

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1468**

Introduced by

Representatives Bosch, Berg, Dockter, Martinson, Nathe, Porter, Heinert

Senators Axtman, Cleary, Larson

1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of health and human services  
2 for a behavioral health facility grant.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

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

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