

HOUSE BILL NO. HB1021

COVID-19 community response.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Connolly, Banks, LeBeau,
Provenza, Schwartz, Sherwood and Yin and
Senator(s) Gierau and Rothfuss

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to COVID-19; creating the individual and
2 family COVID-19 impact support program; providing an
3 appropriation of federal funds; authorizing rulemaking; and
4 providing for an effective date.

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

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8 **Section 1.**

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10 (a) The individual and family COVID-19 impact support
11 program is hereby created. The department of family
12 services shall establish and administer this temporary
13 program for the purpose of providing monetary support for
14 food, medicine, child care, mental health support and lost
15 wages to support individuals and families suffering from

1 the impacts of COVID-19. This program may be coordinated
2 with any existing programs that provide substantially
3 similar support so as to prevent duplicate benefits.
4 Benefits under the program shall be initiated by boards of
5 county commissioners who may request increased support to
6 individuals and families suffering from the impacts of
7 COVID-19. Benefits under this program may be distributed to
8 existing community organizations who shall meet
9 qualifications determined by the department of family
10 services designed to assure the proper application of
11 benefits. The department of family services shall develop
12 rules and regulations to administer the program. For
13 purposes of this act "COVID-19" means as defined by W.S.
14 1-1-141(a)(ii).

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16 (b) There is appropriated twenty million dollars
17 (\$20,000,000.00) to the department of family services from
18 any unexpended, unobligated American Rescue Plan Act funds
19 that were appropriated in 2021 Wyoming Session Laws,
20 Chapter 166, Section 5(b). This appropriation is for
21 purposes of implementing the program required by subsection
22 (a) of this section and shall be expended consistent with
23 the terms of the American Rescue Plan Act, excluding the

1 provision of government services related to a reduction in
2 revenue. Any unobligated, unexpended funds remaining from
3 this appropriation on October 1, 2024, may be transferred
4 and expended upon approval by the governor for any other
5 purpose authorized by the legislature and consistent with
6 the terms of the American Rescue Plan Act. Transfers and
7 expenditures under this subsection shall be reported to the
8 legislature through the B-11 process as authorized by W.S.
9 9-2-1005(b)(ii) and reported pursuant to W.S. 9-2-1013(b).

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11 **Section 2.** The department of family services shall
12 promulgate rules necessary to implement this act.

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

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19 (END)