

Fiscal Note 2027 Biennium

Bill#/Title:	HB0011.02 (0 endowment pr	005): Providing grant rogram	s and appropr	iations through the	e Montana coal
Primary Sponsor:	John Fitzpatric	k	Status:	As Amended in Ho	use Committee
☐ Included in the E	xecutive Budget	☐ Needs to be included	in HB 2	☐ Significant Local Go	ov Impact
☐ Significant Long-	Term Impacts	☐ Technical Concerns		☐ Dedicated Revenue	Form Attached
		FISCAL SU	MMARY		
		FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Expenditures					
State Special Revenue (02)		\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenues					
State Special Re-	venue (02)	\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Fund B	alance				

Description of fiscal impact

This bill appropriates projects from the Montana Coal Endowment special revenue account to local governments for water, wastewater, solid waste and bridge infrastructure grants. There is also an appropriation from the Montana Coal Endowment Regional Water System special revenue account for the state's share of regional water system projects.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions

- 1. For the purposes of the fiscal note it is assumed that all projects listed in HB 11, Section 1, will be authorized for grants.
- Grants authorized in HB 11 to Department of Commerce will be funded from the Montana coal endowment special revenue account.
- 3. Grants authorized in HB 11 to Department of Natural Resources will be funded from the Montana coal endowment regional water special revenue account.
- The state treasurer shall transfer earnings from the Montana coal endowment funds to the Montana coal endowment special revenue account and the Montana coal endowment regional water special revenue account.
- 5. Earnings from the Montana coal endowment fund will be sufficient to fully fund the projects authorized in HB 11.
- 6. For the purposes of the fiscal note, all the projects show as expended in FY 2026. The actual schedule of expenditures will differ.

Fiscal Analysis Table

	FY 2026 Difference	FY 2027 Difference	FY 2028 Difference	FY 2029 Difference
Fiscal Impact				
Expenditures				
Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Infrastructure grants	\$19,959,891	\$0	\$0	\$0
Emergency grants	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bridge grants	\$3,416,850	\$0	\$0	\$0
Planning grants	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Regional Water	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Expenditures	\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding of Expenditures				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Funding of	\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
Expenditures				
Revenues				
State Special Revenue (02)	\$35,026,741	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	\$35,026,741	. \$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact to Fund Balance (R	evenue minus Funding	of Expenditures)		
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Technical Concerns

Department of Commerce

The amount appropriated from the Montana coal endowment special revenue account established in 17-5-703(3)(a) to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to finance Montana coal endowment program grants exceeds the total amount of the grants authorized by the amended bill.

Grant Type	Appropriated	Projects Approved \$19,959,891	
Infrastructure Grants	\$20,287,391		
Bridge Grants	\$3,544,750	\$3,416,850	
Planning Grants	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	
Emergency Grants	\$150,000	\$150,000	
Regional Water	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	
Total	\$35,482,141	\$35,026,741	

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

3/4/2025

Date