

Bill No.: HB0195 **Effective:** **Immediately**

LSO No.: **23LSO-0410**

Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0091

Chapter No.: 188

Prime Sponsor: Joint Appropriations Committee

Catch Title: **American rescue plan act appropriations-amendments.**

Subject: Creating and amending programs and providing appropriations from the federal American Rescue Plan Act.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act amends programs authorized by the Legislature and creates new programs for the expenditure of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Direct Funds and that are consistent with the terms of ARPA and that do not obligate the state to expend state funds.
- For existing programs, this act amends the ARPA appropriations made in the 2022 Budget Session by a net increase of ARPA Direct Funds of \$71,486,758, effective immediately through December 31, 2026. This act amends the following appropriations (with reductions in appropriations represented by parentheses):
 - Governor's Office-Discretionary Health Response: (\$45,585,900) (for a new total appropriation of \$4,414,100)
 - State Parks and Cultural Resources-Outdoor Recreational Grants: \$12,000,000
 - Department of Health-Wyoming Home Services Program: (\$2,749,894)
 - Department of Family Services-Food Insecurity System Improvement: \$3,000,000
 - Office of State Lands and Investments-Health and Human Services Capital Construction: \$40,000,000
 - Office of State Lands & Investments-Local Government Support Projects: \$20,300,000
 - Office of State Lands & Investments-Eligible Water and Sewer Projects: \$30,000,000
 - University of Wyoming-WWAMI Tuition and Fees Inflation: (\$1,579,948)
 - University of Wyoming-College of Health Sciences (PA Program): (\$500,000)
- The act creates new programs and appropriates ARPA Direct Funds, effective through December 31, 2026 and consistent with the terms of ARPA:
 - Department of Health-Behavioral Health Redesign: \$5,000,000
 - Department of Family Services-Family Resource Centers: \$2,750,000
 - Department of Family Services-High Needs and High Risk Youth: \$4,000,000
 - Department of Family Services-Difficult to Employ Self-Sufficiency Program: \$2,252,500

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- Department of Workforce Services-Workforce Programs II: \$2,500,000
- Supreme Court-Treatment Courts Transfer: \$100,000
- For existing and new programs, the act requires the Governor to implement reporting requirements on the recipient of any grant, distribution or aid authorized under this act to comply with all federal reporting requirements.
- The act requires the Governor to report monthly to the Joint Appropriations Committee on the total expenditures and specific grant awards and grant expenditures for each program.
- The act provides that any unexpended, unobligated ARPA Direct Funds available at project completion revert and are reappropriated in equal amounts to: (1) the Office of State Lands and Investments for grants for qualifying health and human services infrastructure projects; and (2) the Office of State Lands and Investments for eligible water and sewer projects.

Governor's Vetoes

- The Governor exercised line-item vetoes to:
 - Clarify language concerning an application deadline for project funding for health-and-human services capital construction projects.
 - Strike an application deadline for project funding for local water-and-sewer projects.

Comments:

- The act imposes reporting requirements; the Governor is required to report monthly to the Joint Appropriations Committee on ARPA Direct Fund expenditures.

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