

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	\$2,000,000			
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,000,000		See Below	

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

This bill appropriates \$2 million to Program 354 in the Department of Health and Human Services in FY 2023 for facility upgrades, building maintenance, transportation and construction training for youth who have aged out of the foster care system and to prepare youth who have aged out of the foster care system to enter the workforce. The recipient of the funds must provide low-income housing in a campus environment. The youth must find employment, attend school or both. The funding would be from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The bill has the emergency clause.

The bill appropriates the funding in FY 2023 but for the purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed the funding would be used over several fiscal years. The department would need a program specialist at a cost of \$77,446 annually. It is assumed these costs are included in the appropriation. Administrative funding would be appropriated to 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

LB:	1254	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>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 77,446		\$ 77,446	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$2,000,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$2,077,446	\$ 0	\$ 77,446	\$ 0

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

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1254 appropriates \$2,000,000 of federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These funds appropriated for FY2023 shall be used for facility upgrades, building maintenance, transportation, and construction training for youth who have aged out of the foster care system. The bill does not specify what facilities would receive funding for upgrades and maintenance and if funds for transportation shall be only available to youth who have aged out of the foster care system.

Recipients of funding from DHHS shall provide low-income housing in a campus environment, to youth who have aged out of the foster care system and require such youth to find employment, attend school, or both.

The Department would need to hire a Program Specialist by May 1, 2022 to create agreements with appropriate organizations and complete the procurement process. There would be expense in the current SFY 2022 that is not included in this fiscal note. The Program Specialist is needed to promote and evaluate the program through an estimated June 2024. The yearly staff expenditures would be \$77,446 and would require general funds.

The bill does not include funding for a continuance of services and housing after FY2023.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:

POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2022-2023	2023-2024
	22-23	23-24	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
DHHS Program Specialist	1	1	\$ 47,540	\$ 47,540
Benefits.....			\$ 12,589	\$ 12,589
Operating.....			\$ 17,317	\$ 17,317
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....			\$ 2,000,000	\$ 0
Capital Improvements.....				
TOTAL.....			\$ 2,077,446	\$ 77,446