

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1081**

Introduced by Bostar, 29.

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Committee: Natural Resources

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water; to state intent to appropriate
- 2 federal funds; to create a grant program for the design,
- 3 construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure
- 4 as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties for the Department
- 5 of Natural Resources.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1        Section 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two  
2 hundred million dollars from Federal Funds for fiscal year 2021-22 to the  
3 Department of Natural Resources to carry out the purposes of section 2 of  
4 this act. The Federal Funds to be appropriated are from the funds  
5 allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State  
6 Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of  
7 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

8        Sec. 2. The Department of Natural Resources shall establish  
9 procedures and criteria for awarding grants to a municipality that  
10 utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for  
11 the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply  
12 projects. Eligible projects shall include, but not be limited to, costs  
13 for a water treatment plant, land acquisition, permitting, a wellfield,  
14 pumping, and transportation of water over twenty-five miles for the  
15 purpose of providing potable water to the municipality. The department  
16 may award grants to a municipality based on criteria and procedures  
17 established by the department.