

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	FY 2022-23		FY 2023-24	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

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

This bill states legislative intent to appropriate \$25 million in FY 2023 to the Department of Health and Human Services, Program 502 – Health Aid from Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds under the American Rescue Plan Amendment (ARPA). The funds would be used for grants to federally qualified health centers for capital projects that expand health care access to Nebraskans most impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The bill has the emergency clause.

Even though the bill states intent to appropriate the \$25 million in FY 2023, as capital projects need significant lead times from planning to completion, it is assumed in this fiscal note that the funds would be expended over a period of fiscal years. 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 Facilities Construction Coordinator. The costs would be \$97,000 each year. It is assumed those costs would be included in the \$25 million. The administrative costs would be appropriated in Program 033.

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

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COMMENTS: No basis to disagree with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' assessment of fiscal impact. Admin costs should be under the general administration program for the agency. 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.		

Operating.....		
Travel.....		
Capital Outlay.....		
Aid.....		
Capital Improvements.....	\$25,000,000	\$0
TOTAL.....	\$25,000,000	\$0