

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Public Safety and Transportation Committee)

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 created
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Infrastructure development grants.**

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

2 The moneys accumulated in the oil and gas impact grant fund must be allocated as
3 provided by law and as appropriated by the legislative assembly for distribution through grants
4 by the energy development impact office for:

5 1. Impact grants to oil and gas development-impacted cities, counties, school districts,
6 and other taxing districts or for industrial commission enforcement of laws and rules
7 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 this
10 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 FUND -**

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