



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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

**Section 1. Appropriations for renewable resource grants.** (1) For the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, there is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302 up to:

- (a) \$100,000 for emergency projects to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
  - (b) \$800,000 for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
  - (c) \$300,000 for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
  - (d) \$300,000 for watershed grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- and
- (e) \$50,000 for private grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium.

(2) The amount of \$3,231,640 is appropriated to the department of natural resources and conservation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account, established in 15-38-302, for grants to political subdivisions and local governments for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017. The funds referred to in this subsection must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (4), subject to the conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and loan program January 2017 report to the 65th legislature.

(3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the following listed 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 that would not otherwise receive funding. If at any time a grant

sponsor determines that a project will not begin before June 30, 2019, the sponsor shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation. After all eligible projects are funded, remaining funds may be used for any renewable resource project authorized under this section.

(4) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

**RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM**

Applicant/Project	Amount
Helena Valley Irrigation District (Gate Automation)	\$125,000
Granite County (Flint Creek Dam Resource Enhancement)	\$125,000
Bozeman, City of (Sunset Hills Cemetery and Lindley Park Water Conservation)	\$125,000
Medicine Lake, Town of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Ward Irrigation District (Canal Intake Improvements)	\$125,000
Sweet Grass County Conservation District (Boe-Engle Ditch Diversion Infrastructure Improvements)	\$106,640
Beaverhead Conservation District (Poindexter Slough Fishery Enhancement, Phase 3)	\$125,000
Crow Tribe of Indians (Wastewater Collection System Improvement, Phase 3)	\$125,000
Stillwater Conservation District (Yanzick/Brey-Riddle Ditches Irrigation System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lewis and Clark County Sewer District (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Froid, Town of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Townsend, City of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
South Wind Water and Sewer District	

(Water and Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 3)	\$125,000
Poplar, City of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project	
(Lateral O Check and Terminal Wasteway Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Stillwater County - Absarokee Sewer Rural Special Improvement District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Ryegate, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Huntley Project Irrigation District	
(Lower Main Canal Lining, Phase 2)	\$125,000
Helena Valley Irrigation District	
(Lateral 14.8 Rehabilitation, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Broadwater Conservation District	
(Big Springs Ditch Water Conservation, Phase 2)	\$125,000
Thompson Falls, City of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Pondera County Conservation District	
(Pondera County Canal & Reservoir Company KB2 Canal Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Malta Irrigation District	
(Exeter Siphon Replacement)	\$125,000
Sidney Water User Irrigation District	
(Main Canal Pipeline Conversion)	\$125,000
Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District 2	
(Shirley Main Canal Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
(D-System Water Conservation)	\$125,000
Cascade, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Helena, City of	
(Westside Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000

Eureka, Town of (Wastewater Expansion and Improvement, Phase 1B)	\$100,000
Whitefish, City of (Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Black Eagle - Cascade County Water and Sewer District (Sewer Main Slip Lining)	\$125,000
Thompson Falls, City of (Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Dutton, Town of (Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Fallon County (Baker Lake Restoration)	\$100,000
Madison County (Big Hole Streambank Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Glen Lake Irrigation District (Costich Drop Rehabilitation, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Harlowton, City of (Water System Improvements, Phase 4)	\$125,000
Alberton, Town of (Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Buffalo Rapids Irrigation District 1 (Lateral 20.6 Pipeline Conversion, Phase 2)	\$125,000
Chouteau County Conservation District (Ranching for Rivers: Cost Share to Landowners for Infrastructure Improvements for Grazing Management on the Missouri River)	\$125,000
Judith Gap, Town of (Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$125,000
Flathead Conservation District (Krause Creek Restoration)	\$116,000
Sanders County Sewer District at Paradise	

(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Jefferson County	
(Jefferson Slough Eurasian Watermilfoil Control)	\$96,530
Huntley Project Irrigation District	
(Tunnel 2 - Discharge Line Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Simms County Sewer District	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Cut Bank, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
(Flint Creek Water Project- Allendale Canal Intake & Fish Screen)	\$125,000
Sheridan, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Fort Peck Tribes	
(Lateral L-42M Rehabilitation, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Toston Irrigation District	
(Main Canal Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
Laurel, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Clinton Irrigation District	
(Main Canal Wasteway Rehabilitation and Intake Canal Improvements)	\$125,000
Tin Cup Water and Sewer District	
(Water Conservation)	\$125,000
Jordan, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lincoln County	
(Ksanka Creek Restoration - Highway 93 to Osloski Road)	\$125,000
Manhattan, Town of	
(Wastewater System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lower Musselshell Conservation District	
(Musselshell River Channel Migration Zone Mapping)	\$125,000

Shelby, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
(Broadwater Missouri Canal System Study and Masterplan)	\$100,000
MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
(East Fork Rock Creek Main Canal Lining)	\$125,000
Roundup, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Custer County	
(Custer County Miles City Flood Control)	\$125,000
Scobey, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Wilsall Water District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Hot Springs, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Winifred, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
MT DNRC-Water Resources Division	
(Nevada Creek Water Project - Douglas Canal Lining Replacement)	\$125,000
Denton, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Fort Benton, City of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Absarokee Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Hysham Irrigation District	
(Re-Lift Canal Improvement)	\$125,000
Deer Lodge, City of	
(Municipal Well Replacement)	\$125,000
Flathead Conservation District	

(Whitefish Water Treatment Plan and Resource Optimization)	\$86,000
Toole County Conservation District	
(Eagle Aquifer Evaluation, North-Central Montana)	\$116,230
Missoula County	
(Sunset West Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Gallatin Local Water Quality District	
(Bridger Range Front Hydrogeologic Investigation)	\$125,000
Missoula, City of	
(Restoration and Migration of Public Access Damage - Clark Fork River, Phase 1)	\$125,000
Circle, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Stanford, Town of	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
West Great Falls Flood Control & Drainage District	
(Riverbank Erosion Rehabilitation and Repairs)	\$125,000
Nine Mile Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
MT Bureau of Mines and Geology - MT Tech	
(Irrigation Efficiencies and Domestic Groundwater Supplies)	\$125,000
Brady County Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$109,400
Bigfork County Water and Sewer District	
(Water Storage and Distribution Improvements)	\$125,000
Chinook, City of	
(Water System Upgrades)	\$125,000
Lockwood Irrigation District	
(Pump Station Rehabilitation)	\$125,000
RAE County Water and Sewer District	
(Falcon Hollow #2 Well)	\$125,000
Malta, City of	

(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Lockwood Water and Sewer District	
(Water System Improvements)	\$125,000
Ekalaka, Town of	
(Flood Study)	\$125,000
Conrad, City of	
(Water System Improvement)	\$125,000
Sweet Grass County Conservation District	
(Yellowstone River Channel Stabilization and Surface Water Protection, Phase 2)	\$125,000

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

**Section 3. Conditions of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [section 1] is subject to the following conditions that must be met by the project sponsor:

(1) A scope of work and budget for the project must be approved by the department of natural resources and conservation. Any changes in scope of work or budget subsequent to legislative approval may not change project goals and objectives. Changes in activities that would reduce the public or natural resource benefits as presented in department of natural resources and conservation reports and applicant testimony to the 65th legislature may result in a proportional reduction in the grant amount.

(2) The project sponsor shall show satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative of the program report to the legislature for the biennium ending June 30, 2019, or, in the case of planning grants issued under [section 1(1)], completion of conditions specified at the time of written notification of approved grant authority.

(3) The project sponsor must have a fully executed grant agreement with the department.

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

**Section 4. Appropriations established.** There is appropriated to any entity of state government that receives a grant under [section 1] the amount of the grant upon award of the grant by the department of natural resources and conservation. Grants to entities from prior bienniums are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

**Section 5. Approval of grants -- completion of biennial appropriation.** The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605, approves the renewable resource programs grants listed in [section 1]. The authorization of these grants constitutes a biennial appropriation from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302.

**Section 6. 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 7. Coordination instruction.** If both [this act] and an act that provides additional funding for renewable resource grants from bond proceeds are passed and approved, the projects listed in [section 1(4)] that do not receive funding from the appropriation in [section 1(2)] may receive funding from the appropriation in the other act designated for renewable resource grants in the order of completion of the conditions of [section 3] and to the extent that there is appropriation authority available. The project applicant must complete the conditions of [section 3] by September 30, 2020, or any obligation to the project is void.

**Section 8. 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 9. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2017.

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

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Speaker of the House

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Chief Clerk of the House

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY J. KEANE

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

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