

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2023-24</b>		<b>FY 2024-25</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS		(\$20,000,000)		
CASH FUNDS	See below	\$20,000,000	See below	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See below		See below	

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

LB249 would amend the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act in the following ways:

- Would allow housing projects that receive federal or state low-income housing tax credits, community development block grants, HOME funds, funds from the National Housing Trust Fund, or funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to qualify for Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act grants;
- Increase the grant maximums from \$1,000,000 per non-profit organization to \$5,000,000 over a two-year period; and
- Creates a transfer of \$20,000,000 from the General Fund to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund on or before October 1, 2023.

No basis to disagree with NDED’s estimated schedule for issuance of grants. As this legislation would expand eligible grantees to include federally funded housing projects, no basis to disagree with NDED’s estimate for increased administrative burden to ensure compliance with federal guidelines.

<b>ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES STATE BUDGET DIVISION: REVIEW OF AGENCY &amp; POLT. SUB. RESPONSE</b>			
LB: 249	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Investment Finance Authority	
REVIEWED BY: Neil Sullivan	DATE: 1/26/2023	PHONE: (402) 471-4179	
COMMENTS: The Nebraska Investment Finance Authority assessment of no fiscal impact from LB 249 appears reasonable.			

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**2023**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 249**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Dave Dearmont Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/23/2023 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-471-3777

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS		(\$20,000,000)		
CASH FUNDS	\$4,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$7,000,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>\$4,000,000</u>		<u>\$7,000,000</u>	

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB249 looks to expand the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act by removing the exclusion of projects that use federal funds. It also allows non-profits to apply for more than one grant, caps aggregate funding to one organization, and caps all funding according to a threshold set by the Director.

LB249 also directs the State Treasurer to transfer \$20 million from the General Fund to the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Fund.

Based on experience with the current Rural Workforce Housing program, a significant increase in guidance due to the potential for mixing state and federal funds in the same project, and the additional \$20 million will require the services of an Economic Development Manager, 2.5 Economic Development Business Consultant IIs, to review, process, score, and monitor the additional applications. In addition, the department will need the services of .5 FTE IT Business Systems Analyst to support the grant management system and an additional .5 FTE to process awards through the accounting system. In addition, operating expenses will include approximately \$22,700 annually for grant management software licensing and \$11,960 annually for additional rent.

DED expects that the \$20 million in aid will be distributed approximately 20%, 35%, and 45% in FY2023-24 through FY2025-26, respectively.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2023-24	2024-25
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
G49550 Econ Dev Consultant II	.75	1.00	\$53,930	\$75,500
A49012 Econ Dev Consultant II	1.50	2.50	99,650	178,060
A07081 IT Bus. Systems Analyst	0.50	0.50	34,530	36,250
A19013 Accountant III	0.25	0.50	15,790	33,160
Total:	3.00	4.50	\$203,900	\$322,970
Benefits.....			82,130	129,650
Operating.....			76,030	99,900
Travel.....			20,530	32,410
Capital outlay.....			34,400	0
Aid.....			3,583,010	6,415,070
Capital improvements.....			0	0
TOTAL.....			\$4,000,000	\$7,000,000

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**2023**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 249**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup> Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Prepared by: <sup>(3)</sup> Christie Weston Date Prepared: <sup>(4)</sup> 1/19/23 Phone: <sup>(5)</sup> 402-434-3900

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2023-24</u>		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL FUNDS	=====	=====	=====	=====

Explanation of Estimate:

**No Fiscal Impact**

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

Personal Services:

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
	<u>23-24</u>	<u>24-25</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
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Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL.....	_____	_____	_____	_____