the money is awarded.

(6) Entities may use grant funds to acquire various hand tools and chain saws needed to accomplish trail maintenance. The grantee shall provide to the department on request an itemized list and receipts for all purchases of hand tools and chain saws made using grant funds.

(7) Entities receiving a grant may use up to 7% of the funds for administrative costs."

Section 2. Saving clause. [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured, penalties that were incurred, proceedings that were begun, or grants awarded or applied for before [the effective date of this act].

Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 331, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2023.

HOUSE BILL NO. 331

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