

Introduced by

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new section to chapter 57-62 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to oil impact-related infrastructure development grants; to amend and  
3 reenact section 57-62-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to the oil and gas impact  
4 grant fund; to provide a statement of legislative intent; to provide an appropriation; to provide a  
5 continuing appropriation; and to provide a transfer.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 57-62 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
8 created and enacted as follows:

9 **Infrastructure development grants.** The energy development impact director shall  
10 establish an infrastructure development grant program to provide grants to eligible oil and gas  
11 development-impacted cities, counties, school districts, and other taxing districts for projects  
12 addressing infrastructure needs relating to water, roads, or housing to support oil or gas  
13 development activities. Each dollar of grant funds awarded must be matched by one dollar  
14 from the taxing district and one dollar from the private sector. The energy development impact  
15 office may not award more than thirty million dollars of infrastructure grants in any one fiscal  
16 year. The energy development impact director shall make grant award recommendations to the  
17 board of university and school lands for approval. To be eligible for consideration of a grant  
18 award, a taxing district shall provide:

- 19 1. Evidence of existing or planned oil and gas development activities resulting in the  
20 need for new or expanded water, road, or housing development; and  
21 2. Verification of the availability of the required matching funds from the taxing district  
22 and the private sector for the project.

23 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-62-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

1           **57-62-03.1. Oil and gas impact grant fund - Continuing appropriation.** The moneys  
2 accumulated in the oil and gas impact grant fund must be allocated as provided by law and as  
3 appropriated by the legislative assembly for distribution through grants by the energy  
4 development impact office for:

5           1. Impact grants to oil and gas development-impacted cities, counties, school  
6 districts, and other taxing districts or for industrial commission enforcement of laws  
7 and rules relating to geophysical exploration in this state.

8           2. Infrastructure development grants to oil and gas development-impacted cities,  
9 counties, school districts, and other taxing districts in accordance with section 1 of  
10 this Act.

11 The amounts deposited in the oil and gas impact grant fund under subsection 1 of section  
12 57-51-15 or under other law are appropriated as a standing and continuing appropriation to the  
13 energy development impact office for grants as provided in this section.

14           **SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - TRANSFER - OIL AND GAS IMPACT GRANT**

15 **FUND - LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the permanent oil  
16 tax trust fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$100,000,000, which  
17 the office of management and budget shall transfer to the oil and gas impact grant fund on  
18 July 1, 2011. It is the intent of the legislative assembly that these funds be available for  
19 infrastructure development grants for distribution by the energy development impact office to oil  
20 and gas development-impacted taxing districts for the 2011-13, 2013-15, and 2015-17  
21 bienniums.