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LEGISLATIVE BILL 968

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to declare an
- 3 emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$8,000,000 from Federal
2 Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development, for
3 Program 601, for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this
4 section. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the
5 funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus
6 State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan
7 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8 (2)(a) The Department of Economic Development shall create a program
9 for the purpose of awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that
10 develop affordable housing, including housing for refugees and other such
11 immigrants. Such affordable housing shall be for households with a
12 federal adjusted gross income of less than one hundred thousand dollars
13 in the most recent prior tax year. The housing developed under this grant
14 shall include housing located in disproportionately impacted geographies,
15 directed toward disproportionately impacted populations or households,
16 including, but not limited to, those in a qualified census tract as
17 defined in 26 U.S.C. 42(d)(5)(B)(ii)(I), as such section existed on
18 January 1, 2022.

19 (b) The amount of each grant awarded pursuant to this section shall
20 be determined by the Department of Economic Development.

21 (c) At least one-half of the funds appropriated in this section
22 shall be awarded as grants for affordable housing projects in counties
23 with populations of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants as
24 determined by the most recent federal decennial census or the most recent
25 revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the Census.

26 (d) The program created pursuant to this section shall be
27 coordinated and administered in compliance with the federal American
28 Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

29 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated \$2,000,000 from Federal Funds
30 for FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development, for Program 603,
31 for the purposes of job training and job placement grants to nonprofit

1 organizations for employment and employability services for refugees. The
2 Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated
3 to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal
4 Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,
5 Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

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