

SENATE FILE NO. SF0050

COVID-19 business relief programs agriculture.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to emergency expenses of government related
2 to business relief; providing funding for grants to
3 agriculture businesses impacted by COVID-19; providing an
4 appropriation of federal CARES Act or other similarly
5 purposed funds; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** As used in this section, "agriculture
10 business" means a business that is engaged in farming or
11 ranching and produces livestock, feed, produce or other
12 food items normally grown or raised by ranchers or farmers.

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14 **Section 2.** There is appropriated to the Wyoming
15 business council up to fifty-five million dollars

1 (\$55,000,000.00) from any federal CARES Act funds to be
2 used for grants to agriculture businesses. To the extent
3 allowed by federal law, these grants shall be distributed
4 to producers based on the number of livestock owned or
5 acres of crops produced by the producer. The amount
6 granted shall take into account the relative value of the
7 livestock or crops. Grants in this program shall require a
8 testament or other substantiation from the producer that
9 the producer incurred a loss due to COVID-19 and shall be
10 subject to any audits necessary to ensure compliance with
11 the terms of the grant. If a COVID-19 relief account or
12 other similarly named account is created for the deposit of
13 COVID-19 related emergency response funds, this
14 appropriation shall be made from that account. Except as
15 provided in this section, the funds appropriated under this
16 section shall only be expended for making the grants
17 authorized by this act and consistent with the terms of the
18 federal gift, grant or appropriation from which the funds
19 originate. Any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining
20 from this appropriation on December 30, 2021 shall revert
21 as provided by law.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective immediately upon
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
4 Constitution.

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