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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1201

Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

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Committee: Appropriations

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

1 Section 1. (1) There is hereby appropriated \$40,000,000 from
2 Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human
3 Services for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section.
4 The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds
5 allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State
6 Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
7 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8 (2)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall create a
9 program to award grants to nonprofit organizations in the following
10 manner:

11 (i) \$20,000,000 shall be awarded to nonprofit organizations that
12 focus on food distribution in ten or more counties in the state and
13 qualifies for The Emergency Food Assistance Program administered by the
14 United States Department of Agriculture. Funds awarded pursuant to this
15 subdivision shall be used for the purchase and distribution of food,
16 infrastructure, and equipment and construction of increased capacity; and

17 (ii) \$20,000,000 shall be awarded for regional or local capacity and
18 food security innovation grants to decrease Nebraska's reliance on
19 national supply chains, support local businesses, create local and
20 regional economic resilience, encourage healthy eating habits, reduce
21 food deserts, and support partnerships between local businesses and
22 producers meeting the greatest needs statewide in the most efficient and
23 sustainable manner.

24 (b) The Department of Health and Human Services shall:

25 (i) Create a process for soliciting, vetting, awarding, and
26 monitoring grants; or

27 (ii) Contract with a third-party to solicit, vet, award, and monitor
28 grants.

29 (c) The program created pursuant to this section shall be
30 coordinated and administered in compliance with the federal American
31 Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

1 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
2 passed and approved according to law.