

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 534**

Introduced by Slama, 1.

Read first time January 17, 2023

Committee:

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

1           Section 1.   (1) There is hereby appropriated \$150,000,000 from  
2 Federal Funds for FY2023-24 to the Department of Environment and Energy  
3 for the purposes described in subsection (2) of this section. The Federal  
4 Funds appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the  
5 State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund  
6 pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law  
7 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8           (2)(a) The Department of Environment and Energy shall provide grants  
9 for small and rural communities to construct drinking water  
10 infrastructure projects that are eligible under the Drinking Water State  
11 Revolving Fund in community water systems where drinking water test  
12 levels are above ten parts per million of nitrate and, if appropriate,  
13 provide grant funds for use to construct drinking water infrastructure  
14 projects that are eligible under the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund  
15 if test levels for nitrate in drinking water pumped from public wells are  
16 above ten parts per million.

17           (b) Any grant awarded pursuant to this section shall be coordinated  
18 and administered by the Department of Environment and Energy in  
19 compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

20           (c) The recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall only  
21 spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act  
22 of 2021.

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