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LB 961

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FISCAL NOTE
LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$4,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$4,000,000			

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 961 appropriates \$4,000,000 in federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds to the University of Nebraska to be used by the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE) to increase research technology capacity. NCITE is located at the Omaha campus.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY & POLT. SUB. RESPONSE			
LB:	961	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: University of Nebraska
REVIEWED BY:	Gary Bush	DATE:	1/24/22
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COMMENTS: Agree with University that the bill provides ARPA federal funds. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation.			

LB ⁽¹⁾ 0961 Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for the National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center

FISCAL NOTE

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name:⁽²⁾ University of Nebraska System

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CASH FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FEDERAL FUNDS	4,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
OTHER FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	4,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Explanation of Estimate:

LB 961, as drafted, would appropriate \$4 million in federal funds from the State of Nebraska's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund allocation to the University of Nebraska to provide support to the National Counterterrorism Innovation Technology and Education Center (NCITE) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). This \$4 million appropriation will build upon the State of Nebraska's investment in NCITE by creating state-of-the-art labs that would, in coordination with the federal recovery fund use rules, enhance workforce development capabilities to build on cutting-edge visualization technology to better depict relationships among bad actors and potential criminals.

Department of Homeland Security has significant workforce needs for current and future employees in Nebraska and across the country, including:

- 1) Adding capacity to help existing law enforcement and security workforces prevent and respond to violence, as specified by enhancing technology and equipment to support the law enforcement response.
- 2) Growing the future workforce by tapping UNO's diverse student body, which was impacted by the pandemic. UNO's 2021-22 freshman class is 34% Pell Grant eligible, 38% nonwhite, and 44% first generation. And over 1 in 4 freshmen came from the Omaha Public Schools, which kept students out of classrooms for almost a whole year during the pandemic. Not only does DHS want to recruit and build a diverse workforce to meet the evolving threat landscape, but the state's share of federal Covid-19 relief dollars is, in part, intended to serve pandemic-impacted communities of low-to-moderate income households, households that experienced food insecurity, and K-12 students who lost in-person instruction for a significant amount of time.
- 3) Making research and tools available to the public. The ongoing pandemic has caused disruption, job loss, isolation, and suffering. NCITE is well-positioned to offer education, training, and prevention tools to build community resilience.
- 4) Violence prevention will need to include projects to build community resilience, which can begin with education and training offered by NCITE. This is one of many ways NCITE aims to prevent and respond to violence especially as pandemic-fueled suffering.

BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

Personal Services:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-23	2023-24
	<u>22-23</u>	<u>23-24</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
	0	0		
	0	0		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital outlay.....			4,000,000.00	
Aid.....				
Capital improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			4,000,000.00	