

SENATE BILL NO. 310

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE TRAILS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES GRANT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING THE TRAIL STEWARDSHIP GRANT PROGRAM; SPECIFYING APPORTIONMENT OF GRANT FUNDING; EXPANDING PROJECTS AVAILABLE TO RECEIVE FUNDING; ALLOWING FOR ADVANCE PAYMENT OF GRANT FUNDING; AMENDING SECTION 23-2-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

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

Section 1. Section 23-2-109, MCA, is amended to read:

"23-2-109. Trails and recreational facilities grant program -- rulemaking. (1) There is a trails and recreational facilities grant program administered by the department. The grant is called the trail stewardship grant program.

(2) Cities, counties, tribal governments, school districts, recreational clubs and organizations, and state and federal agencies are eligible to receive grant funds for the following projects:

(a) new trail and shared-use path construction;

(b) rehabilitation and maintenance of existing trails and shared-use paths; and

(c) trailside and trailhead facilities, including but not limited to bridges, fencing, parking, bathrooms, latrines, picnic shelters, interpretation, trail signs, and trailside weed management. ;

(d) trail-related projects, economic impact studies, and feasibility and planning studies, including safety and ethics education;

(e) trail data and conditions collection for safety and planning; and

(f) equipment purchases and maintenance.

(3) (a) The department shall award the following percentages of available trail stewardship grant program funds:

