

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

INTRODUCED BY J. FITZPATRICK

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, EMERGENCY GRANTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS ON GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE MONTANA COAL ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM PROJECTS; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriation for Montana coal endowment program grants. (1)**

There is appropriated \$20,287,391 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 authorized by subsection (2).

(2) The following applicants and projects are authorized for grants and listed in the order of their priority:

Infrastructure Applicant (project type)	Grant Amount
1. Hysham, Town of (water)	\$750,000
2. Roundup, City of (wastewater)	\$750,000
3. Twin Bridges, Town of (water)	\$750,000
4. Harrison Water and Sewer District (wastewater)	\$750,000
5. Wolf Point, City of (wastewater)	\$625,000

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1	6.	Dutton, Town of (water)	\$750,000
2	7.	Alder County Water and Sewer District (wastewater)	\$750,000
3	8.	Shelby, City of (wastewater)	\$375,000
4	9.	Red Lodge, City of (wastewater)	\$500,000
5	10.	White Sulphur Springs, City of (water)	\$625,000
6	11.	South Wind Crosswinds Community	\$750,000
7		Water and Sewer District (water and wastewater)	
8	12.	Circle, Town of (water)	\$750,000
9	<del>13.</del>	<del>Arlee/Lake County Water and Sewer (wastewater)</del>	<del>\$327,500</del>
10	<del>14-13.</del>	Deer Lodge, City of (wastewater)	\$439,000
11	<del>15-14.</del>	Willow Creek Sewer District (wastewater)	\$750,000
12	<del>16-15.</del>	Hinsdale County Water and Sewer (water)	\$500,000
13	<del>17-16.</del>	Fairfield, Town of (water)	\$500,000
14	<del>18-17.</del>	Darby, Town of (wastewater)	\$750,000
15	<del>19-18.</del>	Joliet, Town of (wastewater)	\$625,000
16	<del>20-19.</del>	Ronan, City of (wastewater)	\$750,000
17	<del>21-20.</del>	Bigfork County Water and Sewer (water)	\$500,000
18	<del>22-21.</del>	Richey, Town of (water)	\$500,000
19	<del>23-22.</del>	Malta, City of (water)	\$500,000
20	<del>24-23.</del>	Big Timber, City of (water)	\$500,000
21	<del>25-24.</del>	St. Ignatius, Town of (wastewater)	\$750,000
22	<del>26-25.</del>	Ennis, Town of (water)	\$500,000
23	<del>27-26.</del>	Pinesdale, Town of (water)	\$750,000
24	<del>28-27.</del>	Basin County Water and/or Sewer (water)	\$500,000
25	<del>29-28.</del>	Martinsdale Water and Sewer District (water)	\$750,000
26	<del>30-29.</del>	Sun Prairie Village County Water and	\$500,000
27		Sewer District (water)	
28	<del>31-30.</del>	Judith Basin County for Geyser Water and	\$520,891

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1 Sewer District (wastewater)

2 ~~32.31.~~ Whitehall, Town of (water) \$750,000

3 ~~33.32.~~ Libby, City of (wastewater) \$500,000

4 (3) Funding for the projects in subsection (2) will be provided only as long as there are sufficient  
5 funds available from the amount that was deposited into the Montana coal endowment special revenue account  
6 during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. Funding for the projects will be made available in the order that the  
7 grant recipients satisfy the conditions described in [section 3(1)].

8 (4) There is appropriated \$3,544,750 from the Montana coal endowment special revenue account  
9 established in 17-5-703(3)(a) to the department of commerce for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, to  
10 finance Montana coal endowment program grants authorized by subsection (5) as projects meet the conditions  
11 provided in [section 3(1)].

12 (5) The following applicants and projects are authorized for grants and listed in the order of their  
13 priority:

14	Bridge Applicant	Grant Amount
15	1. Lewis and Clark County	\$750,000
16	2. Madison County	\$750,000
17	<del>3. Petroleum County</del>	<del>\$627,900</del>
18	<del>4.3.</del> Park County	\$612,750
19	<del>5.4.</del> Powder River County	\$363,600
20	<del>6.5.</del> Wibaux County	\$440,500

21 (6) Funding for projects 1 through ~~6.5~~ in subsection (5) will be provided only as long as there are  
22 sufficient funds available from the amount that was deposited into the Montana coal endowment special  
23 revenue account during the biennium beginning July 1, 2025. Funding for the projects will be made available in  
24 the order that the grant recipients satisfy the conditions described in [section 3(1)].

25 (7) If sufficient funds are available, this section constitutes a valid obligation of funds to the grant  
26 recipients listed in subsections (2) and (5) for the purpose of encumbering the funds in the Montana coal  
27 endowment special revenue account for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to 17-7-302. However,  
28 a grant recipient's entitlement to receive funds is dependent on the grant recipient's compliance with the