

**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	\$387,231		\$387,231	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$40,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$40,337,231</b>		<b>\$387,231</b>	

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

This bill appropriates \$40 million in FY 2023 to the Department of Health and Human Services from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund. The funds shall be used for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program for grants to nonprofits for operational capacity of organizations providing emergency housing and legal organizations providing services to persons facing homelessness. The bill has the emergency clause.

The bill appropriates the funding in FY 2023. Due to the large amount of funding for purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed the funding would be expended over more than one fiscal year. The department estimates the need for five program specialists at a cost of \$387,231 annually through the duration of the expenditures. The cost would be from General Funds unless the intent is to fund the administrative costs within the appropriation. Administrative costs would be appropriated to Program 33 - Administration and program costs are appropriated to Program 347 – Public Assistance.

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). SLFRF funds must be committed by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026.

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

LB: 1052	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. Technical Note: The language in LB 1052 does not provide the level of detail necessary to enact the appropriation intended.				

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB1052 appropriates \$40,000,000 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for the Nebraska Homeless Assistance Program (NHAP) from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

LB 1052 requires DHHS to create a process for application, application period, review of/scoring of applications, budget modifications, and agreement approval before funds can be awarded to eligible agencies.

An additional fiscal impact would result from administering these funds as five temporary Program Specialists would be needed. State General Funds would be required to pay for these staff. Due to the emergency clause, the staff would need to be hired by July 1, 2022 and would remain throughout FY2023-24 to administer contracts, track expenditures and report on these funds.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
		22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
	DHHS Program Specialist	5	5	\$237,702	\$237,702
	Benefits.....			\$62,943	\$62,943
	Operating.....			\$86,586	\$86,586
	Travel.....				
	Capital Outlay.....				
	Aid.....			\$40,000,000	
	Capital Improvements.....				
	<b>TOTAL.....</b>			\$40,387,231	\$387,231