

AMENDMENTS TO LB727  
(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER34)

Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

1           1. Insert the following new section:

2           Sec. 121. Section 81-12,245, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3           2022, is amended to read:

4           81-12,245 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall use any  
5           funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under  
6           the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as follows:

7           (a) No more than thirty-five million dollars to eligible projects  
8           that are located within a congressional district which contains a city of  
9           the metropolitan class. Within a city of the metropolitan class, grants  
10          shall be given to multipurpose community facilities;

11          (b) No less than forty million dollars to eligible projects that are  
12          located within a congressional district which contains a city of the  
13          primary class;

14          (c) No less than forty million dollars to eligible projects that are  
15          located within a congressional district which does not contain a city of  
16          the metropolitan class or a city of the primary class. Grants under this  
17          subdivision shall be awarded to eligible projects in cities of the second  
18          class and villages; and

19          (d) No more than five million dollars of such federal funds for the  
20          administration by the department of funds received from the federal  
21          Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan  
22          Act of 2021.

23          (2) Any funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects  
24          Fund under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 utilized for  
25          eligible broadband infrastructure projects shall be administered in a  
26          manner consistent with the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, except that the

1 matching funds requirement in section 86-1304 shall not apply to such  
2 federal funding for broadband projects.

3 (3) The department shall, beginning July 1, 2022, through July 15,  
4 2022, allow a qualified public or private entity to apply for a grant  
5 using funds received from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund  
6 under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The department may  
7 open additional grant application periods as needed until all funds are  
8 allocated.

9 (4) Grants under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be  
10 restricted to eligible projects located within or adjacent to one or more  
11 qualified census tracts or economic redevelopment areas as defined in  
12 section 81-12,153 in a city of the metropolitan class ~~in qualified census~~  
13 ~~tracts~~. Priority for grants under subdivision (1)(a) of this section  
14 shall be given to a city of the metropolitan class in partnership with a  
15 nonprofit organization for eligible projects for the rehabilitation or  
16 expansion of existing multipurpose community facilities.

17 2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the  
18 section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date  
19 with the emergency clause.

20 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
21 accordingly.