

Title

1. QUALITY SCHOOLS GRANT PROGRAM: 2017 Biennium Project Funding Recommendations and 2015 Biennium Emergency, Planning, and Project Grants Report
2. TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM: 2017 Biennium Project Funding Recommendations and 2015 Biennium Emergency, Planning, and Project Grants Report

Abstract

1. The deadline for Quality Schools grant applications for school facility projects to be funded with 2017 biennium funding will be accepted by the Department on or before June 26, 2014. Once the applications have been ranked and scored, the Department will recommend school facility projects to be funded, including the amount of grant assistance for each project, and submit these recommendations to the Governor. The Governor will then review the recommendations and submit the recommendations to the Legislature. The Legislature will make the final decisions and necessary appropriations. The Department must also provide a summary of those 2015 biennium grant awards that have not met start-up conditions by September 30, 2014.

2. TSEP grant applications for infrastructure projects to be funded with 2017 biennium funding are currently being ranked and scored by the Department. Once this process is complete, the Department will recommend infrastructure projects to be funded, including the amount of grant assistance for each project, and submit these recommendations to the Governor. The Governor will then review the recommendations and submit the recommendations to the Legislature. The Legislature will make the final decisions and necessary appropriations. The Department must also provide a summary of those 2015 biennium grant awards that have not met start-up conditions by September 30, 2014.

3. Both reports are expected to be available electronically on the Department website at <http://comdev.mt.gov/Grantsbureau/grantsbureau.mcp>x in November or December 2014.

4. The Department recommends that paper copies of the reports be printed and distributed to the members of the Long-Range Planning Joint Appropriations Subcommittee (approximately 10 of each).