Introduced by Slama, 1.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy; and to declare an emergency.

4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated $150,000,000 from Federal Funds for FY2023-24 to the Department of Environment and Energy for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

(2)(a) The Department of Environment and Energy shall provide grants for small and rural communities to construct drinking water infrastructure projects that are eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten parts per million of nitrate and, if appropriate, provide grant funds for use to construct drinking water infrastructure projects that are eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund if test levels for nitrate in drinking water pumped from public wells are above ten parts per million.

(b) Any grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be coordinated and administered by the Department of Environment and Energy in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

(c) The recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall only spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

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