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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1155**

Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate Federal  
2 Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal  
3 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal  
4 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to  
5 state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health  
6 and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.  
7 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$5,000,000 from Federal  
2 Funds for FY2024-25 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for  
3 Program 502, for aid for the seven community health centers funded  
4 through Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health  
5 Centers Consolidation Act of 1996.

6           The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the federal  
7 Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American  
8 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended.

9           Each center is to receive an allocation to be distributed  
10 proportionally based on the previous fiscal year's number of uninsured  
11 clients as reported on the Uniform Data System Report provided to the  
12 United States Department of Health and Human Services Bureau of Primary  
13 Health Care. The allocation shall be made to Charles Drew Health Center,  
14 OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District Health  
15 Department – Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community Action  
16 Partnership of Western Nebraska Health Center, Nebraska Medicine Midtown  
17 Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center for eligible  
18 behavioral health services, including prevention, outpatient treatment,  
19 crisis care, outreach to individuals not yet engaged in treatment, harm  
20 reduction and long-term recovery support; enhanced behavioral health  
21 services in schools; services for pregnant women or infants born with  
22 neonatal abstinence syndrome; support for equitable access to reduce  
23 disparities in access to high-quality treatment; peer support groups;  
24 expansion of access to evidence-based services for opioid use disorder  
25 prevention, treatment, harm reduction, and recovery; and behavioral  
26 health facilities and equipment.

27           Sec. 2. (1) There is included in the appropriation to the  
28 Department of Health and Human Services, Program 502, \$15,000,000 from  
29 the General Fund, for FY2023-24, to award innovation grants to the seven  
30 community health centers funded through Federal Program 330, Public Law  
31 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996. The

1 following health centers shall be eligible for the grants: Charles Drew  
2 Health Center, OneWorld Community Health Centers, East Central District  
3 Health Department – Good Neighbor Community Health Center, Community  
4 Action Partnership of Western Nebraska Health Center, Midtown Community  
5 Health Center, Bluestem Health, and Heartland Health Center.

6 (2) An innovation grant awarded pursuant to this section may be used  
7 for the following:

8 (a) Capital improvements, including, but not limited to, facility  
9 expansion and leasing additional space, and furnishing, equipping, or  
10 redesigning facilities to support patient-centered care;

11 (b) Hiring, training, maintaining, and enhancing the health center  
12 workforce; and

13 (c) Development of career development programs, including  
14 apprenticeship and pipeline programs.

15 (3) The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide  
16 requirements for soliciting, vetting, and monitoring such grants.

17 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that the money awarded as  
18 grants pursuant to this section be disbursed by June 30, 2026.

19 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
20 passed and approved according to law.