

Subject Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Community Grant Program

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Summary

This bill would appropriate \$28,180,000 in fiscal year 2026 from the environment and natural resources trust fund (ENRTF) to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for grants under the ENRTF community grant program.

The ENRTF community grant program was established upon passage of the constitutional amendment passed in November of 2024 that renewed the dedication of net lottery proceeds to the ENRTF through 2050 and increased the amount of money that may be appropriated from the fund each year from 5.5 percent of the market value of the fund to seven percent. Under current law, the additional 1.5 percent increase is available for appropriation to the DNR for purposes of the ENRTF community grant program beginning in fiscal year 2026.