

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 331

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE GRANT
5 FUNDING LAWS; REQUIRING 10% OF MONEY DEPOSITED IN THE OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ACCOUNT
6 TO BE USED TO REPAIR AREAS IMPACTED OR DAMAGED BY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES; REVISING
7 DISTRIBUTION FOR GRANT AWARDS; AMENDING SECTION 23-2-825, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN
8 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

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12 **Section 1.** Section 23-2-825, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"23-2-825. Off-highway vehicle grant program.** (1) Money deposited in the off-highway vehicle
14 account pursuant to 60-3-201 must be used by the department of fish, wildlife, and parks to administer an off-
15 highway vehicle grant program to develop and maintain facilities open to the general public, to repair areas that
16 are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles, and to promote off-highway vehicle safety.

17 (2) Ten percent of the money deposited in the account must be granted for the promotion of off-
18 highway vehicle safety.

19 (3) ~~Up to 10%~~ Ten percent of the money deposited in the account may be used to repair areas that
20 are impacted or damaged by off-highway vehicles.

21 (4) The department may require an applicant to provide a 10% match in cash or donated services
22 to be eligible to receive a grant.

23 (5) After awarding a grant pursuant to this section, the department shall, ~~distribute on request of~~
24 the grantee, make an initial distribution of 50% of the funding to the entity receiving the award with the other
25 ~~50% to be distributed upon receipt by the department of expense receipts and proof of completion of the project~~
26 ~~for which the money is awarded, a distribution of 40% on receipt by the department of expense receipts, and a~~
27 distribution of the final 10% of the funding on receipt by the department of proof of completion of the project for
28 which the money is awarded.

1 (6) Entities receiving a grant may use up to 7% of the funds for administrative costs."

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3 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Saving clause.** [This act] does not affect rights and duties that matured,

4 penalties that were incurred, proceedings that were begun, or grants awarded or applied for before [the

5 effective date of this act].

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023.

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