With the passage of LB 1198 the Nebraska Legislature authorized a Transfer from the Cash Reserve and appropriated $83,619,600.00 to support efforts to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The funds were assigned to the Governor’s Emergency Program – COVID-19 (Program 191, Cash Funds). Subsequent to the Legislature’s passage of LB 1198, Congress appropriated $1,083,865,742.10 in Coronavirus Relief Funds through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), to assist the State of Nebraska with COVID-19. The federal dollars have been assigned to the Governor’s Emergency Program - COVID-19 (Program 191, Federal Funds). This is an interim report on the status of the LB 1198 Cash funds and how they have been spent through April 30, 2020, to address issues Coronavirus-related costs.

It is the intent of the Governor’s Office to expend the federal dollars authorized under the CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) to address measures related to COVID-19. CRF appropriations will be utilized whenever possible to reduce fiscal exposure to the State of Nebraska. With federal funds available, the assignment of costs to the Governor’s Emergency Program - COVID-19 (Program 191, Cash Funds)) will be discontinued and reassigned to the Governor’s Emergency Program - COVID-19 (Program 191, Federal Funds). The intent is to restore the balance of LB 1198 funds and return any unexpended funds to the Legislature. While there may be some expenditures not eligible under the CARES Act, an overwhelming majority of the state appropriated funds can be returned to the Legislature.

To date, $21,845,800 of the authorized $83,619,600 transfer has been made from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor’s Emergency Cash Fund – COVID-19. Overall, through April 30, 2020, we have expended $10,552,055.50 of the $83,619,600 Cash Funds appropriated in Program 191, and obligated (encumbered) an additional $14,590,633.13. The following is a breakdown of expenditures by category:

**Support the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Public Health**

**Issue #1: Support Local Response Efforts**

**Estimated Amount: $38,156,700**

Purpose: To provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies to local jurisdictions and support to local public health departments for staffing, PPE, call centers, information technology needs (to include laptops/servers), and other essential expenditures. The State of Nebraska will provide PPE to local public health departments, public safety and other first responders, hospitals, long-term care facilities, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, correctional facilities, and utility providers. This funding will be utilized by public health departments to address increased staffing requirements and costs associated with the response to the pandemic. In addition, this funding will be utilized to support first responder costs incurred by the Nebraska
National Guard and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency who assist DHHS with COVID-19 requirements.

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Expenditures to Date: $6,939,541.54

**Issue #2: Address Staffing Requirements for the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services**

**Estimated Amount:** $4,004,000

Purpose: Funding provided to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to address expenditures associated with additional staff and overtime. Additional staff were needed to address epidemiology, support services (administrative, communications, and data entry), emergency preparedness, interpreter services, testing, laboratory, and surveillance activities performed by the Public Health Division.

Expenditures to Date: None

**Issue #3: Address Surge Staffing for Veterans Homes and DHHS Care Facilities**

**Estimated Amount:** $13,000,000

Purpose: The healthcare facilities associated with the Veterans Home and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services required additional funding to address increased costs with additional staffing and overtime. These costs were incurred due to the emphasis on increased nursing care, quarantine measures, isolation requirements, and administrative procedures.

Expenditures to Date: $266,613.96

**Leverage the Assets of the University of Nebraska Medical Center**

The State of Nebraska executed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Nebraska Military Department and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska on behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center to perform the activities
described below. A total of $3,345,900.00 was directed from the Governor’s Emergency Program - COVID-19 (Program 191, Cash Funds) to UNMC to support this effort in accordance with an agreement between the Nebraska Military Department and UNMC. A majority of these costs are eligible for reimbursement under the CARES Act and will be transferred to the Governor’s Emergency Program - COVID-19 (Program 191, Federal Funds) once the expenditures can be fully audited and accounted for.

**Issue #1: COVID-19 Lab Testing Capacity**

**Estimated Amount: $515,000**

Purpose: Augment the cost of the reagents, laboratory personnel, and equipment to conduct the COVID-19 lab testing for the state. This included funds to purchase a combined sample extraction/detection robot for efficient and accurate serial processing of specimens to reduce staff requirements. This effort supported increased efficiency and capacity of the statewide SARS-CoV-2 testing through the Nebraska Public Health Lab.

**Issue #2: Support Additional Lab Equipment, Software Programming, and Personnel**

**Estimated Amount: $2,500,000**

Purpose: The equipment purchased addresses higher throughput automated equipment for microbiology and molecular diagnostics. The increased testing throughput implemented in this effort supports a prolonged outbreak of the COVID-19 virus. This approach was adopted to address the likelihood for future outbreaks on a statewide basis.

**Issue #3: Support Deployment of UV Light Boxes for Tertiary Cleaning of PPE**

**Estimated Amount: $100,000**

Purpose: The availability of personal protective equipment through existing supply chains required consideration of efforts to address tertiary cleaning of N95 respirators for reuse by healthcare workers. UNMC identified equipment and hospitals to support the implementation of this technology for utility and validation.

**Issue #4: Support Licensing and User Agreements for the Knowledge Center Incident Management Software Platform**

**Estimated Amount: $343,900**
Purpose: The Knowledge Center software is used by healthcare coalitions and stakeholders statewide to establish an interoperable platform for communications, bed tracking, resource sharing, and other critical healthcare capacity requirements. Stakeholders include public health, healthcare providers, EMS, and emergency management at the state and county level. This expenditure will address the costs to advance the delivery of the system and expand statewide capabilities.

Expenditures to Date: $3,345,900.00

Provide For a Ready Reserve

Unobligated Reserve

Estimated Amount: $25,000,000

Purpose: Available ready reserve appropriated Program 191, Cash Funds, as an unobligated amount to address unanticipated or unknown aspects related to the response to COVID-19.

Expenditures to Date: None

SUMMARY

Support to Nebraska DHHS – Division of Public Health $ 7,206,155.50
University of Nebraska Medical Center $ 3,345,900.00
Ready Reserve $ 0.00

Total Funds Appropriated By LB 1198 $83,619,600.00
Total Funds Expended (April 30, 2020) $10,552,055.50
Total Funds Remaining $73,067,544.50