1	HOUSE BILL NO. 6
2	INTRODUCED BY J. KEANE
3	BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION AND THE
4	OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING
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6	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND
7	LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
8	CONSERVATION FOR CERTAIN GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN
9	PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR
10	GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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14	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations for renewable resource grants. (1) For the biennium
15	beginning July 1, 2017, there is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation from the
16	natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302 up to:
17	(1)(A) \$100,000 for emergency projects to be awarded by the department over the course of the
18	biennium;
19	(2)(B) \$800,000 for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
20	(3)(C) \$300,000 for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of
21	the biennium;
22	(4)(D) \$300,000 for watershed grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
23	and
24	(5)(E) \$50,000 for private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium.
25	(2) THE AMOUNT OF \$3,231,640 IS APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND
26	CONSERVATION FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT, ESTABLISHED IN
27	15-38-302, FOR GRANTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE BIENNIUM BEGINNING JULY 1,
28	2017. THE FUNDS REFERRED TO IN THIS SUBSECTION MUST BE AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE NAMED ENTITIES
29	FOR THE DESCRIBED PURPOSES AND IN THE GRANT AMOUNTS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (4), SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS
30	SET FORTH IN [SECTIONS 2 AND 3] AND THE CONTINGENCIES DESCRIBED IN THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN

1	PROGRAM JANUARY 2017 REPORT TO THE 65TH LEGISLATURE.	
2	(3) FUNDS MUST BE AWARDED UP TO THE AMOUNTS APPROVED IN SUBSECTION (4) IN	THE FOLLOWING LISTED
3	ORDER OF PRIORITY UNTIL AVAILABLE FUNDS ARE EXPENDED. FUNDS NOT ACCEPTED OR U	SED BY HIGHER-RANKED
4	PROJECTS MUST BE PROVIDED FOR PROJECTS FARTHER DOWN THE PRIORITY LIST THAT WOULD I	NOT OTHERWISE RECEIVE
5	FUNDING. IF AT ANY TIME A GRANT SPONSOR DETERMINES THAT A PROJECT WILL NOT BEGIN BEF	ORE JUNE 30, 2019, THE
6	SPONSOR SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION. AFTER ALL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS	
7	ARE FUNDED, REMAINING FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR ANY RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECT AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS	
8	SECTION.	
9	(4) THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRIORITIZED GRANT PROJECTS:	
10	RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM	
11	APPLICANT/PROJECT	<u>Amount</u>
12	HELENA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
13	(GATE AUTOMATION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
14	GRANITE COUNTY	
15	(FLINT CREEK DAM RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT)	<u>\$125,000</u>
16	BOZEMAN, CITY OF	
17	(SUNSET HILLS CEMETERY AND LINDLEY PARK WATER CONSERVATION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
18	MEDICINE LAKE, TOWN OF	
19	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
20	WARD IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
21	(CANAL INTAKE IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
22	SWEET GRASS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
23	(BOE-ENGLE DITCH DIVERSION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$106,640</u>
24	BEAVERHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
25	(POINDEXTER SLOUGH FISHERY ENHANCEMENT, PHASE 3)	<u>\$125,000</u>
26	CROW TRIBE OF INDIANS	
27	(WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT, PHASE 3)	<u>\$125,000</u>
28	STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
29	(YANZICK/BREY-RIDDLE DITCHES IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
30	LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT	



1	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
2	FROID, TOWN OF	
3	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
4	TOWNSEND, CITY OF	
5	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
6	SOUTH WIND WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
7	(WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 3)	\$125,000
8	POPLAR, CITY OF	
9	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
10	LOWER YELLOWSTONE IRRIGATION PROJECT	
11	(LATERAL O CHECK AND TERMINAL WASTEWAY REHABILITATION)	\$125,000
12	STILLWATER COUNTY - ABSAROKEE SEWER RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
13	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
14	RYEGATE, TOWN OF	
15	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
16	HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
17	(Lower Main Canal Lining, Phase 2)	<u>\$125,000</u>
18	HELENA VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
19	(LATERAL 14.8 REHABILITATION, PHASE 1)	\$125,000
20	BROADWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
21	(BIG SPRINGS DITCH WATER CONSERVATION, PHASE 2)	<u>\$125,000</u>
22	THOMPSON FALLS, CITY OF	
23	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
24	PONDERA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
25	(PONDERA COUNTY CANAL & RESERVOIR COMPANY KB2 CANAL REHABILITATION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
26	MALTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
27	(EXETER SIPHON REPLACEMENT)	<u>\$125,000</u>
28	SIDNEY WATER USER IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
29	(MAIN CANAL PIPELINE CONVERSION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
30	BUFFALO RAPIDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT 2	



1	(SHIRLEY MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION)	\$125,000
2	FORT SHAW IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
3	(D-SYSTEM WATER CONSERVATION)	\$125,000
4	CASCADE, TOWN OF	
5	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
6	HELENA, CITY OF	
7	(WESTSIDE WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
8	EUREKA, TOWN OF	
9	(WASTEWATER EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT, PHASE 1B)	\$100,000
10	WHITEFISH, CITY OF	
11	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
12	BLACK EAGLE - CASCADE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
13	(SEWER MAIN SLIP LINING)	<u>\$125,000</u>
14	THOMPSON FALLS, CITY OF	
15	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
16	DUTTON, TOWN OF	
17	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
18	FALLON COUNTY	
19	(BAKER LAKE RESTORATION)	\$100,000
20	MADISON COUNTY	
21	(BIG HOLE STREAMBANK REHABILITATION)	\$125,000
22	GLEN LAKE IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
23	(COSTICH DROP REHABILITATION, PHASE 1)	\$125,000
24	HARLOWTON, CITY OF	
25	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 4)	\$125,000
26	ALBERTON, TOWN OF	
27	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
28	BUFFALO RAPIDS IRRIGATION DISTRICT 1	
29	(LATERAL 20.6 PIPELINE CONVERSION, PHASE 2)	\$125,000
30	CHOUTEAU COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	



1	(RANCHING FOR RIVERS: COST SHARE TO LANDOWNERS	
2	FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR GRAZING	
3	MANAGEMENT ON THE MISSOURI RIVER)	\$125,000
4	JUDITH GAP, TOWN OF	
5	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE 2)	\$125,000
6	FLATHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
7	(KRAUSE CREEK RESTORATION)	<u>\$116,000</u>
8	SANDERS COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT AT PARADISE	
9	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
10	JEFFERSON COUNTY	
11	(JEFFERSON SLOUGH EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL CONTROL)	\$96,530
12	HUNTLEY PROJECT IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
13	(TUNNEL 2 - DISCHARGE LINE REHABILITATION)	\$125,000
14	SIMMS COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT	
15	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
16	CUT BANK, CITY OF	
17	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
18	MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
19	(FLINT CREEK WATER PROJECT- ALLENDALE CANAL INTAKE & FISH SCREEN)	\$125,000
20	SHERIDAN, TOWN OF	
21	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
22	FORT PECK TRIBES	
23	(LATERAL L-42M REHABILITATION, PHASE 1)	\$125,000
24	TOSTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
25	(MAIN CANAL REHABILITATION)	\$125,000
26	LAUREL, CITY OF	
27	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
28	CLINTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
29	(MAIN CANAL WASTEWAY REHABILITATION AND INTAKE CANAL IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
30	TIN CUP WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	



1	(WATER CONSERVATION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
2	JORDAN, TOWN OF	
3	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
4	LINCOLN COUNTY	
5	(KSANKA CREEK RESTORATION - HIGHWAY 93 TO OSLOSKI ROAD)	<u>\$125,000</u>
6	MANHATTAN, TOWN OF	
7	(WASTEWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
8	LOWER MUSSELSHELL CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
9	(MUSSELSHELL RIVER CHANNEL MIGRATION ZONE MAPPING)	\$125,000
10	SHELBY, CITY OF	
11	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
12	MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
13	(BROADWATER MISSOURI CANAL SYSTEM STUDY AND MASTERPLAN)	\$100,000
14	MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
15	(EAST FORK ROCK CREEK MAIN CANAL LINING)	<u>\$125,000</u>
16	ROUNDUP, CITY OF	
17	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
18	CUSTER COUNTY	
19	(CUSTER COUNTY MILES CITY FLOOD CONTROL)	\$125,000
20	SCOBEY, CITY OF	
21	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
22	WILSALL WATER DISTRICT	
23	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
24	HOT SPRINGS, TOWN OF	
25	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
26	WINIFRED, TOWN OF	
27	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
28	MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
29	(NEVADA CREEK WATER PROJECT - DOUGLAS CANAL LINING REPLACEMENT)	<u>\$125,000</u>
30	DENTON, TOWN OF	



1	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	\$125,000
2	FORT BENTON, CITY OF	
3	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
4	ABSAROKEE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
5	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
6	HYSHAM IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
7	(Re-LIFT CANAL IMPROVEMENT)	<u>\$125,000</u>
8	DEER LODGE, CITY OF	
9	(MUNICIPAL WELL REPLACEMENT)	\$125,000
10	FLATHEAD CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
11	(WHITEFISH WATER TREATMENT PLAN AND RESOURCE OPTIMIZATION)	\$86,000
12	Toole County Conservation District	
13	(EAGLE AQUIFER EVALUATION, NORTH-CENTRAL MONTANA)	<u>\$116,230</u>
14	MISSOULA COUNTY	
15	(SUNSET WEST WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
16	GALLATIN LOCAL WATER QUALITY DISTRICT	
17	(BRIDGER RANGE FRONT HYDROGEOLOGIC INVESTIGATION)	\$125,000
18	MISSOULA, CITY OF	
19	(RESTORATION AND MIGRATION OF PUBLIC	
20	ACCESS DAMAGE - CLARK FORK RIVER, PHASE 1)	<u>\$125,000</u>
21	CIRCLE, TOWN OF	
22	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
23	STANFORD, TOWN OF	
24	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
25	WEST GREAT FALLS FLOOD CONTROL & DRAINAGE DISTRICT	
26	(RIVERBANK EROSION REHABILITATION AND REPAIRS)	\$125,000
27	NINE MILE WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
28	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
29	MT BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOLOGY - MT TECH	
30	(IRRIGATION EFFICIENCIES AND DOMESTIC GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES)	<u>\$125,000</u>



1	BRADY COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
2	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$109,400</u>
3	BIGFORK COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
4	(WATER STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
5	CHINOOK, CITY OF	
6	(WATER SYSTEM UPGRADES)	<u>\$125,000</u>
7	LOCKWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT	
8	(PUMP STATION REHABILITATION)	<u>\$125,000</u>
9	RAE COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
10	(FALCON HOLLOW #2 WELL)	<u>\$125,000</u>
11	MALTA, CITY OF	
12	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
13	LOCKWOOD WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT	
14	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)	<u>\$125,000</u>
15	EKALAKA, TOWN OF	
16	(FLOOD STUDY)	<u>\$125,000</u>
17	CONRAD, CITY OF	
18	(WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT)	<u>\$125,000</u>
19	SWEET GRASS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
20	(YELLOWSTONE RIVER CHANNEL STABILIZATION	
21	AND SURFACE WATER PROTECTION, PHASE 2)	<u>\$125,000</u>
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23	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Coordination of fund sources for grants to po	OLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND
24	LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. A PROJECT SPONSOR LISTED UNDER [SECTION 1(4)] MAY NOT RECE	IVE FUNDS FROM BOTH THE
25	RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM AND THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRAN	NT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR
26	THE SAME PROJECT DURING THE SAME BIENNIUM.	
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28	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Conditions of grants. Disbursement of fu	NDS UNDER [SECTION 1] IS
29	SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE MET BY THE PROJECT SPONSOR:	
30	(1) A SCOPE OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR THE PROJECT MUST BE APPROVED BY THE	DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
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RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION. ANY CHANGES IN SCOPE OF WORK OR BUDGET SUBSEQUENT TO LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL

2 MAY NOT CHANGE PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. CHANGES IN ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD REDUCE THE PUBLIC OR 3 NATURAL RESOURCE BENEFITS AS PRESENTED IN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION REPORTS 4 AND APPLICANT TESTIMONY TO THE 65TH LEGISLATURE MAY RESULT IN A PROPORTIONAL REDUCTION IN THE GRANT 5 AMOUNT. 6 (2) THE PROJECT SPONSOR SHALL SHOW SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF CONDITIONS DESCRIBED IN THE 7 RECOMMENDATION SECTION OF THE PROJECT NARRATIVE OF THE PROGRAM REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE 8 BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2019, OR, IN THE CASE OF PLANNING GRANTS ISSUED UNDER [SECTION 1(1)], COMPLETION 9 OF CONDITIONS SPECIFIED AT THE TIME OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED GRANT AUTHORITY. 10 (3) THE PROJECT SPONSOR MUST HAVE A FULLY EXECUTED GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT. 11 (4) ANY OTHER SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE DEPARTMENT MUST BE MET TO 12 ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT AS EVIDENCED FROM THE APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OR FROM THE 13 PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED TO THE LEGISLATURE. 14 15 NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriations established. There is appropriated to any entity of 16 STATE GOVERNMENT THAT RECEIVES A GRANT UNDER [SECTION 1] THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT UPON AWARD OF THE 17 GRANT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION. GRANTS TO ENTITIES FROM PRIOR BIENNIUMS 18 ARE REAUTHORIZED FOR COMPLETION OF CONTRACT WORK. 19 20 NEW SECTION. Section 5. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation. The 21 LEGISLATURE, PURSUANT TO 85-1-605, APPROVES THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROGRAMS GRANTS LISTED IN SECTION 22 1]. THE AUTHORIZATION OF THESE GRANTS CONSTITUTES A BIENNIAL APPROPRIATION FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCES 23 PROJECTS STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 15-38-302. 24 25 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a 26 copy of [this act] to each tribal government located on the seven Montana reservations and to the Little Shell 27 Chippewa tribe. 28 29 COORDINATION SECTION. Section 7. Coordination instruction. If Both [this act] and an act that 30 PROVIDES ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANTS FROM BOND PROCEEDS ARE PASSED AND

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1 APPROVED, THE PROJECTS LISTED IN [SECTION 1(4)] THAT DO NOT RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE APPROPRIATION IN 2 [SECTION 1(2)] MAY RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE APPROPRIATION IN THE OTHER ACT DESIGNATED FOR RENEWABLE 3 RESOURCE GRANTS IN THE ORDER OF COMPLETION OF THE CONDITIONS OF [SECTION 3] AND TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE 4 IS APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY AVAILABLE. THE PROJECT APPLICANT MUST COMPLETE THE CONDITIONS OF [SECTION 3] 5 BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, OR ANY OBLIGATION TO THE PROJECT IS VOID. 6 7 NEW SECTION. Section 8. Severability. If a part of [THIS aCT] IS INVALID, ALL VALID PARTS THAT ARE 8 SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID PART REMAIN IN EFFECT. IF A PART OF [THIS ACT] IS INVALID IN ONE OR MORE OF ITS 9 APPLICATIONS, THE PART REMAINS IN EFFECT IN ALL VALID APPLICATIONS THAT ARE SEVERABLE FROM THE INVALID 10 APPLICATIONS.

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12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Section 9. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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