

SENATE FILE NO. SF0051

Community health center and rural health clinic assistance.

Sponsored by: Senate Labor, Health and Social Services
Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to public health and safety; authorizing
2 grants to community health centers and rural health clinics
3 as specified; repealing a sunset date; providing for
4 rulemaking authority; providing an appropriation as
5 specified; 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.** W.S. 9-2-127(d)(vi) and by creating a new
10 paragraph (viii) is amended to read:

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12 **9-2-127. Community health centers and rural health**
13 **clinics; process for grants facilitating capital**
14 **construction and start up costs; account established; grant**
15 **criteria.**

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2 (d) The department shall provide grants, subject to
3 the following:

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5 (vi) Grant applicants shall provide proof of
6 designation as a rural health clinic or federally qualified
7 community health center; ~~and~~

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9 (viii) Other grants may be made to community
10 health centers and rural health clinics under this section
11 as authorized by the legislature for the period prescribed
12 by the legislature.

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14 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-2-127(g) is repealed.

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16 **Section 3.**

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18 (a) Grants may be awarded to existing community
19 health centers and rural health clinics under W.S. 9-2-127
20 using funds from and subject to any limitations imposed by
21 the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES)
22 Act, P.L. No. 116-136, or from any other available federal
23 funding. Grants awarded under this section may be used to

1 cover expenses incurred in response to the public health
2 emergency caused by COVID-19 or to improve the state's
3 health care delivery system and infrastructure, including
4 major renovations or capital construction of facilities.

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6 (b) Grants to any one (1) community health center or
7 rural health clinic under this section shall not exceed
8 four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00). The
9 requirements specified in W.S. 9-2-127(d)(i), (iv) and (vi)
10 shall not apply for the purposes of this section.

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12 (c) For purposes of this section:

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14 (i) "Community health center" means:

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16 (A) A health center receiving federal
17 funding under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act,
18 P.L. No. 78-410, including health centers serving migrant
19 and homeless populations;

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21 (B) A community mental health center
22 providing services for the care and treatment of mentally

1 ill patients under a cooperative contract with the
2 department of health as provided by W.S. 35-1-620.

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4 (ii) "Rural health clinic" means a certified
5 rural health clinic as documented by the centers for
6 Medicare and Medicaid services.

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8 (d) The department of health shall promulgate any
9 emergency and regular rules necessary to implement this
10 section.

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12 **Section 4.** There is appropriated to the department of
13 health any federal funds designated by the governor for the
14 purpose of the grants authorized under W.S. 9-2-127.

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16 **Section 5.** This act is effective immediately upon
17 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law
18 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
19 Constitution.

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