

CHAPTER 297

WATER AND IRRIGATION

HOUSE BILL 09-1017

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pace, Fischer, Vigil;
also SENATOR(S) Hodge, Gibbs, Isgar, Penry, Schwartz.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM CASH FUND, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, GIVING THE COLORADO WATER CONSERVATION BOARD CONTINUOUS AUTHORITY TO SPEND MONEYS TRANSFERRED TO THE WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM CASH FUND FROM THE OPERATIONAL ACCOUNT OF THE SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 37-60-126 (12) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

37-60-126. Water conservation and drought mitigation planning - programs - relationship to state assistance for water facilities - guidelines - water efficiency grant program - repeal. (12) (a) (I) There is hereby created the water efficiency grant program for purposes of providing state funding to aid in the planning and implementation of water conservation plans developed in accordance with the requirements of this section and to promote the benefits of water efficiency. The board is authorized to distribute grants to covered entities, other state or local governmental entities, and agencies in accordance with its guidelines from the moneys transferred to and appropriated from the water efficiency grant program cash fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury.

(II) MONEYS IN THE WATER EFFICIENCY GRANT PROGRAM CASH FUND ARE HEREBY CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (12) AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE UNTIL THE PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FINANCED USING THE GRANTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

(III) For the 2005-06 through 2010-11 fiscal years, the general assembly shall appropriate from the fund to the board up to five hundred thousand dollars annually for the purpose of providing grants to covered entities, other state and local governmental entities, and agencies in accordance with this subsection (12).

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

Commencing July 1, 2008, the general assembly shall also appropriate from the fund to the board fifty thousand dollars each fiscal year through 2011-12 to cover the costs associated with the administration of the grant program and the requirements of section 37-60-124. ~~However, if less than five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated or expended in any such fiscal year, an amount equal to the difference between five hundred thousand dollars and the amount actually appropriated or expended in that fiscal year shall be available for appropriation and expenditure to the grant program in the next fiscal year in addition to the five hundred thousand dollars available for appropriation in that fiscal year~~ MONEYS APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBPARAGRAPH (III) SHALL REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED OR UNTIL JUNE 30, 2012, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

(IV) Any moneys remaining in the fund on June 30, 2012, shall be transferred to the ~~reserve in the~~ operational account of the severance tax trust fund described in section ~~39-29-109.3 (3)~~ 39-29-109 (2) (b), C.R.S.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 21, 2009