

Bill No.: SF0118 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**

LSO No.: **21LSO-0514**

Enrolled Act No.: SEA No. 0072

Chapter No.: 166

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **Federal emergency COVID-19 relief funding.**

Subject: Creating programs and providing appropriations for COVID-19 relief.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act authorizes the Department of Family Services to administer the Federal Emergency Rental Assistance Programs.
- This act appropriates Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, provides the Governor authority to award funding related to previously approved CARES Act program applications and allows the Governor to recreate certain programs authorized by laws passed during the 2020 Special Session.
- The act provides the Governor authority on September 1, 2021 to create programs to expend remaining CARES Act and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act funds for:
 - The provision of government services to the extent of a reduction in state revenues due to COVID-19;
 - Necessary capital construction and infrastructure projects;
 - Essential worker premium pay;
 - Food insecurity;
 - Grants to health care providers to respond to the pandemic, including for capital construction costs;
 - COVID-19 related expenses of the judicial and legislative branches;
 - Assistance to households, small businesses, nonprofits and industries impacted by COVID-19;
 - Other COVID-19 related expenses that are permissible expenditures under federal law.
- Appropriates the following federal funds:
 - Approximately one billion five hundred million dollars (\$1,500,000,000.00) in federal ARP Act funds to state government, capital construction, K-12 education and higher education in Wyoming;
 - Approximately two hundred twenty million dollars (\$220,000,000.00) in funds for the federal emergency rental assistance program;
 - At least thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000.00) in CARES Act funds and potentially up to another one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000.00) in CARES Act funds, dependent on the amount of CARES Act funds returned to the State;

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- Four million dollars (\$4,000,000.00) from the Legislative Stabilization Reserve Account for the Governor to expend as necessary to continue required maintenance of effort and maintenance of equality requirements under federal law.

Comments:

- Allows the Governor to create a variety of new programs to expend federal funds;
- The Rental Assistance Program and CARES Act programs (to expend thirty-eight million dollars (\$38,000,000.00)) are effective immediately. All appropriations are also effective immediately.
- The Governor's ability to create programs to expend the vast majority of ARP Act and CARES Act funds does not become effective until September 1, 2021.
- Delayed effective date, multiple dates.

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