

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY R. COOK

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION AND THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

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; PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER; PROVIDING A TRANSFER FROM THE ORPHAN SHARE ACCOUNT; 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) 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) ~~\$400,000~~ \$350,000 to be used for emergency projects AS FOLLOWS:
 - (i) \$100,000 FOR EMERGENCY PROJECTS to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; AND
 - (ii) \$250,000 FOR THE TEN MILE/PLEASANT VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT;
- (b) \$1,062,000 to be used for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- (c) \$300,000 to be used for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- (d) \$100,000 to be used for water project private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- (e) \$200,000 to be used for development of the state water plan; ~~and~~
- (f) \$200,000 to be used for grants to build organizational capacity; AND
- (g) \$1,273,686 TO BE USED FOR FIVE GRANTS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR THE FOLLOWING BIG

1 PIPESTONE/JEFFERSON RIVER SLOUGH WATERSHED RESTORATION PROJECTS:

2 (I) LANDOWNER #24 RANCH CHANNEL RESTORATION, \$760,500;

3 (II) RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT, \$15,500;

4 (III) BEAVER MANAGEMENT PLANNING, \$21,240;

5 (IV) LANDOWNER #7 CHANNEL RESTORATION, \$299,596; AND

6 (V) JEFFERSON SLOUGH HYDROLOGY AND SEDIMENTOLOGY STATIONS, \$176,850.

7 (2) There is appropriated from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established
 8 in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation ~~\$6,761,983~~ \$8,967,632 for grants to
 9 political subdivisions and local governments during the biennium ending June 30, 2015. The funds referred to
 10 in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in
 11 the grant amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 4] and the
 12 contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2013 report to the 63rd
 13 legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in subsection (4).

14 (3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the following order of
 15 priority. Funds not accepted or used by these projects may be provided for any renewable resource programs
 16 projects authorized under this section or for reclamation and development program projects authorized by the
 17 63rd legislature in House Bill No. 7. If at any time a grant sponsor determines that a project will not begin before
 18 June 30, 2015, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation.

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

20 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

21 Applicant/Project	Amount
22 Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	
23 (Racetrack Water Users Association:	
24 Water Efficiency and Energy Conservation Project - Phase 1)	\$100,000
25 South Wind Water and Sewer District	
26 (South Wind Water and Sewer District Improvements)	\$100,000
27 Craig County Water and Sewer District	
28 (Craig Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
29 Forsyth, City of	
30 (Forsyth Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Clinton Irrigation District	
2	(Clark Fork Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
3	Beaverhead County Conservation District	
4	(Swamp Creek Siphon Project)	\$100,000
5	Miles City, City of	
6	(Miles City Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
7	Alberton, Town of	
8	(Alberton Wastewater Project)	\$100,000
9	Richland County	
10	(Richland County-Savage Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
11	Dawson County	
12	(Dawson County-West Glendive Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
13	Fort Benton, City of	
14	(Fort Benton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
15	Belt, Town of	
16	(Belt Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Vaughn Cascade County Water and Sewer District	
18	(Vaughn Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Malta Irrigation District	
20	(Dodson South Canal Head Gate Replacement Project)	\$100,000
21	Park County	
22	(Park County Fairgrounds Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Bitter Root Irrigation District	
24	(BRID Siphon 1 - Phase 4 Improvements Project)	\$100,000
25	Cut Bank, City of	
26	(Cut Bank Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
27	Ward Irrigation District	
28	(Ward Irrigation District Lost Horse Creek/Ward Canal Improvements)	\$100,000
29	Glendive, City of	
30	(Glendive Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Harlowton, City of	
2	(Harlowton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Lockwood Irrigation District	
4	(Lockwood ID Intake Canal Headgate Replacement Project)	\$100,000
5	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
6	(Pioneer Ditch Company Irrigation Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
7	Glen Lake Irrigation District	
8	(Glen Lake Irrigation District Rolling Hills Section of the Main Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
9	Hill County	
10	(Beaver Creek Dam Outlet Works Rehabilitation)	\$98,321
11	Winnett, Town of	
12	(Winnett Wastewater)	\$100,000
13	DNRC Water Resources Division	
14	(East Fork Rock Creek Main Canal Lining Project)	\$99,939
15	Boulder, City of	
16	(Boulder Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	White Sulphur Springs, City of	
18	(White Sulphur Springs Wastewater Improvements Project - Phase 1)	\$100,000
19	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
20	(Helena Valley ID Pump Automation Project)	\$100,000
21	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 1	
22	(Buffalo Rapids 1 Lateral 20.6 Conversion Project)	\$100,000
23	Whitefish, City of	
24	(City of Whitefish Nutrient Reduction Plan)	\$100,000
25	Fort Peck Tribes	
26	(Fort Peck Tribes Phase 2 Lateral L-2M Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
27	Flathead County	
28	(Bigfork Stormwater Project - Phase IV)	\$100,000
29	Three Forks, City of	
30	(Three Forks Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Libby, City of	
2	(Libby Flower Creek Dam Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Frenchtown Irrigation District	
4	(Frenchtown Irrigation District: Main Canal Lining Project)	\$99,978
5	DNRC Water Resources Division	
6	(Replacement Headgates for the Deadman's Basin Supply Canal Project)	\$100,000
7	DNRC Water Resources Division	
8	(Cooney Dam Outlet Canal Weir Replacement and Automated Instrumentation Project)	\$100,000
9	Deer Lodge Valley Conservation District	
10	(Kohrs and Manning Ditch Company Infrastructure Improvements)	\$100,000
11	DNRC Flathead Basin Commission	
12	(Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Project, Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Project)	\$100,000
13	Dutton, Town of	
14	(Dutton Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
15	Fairfield, Town of	
16	(Fairfield Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Buffalo Rapids Irrigation Project District 2	
18	(Buffalo Rapids 2 Terry Pump Station Discharge Line)	\$100,000
19	Choteau, City of	
20	(Choteau Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
21	Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
22	(Daly Ditches Irrigation District Preservation and Conservation of Resources)	\$100,000
23	Toston Irrigation District	
24	(Toston ID Toston Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
25	Gallatin County Conservation District	
26	(Darlington Creek Enhancement Project at Cobblestone Fishing Access)	\$100,000
27	Missoula County Conservation District	
28	(Missoula Conservation District Orchard	
29	Homes Ditch Company Intake Improvements Project)	\$100,000
30	Missoula Irrigation District	

1	(Missoula Irrigation District Water Conservation Project)	\$100,000
2	Valier, Town of	
3	(Valier Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
4	Fort Belknap Indian Community	
5	(Fort Belknap Main Canal A Underdrain Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
6	Bozeman, City of	
7	(Bozeman Creek at Bogert Park Enhancement Project)	\$100,000
8	Hamilton, City of	
9	(Hamilton Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
10	Lodge Grass, Town of	
11	(Lodge Grass Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
12	Montana State University	
13	—(Adopt-A-Reach: Empowering Community Stewardship)—	\$64,462
14	Pondera County Conservation District	
15	(Pondera County Canal and Reservoir Company KB2 Canal Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
16	Manhattan, Town of	
17	(Manhattan Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
18	Greenfields Irrigation District	
19	(Muddy Creek Wastewater and Erosion Reduction)	\$100,000
20	University of Montana	
21	(An Algae Bioremediation System for Acidic Industrial Wastewaters)	\$99,882
22	Black Eagle-Cascade County Water & Sewer District	
23	(Black Eagle Wastewater System Improvements)	\$99,407
24	Stevensville, City of	
25	(Stevensville Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
26	Havre, City of	
27	(City of Havre Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
28	Elk Meadows County Water District	
29	(Elk Meadows Ranchettes County Water District Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
30	Cascade, Town of	

1	(Cascade Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
2	Moore, Town of	
3	(Moore Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
4	Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
5	(Big Timber Creek Channel Stabilization Project - Phase II)	\$100,000
6	Roundup, City of	
7	(Roundup Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
8	Garfield County Conservation District	
9	(CMR Range Monitoring Pilot Project)	\$99,994
10	<u>JEFFERSON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
11	(<u>JEFFERSON CANAL HEADGATE IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
12	<u>PHILIPSBURG, TOWN OF</u>	
13	(<u>PHILIPSBURG WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
14	<u>CARBON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
15	(<u>PHASE 2, GROUND WATER SURFACE WATER INTERACTION, PHASE 2, GROUND WATER AND</u>	
16	<u>SURFACE WATER INTERACTION IN THE ROCK CREEK WATERSHED</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
17	<u>SUNNY HILLS SUBURBAN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT</u>	
18	(<u>SUNNY HILLS WSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
19	<u>DRUMMOND, TOWN OF</u>	
20	(<u>DRUMMOND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
21	<u>BIG HORN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
22	(<u>EVALUATING THE INFLUENCE OF IRRIGATION ON GROUND WATER QUALITY AND</u>	
23	<u>QUANTITY IN NORTHERN BIG HORN COUNTY</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
24	<u>JOLIET, TOWN OF</u>	
25	(<u>JOLIET WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
26	<u>MALTA, CITY OF</u>	
27	(<u>MALTA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
28	<u>GALLATIN COUNTY</u>	
29	(<u>GRAYLING CREEK STREAM AND RIPARIAN RESTORATION AND PARADE REST GUEST RANCH</u>	
30	<u>IRRIGATION PROJECT</u>)	<u>\$75,000</u>

1	<u>LOWER MUSSELSHELL COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
2	<u>(EAST BREWER IRRIGATION CHECK STRUCTURE REHABILITATION AND SOUTHSIDE CANAL LINING)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
3	<u>MADISON COUNTY</u>	
4	<u>(MOORE'S CREEK CULVERT REPLACEMENT)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
5	<u>DNRC WATER RESOURCES DIVISION</u>	
6	<u>(2012 INFILL DRILLING AND PIEZOMETER INSTALLATION PROJECT: EAST FORK, FRED BURR,</u>	
7	<u>MARTINSDALE, MIDDLE CREEK, AND TONGUE RIVER DAMS)</u>	<u>\$95,580</u>
8	<u>HAMILTON, CITY OF</u>	
9	<u>(HAMILTON WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, WELL 5)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
10	<u>PLEVNA, TOWN OF</u>	
11	<u>(PLEVNA WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
12	<u>STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
13	<u>(ASSESSING THE GROUND WATER RESOURCES OF THE BEDROCK AQUIFERS IN</u>	
14	<u>STILLWATER COUNTY)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
15	<u>SWEET GRASS COUNTY</u>	
16	<u>(GREYCLIFF REACH YELLOWSTONE RIVER STABILIZATION PROJECT)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
17	<u>EMKAYAN COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT</u>	
18	<u>(EMKAYAN WSD WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
19	<u>CHINOOK, CITY OF</u>	
20	<u>(CHINOOK WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
21	<u>EUREKA, TOWN OF</u>	
22	<u>(EUREKA WATER TREATMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
23	<u>BROADWATER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u>	
24	<u>(BIG SPRINGS DITCH WATER CONSERVATION AND SPAWNING BED PROJECT)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
25	<u>PINESDALE, TOWN OF</u>	
26	<u>(PINESDALE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>
27	<u>JEFFERSON COUNTY</u>	
28	<u>(BIG PIPESTONE CREEK REMEDIATION)</u>	<u>\$99,531</u>
29	<u>FORT SHAW IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u>	
30	<u>(FORT SHAW ID A-SYSTEM MODIFICATION)</u>	<u>\$100,000</u>

1 (5) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for
 2 purposes of encumbering the funds during the biennium ending June 30, 2015, pursuant to 17-7-302.

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

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 9 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Condition of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through 4]
 10 for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:

11 (1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and
 12 conservation. Changes in the project scope of work or budget that reduce the public or natural resource benefits
 13 as presented in department reports and applicant testimony to the 63rd legislature may result in a proportional
 14 reduction in the grant amount.

15 (2) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative
 16 of the renewable resource grant and loan program report to the legislature for the biennium ending June 30, 2015,
 17 or, in the case of grants issued under [section 1(1)], completion of conditions specified at the time of written
 18 notification of approved grant authority;

19 (3) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and

20 (4) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to meet the
 21 purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal to the legislature.

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 23 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriations established.** For any entity of state government that
 24 receives a grant under [sections 1 through 3], an appropriation is established for the amount of the grant listed
 25 in [section 1(4)]. Grants to entities from prior bienniums are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

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 27 **NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. TRANSFER OF FUNDS. BY JULY 15, 2013, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL**
 28 **TRANSFER TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 15-38-302:**

29 **(1) \$3,473,686 FROM THE GENERAL FUND; AND**

30 **(2) \$250,000 FROM THE ORPHAN SHARE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 75-10-743.**

