

**Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 7, 2025**

HOUSE BILL NO. 1468
(Representatives Bosch, Berg, Dockter, Martinson, Nathe, Porter, Heinert)
(Senators Axtman, Cleary, Larson)

AN ACT to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services for a behavioral health facility grant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITY GRANT.

1. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the strategic investment and improvements fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$16,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of health and human services for the purpose of providing a behavioral health facility grant, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027.
2. A grant of up to \$16,000,000 must be provided to increase the number of behavioral health beds in the west central human service center region. To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity must increase the number of available inpatient behavioral health beds by thirty.
3. The department shall require an entity receiving a grant under this section to operate the behavioral health facility for at least ten years and require the grant amount to be repaid if the entity does not operate the facility for at least ten years. The amount of grant funding that must be repaid may be reduced by ten percent for each year the facility is in operation. Grant funding may not be awarded under this section until the physical infrastructure of the behavioral health facility is complete and the entity submits documentation to the department to detail adequate staffing plans to support the facility.
4. The requirements of chapter 54-44.4 do not apply to the selection of a grant recipient, the grant award, or payments made under this section.

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

Secretary of the Senate

This certifies that the within bill originated in the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as House Bill No. 1468.

House Vote: Yeas 84 Nays 6 Absent 3

Senate Vote: Yeas 42 Nays 4 Absent 1

Chief Clerk of the House

Received by the Governor at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2025.

Governor

Filed in this office this _____ day of _____, 2025,

at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Secretary of State