

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

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)</b>				
	<b>FY 2022-23</b>		<b>FY 2023-24</b>	
	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>REVENUE</b>
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$5,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$5,000,000</b>			

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

This bill appropriates \$5 million in FY 2023 to the Department of Health and Human Services for Program 33 – Administration from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery fund under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The funds would be used for grants to licensed emergency medical services programs for the one-time purchase of equipment including ambulances, power cots, defibrillators and other life-saving equipment. Legislative intent is stated that the priority for awards be given to programs that are: 1) volunteer-base, 2) located in a community with a population of fewer than 1,000 and 3) has a high need as determined by the department in consultation with statewide organization dedicated to supporting per-hospital emergency medical care. The bill contains the emergency clause.

Although the bill appropriates all the funding in FY 2023, it is assumed for purposes of this fiscal note that the expenditures would likely occur over more than one fiscal year. State Fiscal Recovery Funds must be committed by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. The Department of Health and Human Services would need a grant coordinator. The costs would be approximately \$90,000 each year. It is assumed those costs would be included in the \$5 million. The administrative costs would be appropriated in Program 033; the program costs would be in Program 514 – Public Health Aid.

The bill directs the use of a portion of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding available under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF).

The following are the allowed uses of SLFRF funds:

- **Replace lost public sector revenue**, using this funding to provide government services up to the amount of revenue lost due to the pandemic
- **Respond to the far-reaching public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic**, by supporting the health of communities, and helping households, small businesses, impacted industries, nonprofits, and the public sector recover from economic impacts
- **Provide premium pay for essential workers**, offering additional support to those who have and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical sectors
- **Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure**, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, to support vital wastewater and storm water infrastructure, and to expand affordable access to broadband internet

Technical Note: The bill appropriates the funding to Program 033. The administrative costs would be made from that program. The program costs would be made from Program 514 – Health Aid.

LB: 760	AM:	AGENCY/POLT. SUB: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact. The maximum funding available under the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund is \$1.04 billion, of which only \$520 million is currently available. Appropriation of these funds must be balanced in aggregate in order to avoid over obligation.			

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

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2022-2023</u>		<u>FY 2023-2024</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 760 appropriates \$5,000,000 in Federal Funds to Program 033 – Administration to provide grants for one-time equipment purchases to licensed emergency medical services programs that meet the specified requirements. This estimate is based on the cost of administering these grants to be included in the \$5,000,000 appropriation.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023 EXPENDITURES	2023-2024 EXPENDITURES
	POSITION TITLE	22-23		
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$5,000,000	\$0
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>