



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 GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Appropriations from natural resources projects state special revenue account. (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) \$100,000 to be used for emergency projects to be awarded over the course of the biennium;
- (b) \$800,000 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) \$50,000 to be used for water project private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; and
- (e) \$180,000 to be used for development of the state water plan and inventory to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium.

(2) 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 \$6,260,000 that is available in the natural resources projects state special revenue account for grants to political subdivisions and local governments during the 2013 biennium. The funds in this section must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts set out in subsection (3), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2011 report to the 62nd legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the grants listed in

subsection (3). Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in this section in the following order of priority until available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be provided for projects farther down the priority list or planning grants that would not otherwise receive funding. If at any time a grant sponsor determines a project will not begin before June 30, 2013, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation. After receiving notification, the department may revert the grant amount to the natural resources projects state special revenue account to make it immediately available for other projects. After all eligible projects are funded, remaining project funds may be used for any renewable resource program projects authorized under this section or for reclamation and development program projects authorized by the 62nd legislature in House Bill No. 7. With the exception of planning grants, projects that are funded by the reclamation and development grants program may not be funded under [sections 1 through 3].

(3) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

**RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM**

Applicant/Project	Grant Amount
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
(Hydropower Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
Sheridan, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Deer Lodge, City of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Fergus Conservation District	
(Big Spring Creek Stream Restoration at the Machler Conservation Easement)	\$100,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Trust Land Management Division	
(Smith Lake Dam Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Culbertson, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Upper and Lower River Road Water and Sewer District	
(Water Distribution and Wastewater Collection, Phase 4)	\$100,000
Beaverhead Conservation District	
(Poindexter Slough Fishery Enhancement)	\$100,000

Pondera Conservation District	
(C Canal Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Buffalo Rapids Project - District 1	
(System Improvements - Lateral 26.4)	\$100,000
Pondera Conservation District	
(Wasteway Rehabilitation and Water Quality Improvement)	\$100,000
Flathead County	
(Bigfork Storm Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Hebgen Lake Estates Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Harlem, City of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Polson, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Amsterdam-Churchill Sewer District No. 307	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Stanford, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Helena Valley Irrigation District	
(Pump No. 2 Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Belt, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Fort Belknap Indian Community	
(Fort Belknap Indian Community Water Conservation)	\$100,000
Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
(Big Timber Creek Channel Stabilization)	\$99,998
Sidney Water Users Irrigation Districts 1 and 2	

(Increasing Irrigation Efficiency: Districts 1 and 2, Phase 3)	\$100,000
Sidney Water Users Irrigation District	
(Increasing Irrigation Efficiency: District 5, Lateral 2)	\$100,000
Clinton Irrigation District	
(Schoolhouse Lateral Pipeline Conversion)	\$100,000
East Bench Irrigation District	
(Main Canal Check Structure Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Lower Musselshell Conservation District	
(Lower Musselshell Delphia Melstone Irrigation Structure Rehabilitation Lining)	\$100,000
Madison Conservation District	
(South Meadow Creek Water Efficiency)	\$100,000
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes	
(Jocko Upper S Canal Lining)	\$100,000
Malta Irrigation District	
(Dodson North Canal Siphons Replacement)	\$100,000
Roberts Carbon County Water and Sewer District	
(Roberts Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation	
(Dry Fork Farms Irrigation Enhancement)	\$97,429
Flathead Joint Board of Control	
(Jocko Upper J Canal Diversion Structure)	\$100,000
Lockwood Irrigation District	
(Intake Canal Spillway Replacement)	\$100,000
Glendive, City of	
(Glendive Floodplain Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
(Water Quality and Quantity Improvements)	\$100,000
Daly Ditches Irrigation District	
(Hedge Canal Improvement)	\$100,000

Gallatin Gateway County Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Greenfields Irrigation District	
(Big Coulee Wastewater and Water Quality)	\$100,000
Park Conservation District	
(Park-Branch Paradise Canal Water Efficiency)	\$100,000
Huntley Project Irrigation District	
(Lower Canal Seepage Lining)	\$100,000
Anaconda-Deer Lodge County	
(Systemwide Water Meter Installation)	\$100,000
Fairfield, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Fort Peck Tribes	
(Lateral L-2M Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Hardin, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Bitter Root Irrigation District	
(Siphon 1 Improvement, Phase 2)	\$100,000
North Havre County Water District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Roundup, City of	
(Musselshell Watershed Sustainable Irrigation Management Program)	\$60,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
(Clark Fork River Basin Task Force)	\$63,000
Green Mountain Conservation District	
(Tuscor Creek Restoration)	\$84,778
Lewistown, City of	
(East Fork Dam Repair)	\$100,000
Crow Tribe	

(Crow Agency Water System Improvements, Phase 4A)	\$100,000
Hill County Water District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Roundup, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Kevin, Town of	
(Water System Improvements, Phase 3)	\$100,000
LaCasa Grande Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Whitefish, City of	
(Haskill Basin Water Conservation and Preservation)	\$100,000
Ravalli County	
(LiDAR Mapping for Flood Hazard Identification, Phase 3)	\$75,000
Lockwood Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	
(Chadbourne Diversion Dam Repair and Selective Fish Passage Retrofits)	\$99,500
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation--Water Resource Division	
(East Fork Rock Creek Diversion and Fish Screen)	\$100,000
Teton Conservation District	
(Eureka Reservoir Improvements)	\$100,000
East Helena, City of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Missoula County	
(Spring Meadows Sewer)	\$100,000
Missoula County	
(Missoula County LiDAR Mapping)	\$50,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
(Martinsdale Supply Canal Headworks Rehabilitation)	\$98,688

Ravalli County Environmental Health (Bitterroot Valley Septic Systems Impact Evaluation Model, Phase 2)	\$73,745
Foy's Lakeside County Water and Sewer District (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Pablo/Lake County Water and Sewer District (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Cut Bank, City of (Water System Improvements, Phase 4)	\$100,000
University of Montana Natural Heritage Program (Wetland and Riparian Mapping for the Lower and Middle Musselshell Watersheds)	\$99,934
Bozeman High School, Montana School District No. 7 (Mandeville Creek Restoration and Community Education)	\$100,000
White Sulphur Springs, City of (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division (Cooney and Deadman's Basin Automated Instrumentation)	\$100,000
Park Conservation District (Livingston Ditch Water Efficiency and Infrastructure Protection)	\$100,000
Carbon Conservation District (Whitehorse Canal Company -- River Bank Stabilization)	\$82,950
Ronan, City of (Storm water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Fromberg, Town of (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Jordan, Town of (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project Board of Control (Lower Yellowstone On-Farm Water Conservation Measures)	\$100,000
Butte-Silver Bow Consolidated City-County Government	

(Big Hole River Pump station Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Manhattan, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
North Powell Conservation District	
(Blackfoot Irrigation Efficiency)	\$60,000
Kalispell, City of	
(Woodland Park Pond Remediation)	\$100,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division	
(StreamStats Interactive Web Map Application)	\$100,000
Libby, City of	
(Wastewater Collection System and Treatment Facility Upgrades)	\$100,000
Toston Irrigation District	
(Crow Creek Pumping Plant Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Em-Kayan Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Gallatin County Solid Waste District	
(Logan Landfill Waste-to-Energy Feasibility Study)	\$100,000
Hill County Conservation District	
(Milk River Basin Riparian and Hydrology Restoration)	\$54,245
Brady County Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
Lincoln Conservation District	
(Sinclair Creek Watershed Improvement)	\$100,000
Tin Cup Water and Sewer District	
(Tin Cup Lake Dam Improvements)	\$94,638
Melrose Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
Augusta Water and Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000



Target Range Water and Sewer District (Replacing Obsolete Septic Systems)	\$100,000
Carbon Conservation District (Pleasant Valley Canal Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
Troy, City of (Water System Improvements, Phase 3)	\$100,000
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation -- Water Resources Division (Water Resource Survey Framework)	\$71,000
University of Montana (Developing Wolf Population Monitoring Techniques to Advance Management and Conservation of Wildlife in Montana)	\$100,000
Lockwood Area/Yellowstone County Water and Sewer District (Water Treatment Plant Clearwell Addition)	\$100,000
Eureka, Town of (Wastewater System Upgrade and Expansion)	\$100,000
Joliet, Town of (Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
University of Montana (An Experimental Assessment of the Ecological and Social Dimensions of Human-Bear Conflict)	\$99,067
Bigfork County Water and Sewer District (Water Supply and Transmission Main Improvements)	\$100,000
Park County (Shields River Surface and Groundwater Analysis, Planning and Long-Range Policy Formulation)	\$81,192
Petroleum County Conservation District (Horse Creek Coulee Water Storage)	\$82,286
Shelby, City of (West Interceptor Water System)	\$100,000

Sidney, City of	
(Optimizing Water Development from the City of Sidney Well Field)	\$100,000
Thompson Falls, City of	
(Transmission Main Replacement)	\$100,000

(4) Grant projects listed in subsection (3) are eligible for a loan up to the amounts recommended in subsection (3) in lieu of a grant. The authorization for the loan is contained in House Bill No. 8.

(5) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for purposes of encumbering the funds within the 2013 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302.

**Section 2. Conditions of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through 3] for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:

(1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and conservation. Changes in the project scope of work or budget that reduce the public or natural resource benefits as presented in department reports and applicant testimony to the 62nd legislature may result in the proportional reduction in grant amount.

(2) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative in the renewable resource grant and loan program project recommendations and biennium report submitted to the 62nd legislature for the 2013 biennium or, in the case of emergency, irrigation development, and private grant and planning grant applications, of conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant authority;

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

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

**Section 3. Appropriations established.** For any entity of state government that receives a grant under [sections 1 and 2], an appropriation is established for the amount of the grant listed in [section 1(3)]. Grants to entities from prior biennia are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

**Section 4. Review of previously authorized grants.** Recipients of renewable resource grants authorized by previous legislatures that have not completed startup conditions must be notified by the department of natural resources and conservation that the legislature, at the next regular session, will review renewable resource grants to determine if the commitment of the renewable resource grant should be withdrawn.

**Section 5. Notification to tribal governments.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell Chippewa tribe.

**Section 6. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

**Section 7. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2011.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,  
HB 0006, originated in the House.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY B. MCCHESENEY

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

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