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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1193

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide limitations on
- 2 appropriations of federal funds; and to declare an emergency.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that ten
2 percent of funds received pursuant to the federal Consolidated
3 Appropriations Act, 2021 may be used for other purposes pursuant to the
4 regulations outlined in the guidance provided for the Emergency Rental
5 Assistance program under the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act,
6 2021.

7 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that eligibility
8 requirements established by any state administering agency for Federal
9 Funds appropriated pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
10 2021 and federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 used for aid shall
11 not be more restrictive than the guidance provided by the granting
12 authority unless otherwise mandated by statute.

13 (3) No more than \$15,800,000 of Federal Funds allocated pursuant to
14 the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, sec. 501, Emergency Rental
15 Assistance, may be allocated to the Department of Health and Human
16 Services for Program 347, for the purpose of awarding no more than
17 \$2,000,000 in grants to any community-based nonprofit organization
18 holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the
19 Internal Revenue Code for the purposes of eviction prevention, no more
20 than \$3,800,000 to any community-based nonprofit organization holding a
21 certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
22 Code that currently serves eligible households with case management
23 intended to help keep households stably housed, and no more than
24 \$10,000,000 for grants to eligible shelter providers as set out in
25 section 68-1605 for the purpose of assisting in the alleviation of
26 homelessness, to provide temporary and permanent shelters for homeless
27 persons, and to encourage the development of projects which link housing
28 assistance to programs promoting the concept of self-sufficiency. Total
29 expenditures for administrative expenses from funds appropriated for the
30 purposes described in this subsection shall not exceed ten percent of
31 such funds.

1 (4) No more than \$15,200,000 of Federal Funds allocated pursuant to
2 the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, sec. 3201, Emergency Rental
3 Assistance, may be allocated to the Department of Economic Development
4 for Program 601, for the purpose of awarding no more than \$1,800,000 in
5 grants to any community-based nonprofit organization holding a
6 certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
7 Code that provides service via telephone on a twenty-four-hour basis,
8 seven days per week, and via Internet to individuals in need of housing
9 and other services intended to help keep households stably housed, no
10 more than \$3,000,000 to organizations that support individuals going
11 through reentry programming or other at-risk individuals, and no more
12 than \$10,400,000 for other grants to organizations that offer services
13 intended to help keep households stably housed. Total expenditures for
14 administrative expenses from funds appropriated for the purposes
15 described in this subsection shall not exceed ten percent of such funds.

16 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
17 passed and approved according to law.