

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

SENATE BILL NO. 2140

Introduced by

Senators Lyson, Nodland, Wardner

Representatives Sukut, Hatlestad, N. Johnson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact sections 57-62-03.1 and 57-62-06 of the of the North
2 Dakota Century Code, relating to availability of oil and gas impact grant funds to park districts.

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

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-62-03.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **57-62-03.1. Oil and gas impact grant fund - Continuing appropriation.**

7 1. The moneys accumulated in the oil and gas impact grant fund must be allocated as
8 provided by law and as appropriated by the legislative assembly for distribution
9 through grants by the energy development impact office to oil and gas
10 development-impacted cities, counties, school districts, park districts, and other taxing
11 districts or for industrial commission enforcement of laws and rules relating to
12 geophysical exploration in this state. The amounts deposited in the oil and gas impact
13 grant fund under subsection 1 of section 57-51-15 are appropriated as a standing and
14 continuing appropriation to the energy development impact office for grants as
15 provided in this section.

16 2. The energy development impact office shall designate five percent of the amount
17 made available for grants each year and make the designated amount available for
18 grants to oil and gas development-impacted city or county park districts. Any of the
19 designated amount for the year which is not awarded to park districts must be made
20 available for grants for that year to other taxing districts.

21 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Section 57-62-06 of the North Dakota Century Code is
22 amended and reenacted as follows:

1 **57-62-06. Legislative intent and guidelines on impact grants.**

2 The legislative assembly intends that the moneys appropriated to, and distributed by, the
3 energy development impact office for grants are to be used by grantees to meet initial impacts
4 affecting basic governmental services, and directly necessitated by coal development and oil
5 and gas development impact. As used in this section, "basic governmental services" do not
6 include activities relating to marriage or guidance counseling, services or programs to alleviate
7 other sociological impacts, or services or facilities to meet secondary impacts. As used in this
8 section, services provided by city or county park districts are "basic governmental services" and
9 increased use of park district property or facilities is an "initial impact". All grant applications and
10 presentations to the energy development impact office must be made by an appointed or
11 elected government official.