



January 29, 2024

To: Jim Pillen, Governor

And

Brandon Metzler, Clerk of the Legislature

RE: LB 403 Public Benefits Report

**CONTEXT**

LB 403, §§1 through 7, Laws 2009; codified at §§4-108 through 4-114, Nebraska Revised Statutes; requires (in §4-113) each state agency administering a program of public benefits to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature with respect to compliance with §§4-108 through 4-113.

**REPORT CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

The statutory language requires the report to include the total number of applicants for public benefits and the number of applicants rejected. The reporting requirement in §4-113 does not include within its umbrella of coverage the requirements in §7 of LB 403 (codified as §4-114) which address the issues of public employers and public contractors utilizing the federal "E-Verify" program for new employees; therefore, that data is not included within this report.

**REPORT—for reporting period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023**

| Program area                                  | Number of Applicants for Public Benefits | Number of Applicants Rejected | Comments  |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Affordable Housing Projects                   | 15820                                    | 499                           |   |
| Community Revitalization Projects             | 8678                                     | 24                            |   |
| Community Development Assistance Act Projects | 6  | -0-                           | Applicants cited are those individuals applying to the Department for CDAA tax credits. |
| Event Speaker Contracts                       | -0-                                      | -0-                           |   |
| Service Contracts                             | 4  | -0-                           |   |

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|--|--------------|------------|---------------------|
| Business Development and Innovation Projects | 0            | 0          |                     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 | <b>24504</b> | <b>523</b> | <b>All programs</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

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