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HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK

BY REQUEST OF 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; REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH AND FUND A CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT BEFORE RECEIVING GRANT FUNDING; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; PROVIDING FOR THE COORDINATION OF FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriations.** (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 for the biennium beginning July1, 2025, up to:

- (a) \$500,000 for emergency projects grants to be awarded by the department over the biennium;
- (b) ~~\$2 million~~ \$1 MILLION for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the biennium;
- (c) \$500,000 for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the biennium;
- (d) \$150,000 for private grants to be awarded by the department over the biennium; and
- (e) ~~\$1 million~~ \$500,000 for nonpoint source pollution reduction grants to be awarded by the department over the biennium.

(2) There is appropriated ~~\$5.25 million~~ \$2.5 MILLION from the natural resources projects state special revenue account established in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. The funds in this subsection (2) must be awarded by the department to

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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's January 2025 report to the 69th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years 2026–2027 Volume 6".

(3) Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (4) in the order of priority listed until the 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 recipient determines that a project will not begin before June 30, 2027, the grant recipient shall notify the department of natural resources and conservation. After all eligible projects are funded, any remaining funds may be used for any renewable resource project authorized under this section.

(4) The prioritized infrastructure grant projects are as follows:

RENEWABLE RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROJECTS

Rank	Applicant/Project	Amount
1	Arlee Lake County Water and Sewer District	
	Arlee Lake County Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Upgrades	\$125,000
2	Whitehall, Town of	
	Whitehall Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
3	Deer Lodge, City of	
	Deer Lodge Wastewater Collection System Improvements	\$125,000
4	Missoula, City of	
	Missoula Public Library Living Roof Stormwater Control	\$125,000
<u>4</u>	<u>Missoula, City of</u>	
	<u>Missoula Public Library Living Roof Stormwater Control</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>
5 <u>4.5</u>	Harrison Water and Sewer District	
	Harrison Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
6 <u>5.6</u>	Madison County	
	Madison County Pennington Bridge Big Hole River Restoration	\$125,000

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1	7-6 7 South Wind County Water and Sewer District	
2	South Wind Drinking Water and Wastewater Improvements, Phase 4	\$125,000
3	8-7 8 Willow Creek Sewer District	
4	Willow Creek Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
5	9-8 9 Roundup, City of	
6	Roundup Wastewater Lagoon System Upgrades	\$125,000
7	10-9 10 Judith Basin County	
8	Judith Basin County Geyser Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	\$125,000
9	11-10 11 Martinsdale Water and Sewer District	
10	Martinsdale Water and Sewer District Water System Improvements	\$125,000
11	12-11 12 Alder Water and Sewer District	
12	Alder Water and Sewer District Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
13	13-12 13 Fairfield, Town of	
14	Fairfield Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
15	14-13 14 Dutton, Town of	
16	Dutton Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 2	\$125,000
17	15-14 15 Circle, Town of	
18	Circle Water System Improvements, Phase 5	\$125,000
19	16-15 16 Malta, City of	
20	Malta Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
21	17-16 17 Red Lodge, City of	
22	Red Lodge Wastewater System Improvements, Phases 2 and 3	\$125,000
23	18-17 18 Hysham, Town of	
24	Hysham Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 2	\$125,000
25	19-18 19 Darby, Town of	
26	Darby Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
27	20-19 20 Sheridan, Town of	

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1	Sheridan Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
2	21 <u>20 21</u> Richey, Town of	
3	Richey Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 3	\$125,000
4	22 <u>21 22</u> Ennis, Town of	
5	Ennis Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
6	23 <u>22 23</u> Basin Water and/or Sewer District	
7	Basin Water and/or Sewer District Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
8	24 <u>23 24</u> Manhattan, Town of	
9	Manhattan Water System Improvements	\$125,000
10	25 <u>24 25</u> Cooke City Water District	
11	Cooke City Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvements	\$125,000
12	26 <u>25 26</u> Treasure State Acres Water and Sewer District	
13	Treasure State Acres Wastewater Treatment System Improvements	\$125,000
14	27 <u>26 27</u> St. Ignatius, Town of	
15	St. Ignatius Wastewater Collection Main Replacement	\$125,000
16	28 <u>27 28</u> Twin Bridges, Town of	
17	Twin Bridges Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
18	29 <u>28 29</u> Libby, City of	
19	Libby Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
20	30 <u>29 30</u> Sun Prairie Village County Water and Sewer District	
21	Sun Prairie Village Drinking Water System Upgrades	\$125,000
22	31 <u>30 31</u> Plentywood, City of	
23	Plentywood Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
24	32 <u>31 32</u> White Sulphur Springs, City of	
25	White Sulphur Springs Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
26	33 <u>32 33</u> Big Timber, City of	
27	Big Timber Drinking Water Storage Improvements	\$125,000

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1	34 <u>33 34</u>	Wolf Point, City of	
2		Wolf Point Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 3	\$125,000
3	35 <u>34 35</u>	Bigfork County Water and Sewer District	
4		Bigfork Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
5	36 <u>35 36</u>	Shelby, City of	
6		Shelby Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
7	37 <u>36 37</u>	Ronan, City Of	
8		Ronan Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
9	38 <u>27 38</u>	Bearcreek, Town of	
10		Bearcreek Drinking Water System Improvements, Phase 1	\$125,000
11	39 <u>38 39</u>	Conrad, City of	
12		Conrad Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
13	40 <u>39 40</u>	Pinesdale, Town of	
14		Pinesdale Drinking Water System Improvements	\$125,000
15	41 <u>40 41</u>	Hinsdale County Water and Sewer District	
16		Hinsdale County Water and Sewer District Water System Upgrades	\$125,000
17	42 <u>41 42</u>	Joliet, Town of	
18		Joliet Wastewater System Improvements	\$125,000
19	(5)	There is appropriated \$3,474,500 <u>\$2,520,000</u> from the natural resources projects state special	
20		revenue account established in 15-38-302 to the department of natural resources and conservation for the	
21		biennium beginning July 1, 2025. The funds in this subsection (5) must be awarded by the department to the	
22		named entities for the described purposes and in the grant amounts listed in subsection (7), subject to the	
23		conditions set forth in [sections 2 and 3] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource grant and	
24		loan program's January 2025 report to the 68th legislature titled: "Governor's Executive Budget Fiscal Years	
25		2026–2027 Volume 6".	
26	(6)	Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in subsection (7) in the order of priority	
27		listed until the available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be	

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(7) The prioritized irrigation grant projects are as follows:

RENEWABLE RESOURCE IRRIGATION GRANT PROJECTS

Rank	Applicant/Project	Amount
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1	Granite County Conservation District	
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	Granite County Flint Creek Dam Improvements	\$125,000
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2 <u>1</u>	Pondera County Conservation District	
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	Pondera County Conservation District S-Canal Pipeline Conversion	\$125,000
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3 <u>2</u>	Yellowstone County	
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	Yellowstone County Billings Bench Water Association Rattlesnake Reservoir Water Management	
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	Improvements	\$125,000
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4 <u>3</u>	Yellowstone Irrigation District	
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	Yellowstone Irrigation District Canal Rehabilitation	\$125,000
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5 <u>4</u>	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District #1	
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	Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District Thomas Point Pump Station Rehabilitation, Phase 2	
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		\$125,000
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6 <u>5</u>	Savage Irrigation District	
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	Savage Irrigation District Pumping Plant Rehabilitation, Phase 2	\$125,000
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7 <u>6</u>	Clinton Irrigation District	
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	Clinton Irrigation District Schoolhouse Lateral Pipeline Conversion, Phase 4	\$125,000
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8 <u>7</u>	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
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	Helena Valley Irrigation District Lateral 26.6 and Lateral 20.7-3.3 Seepage Mitigation	
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		\$125,000
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9 <u>8</u>	Helena Valley Irrigation District	
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1	Helena Valley Irrigation District Pumping Plant Automation	\$125,000
2	40 <u>9</u> Greenfields Irrigation District	
3	Greenfields Irrigation District Check Replacement, Phase 2	\$125,000
4	44 <u>10</u> Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District	
5	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District Cowles Creek Flume Replacement	
6		\$125,000
7	42 <u>11</u> Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District	
8	Tongue and Yellowstone River Irrigation District Jones Creek Flume and Canal Conversion	
9		\$125,000
10	43 <u>12</u> Bitterroot Conservation District	
11	Bitterroot Conservation District Union Diversion Resource Improvements	\$125,000
12	44 <u>13</u> Fort Belknap Irrigation District	
13	Fort Belknap Irrigation District Main Canal Lining Project	\$125,000
14	45 <u>14</u> Petroleum County Conservation District	
15	Petroleum County Conservation District McDonald Creek Diversion Structures Replacement	
16		\$125,000
17	46 <u>15</u> Malta Irrigation District	
18	Malta Irrigation District Black Coulee Siphon Replacement	\$125,000
19	47 <u>16</u> Yellowstone Irrigation District	
20	Yellowstone Irrigation District Lateral 17.6 Rehabilitation, Phase 1	\$125,000
21	48 <u>17</u> Sweet Grass Conservation District	
22	Sweet Grass Conservation District Crest Ditch Headgate Rehabilitation	\$125,000
23	49 <u>18</u> Petrolia Irrigation District	
24	Petrolia Irrigation District Main Canal Pipeline Conversion	\$125,000
25	20 <u>19</u> Glen Lake Irrigation District	
26	Glen Lake Irrigation District Doxie Slough Seepage Mitigation Project	\$125,000
27	21 ——— Granite Conservation District ———	

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1	Granite Conservation District Allendale Ditch Rehabilitation	\$125,000
2	22 20 Hammond Irrigation District	
3	Hammond Irrigation District Big Porcupine Siphon Rehabilitation	\$125,000
4	21 <u>SUNSET IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u>	
5	<u>HEADGATE REPAIR</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>
6	23 22 Greenfields Irrigation District	
7	Greenfields Irrigation District J-Wasteway Modernization	\$125,000
8	24 23 Bitter Root Irrigation District	
9	Bitter Root Irrigation District Diversion Control Modernization	\$99,500
10	25 24 Zurich Irrigation District	
11	Zurich Irrigation District Brown Creek Siphon Rehabilitation	\$125,000
12	26 25 Kinsey Irrigation District	
13	Kinsey Irrigation District Harris Creek Spill Structure Rehabilitation	\$125,000
14	27 26 Kinsey Irrigation District	
15	Kinsey Irrigation District Hammerbacker Lateral to Pipeline Conversion	\$125,000
16	28 27 Fort Shaw Irrigation District	
17	Fort Shaw Irrigation District Simms Creek Siphon Replacement	\$125,000
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19 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Coordination of fund sources for grants to political subdivisions
20 **and local governments.** A grant recipient listed under [section 1(4) and (7)] may not receive funds from both
21 the reclamation and development grants program and the renewable resource grant and loan program for the
22 same project during the same biennium.

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24 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Condition of grants. The disbursement of funds under [section 1] is
25 subject to the following conditions that must be met by the grant recipient:

26 (1) The grant recipient must have a scope of work, schedule, and budget for the project that is
27 approved by the department of natural resources and conservation. Any changes in scope of work or budget