

By: Representatives Oliver, Read, Cockerham

To: Appropriations E

HOUSE BILL NO. 1951

1 AN ACT MAKING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE
2 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE ARPA RURAL
3 WATER ASSOCIATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD
4 BEGINNING UPON THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the Coronavirus
8 State Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the
9 State Department of Health for the purpose of funding the ARPA
10 Rural Water Associations Infrastructure Grant Program established
11 in Section 41-3-16.1, Mississippi Code of 1972, for the period
12 beginning upon the passage of this act and ending June 30, 2025
13\$ 50,000,000.00.

14 **SECTION 2.** (1) As used in this section and Section 3 of
15 this act, the term "department" means the State Department of
16 Health.

17 (2) The department shall not disburse any funds appropriated
18 under this act to any recipient without first: (a) making an
19 individualized determination that the expenditure sought is, in



20 the department's independent judgment, for necessary expenditures
21 eligible under Section 602 of the federal Social Security Act as
22 added by Section 9901 of the federal American Rescue Plan Act of
23 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing guidelines, guidance, rules,
24 regulations and/or other criteria, as may be amended or
25 supplemented from time-to-time, by the United States Department of
26 the Treasury; and (b) determining that the recipient has not
27 received and will not receive reimbursement for the expense in
28 question from any source of funds, including insurance proceeds,
29 other than those funds provided under Section 602 of the federal
30 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of ARPA. In
31 addition, the department shall ensure that all funds appropriated
32 under this act are disbursed in compliance with the Single Audit
33 Act (31 USC Sections 7501-7507) and the related provisions of the
34 Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303 regarding internal
35 controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332 regarding sub-recipient
36 monitoring and management, and subpart F regarding audit
37 requirements.

38 **SECTION 3.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
39 the funds appropriated to the department under this act, the
40 department shall certify to the Department of Finance and
41 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
42 the department under this act complies with the guidelines,
43 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
44 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the



45 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
46 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

47 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
48 Department of the Treasury or the Office of Inspector General of
49 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
50 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by
51 ARPA (a) determines that the department or recipient has expended
52 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the department
53 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the
54 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
55 may be amended from time-to-time, of the United States Department
56 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus
57 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA and (b) the State
58 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
59 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined
60 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the department or
61 recipient, then the department or recipient that expended or
62 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
63 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
64 the federal government.

65 **SECTION 4.** As a condition of receiving the funds
66 appropriated herein, the State Department of Health shall award
67 these funds to eligible entities that have not previously received
68 funding in prior rounds.



69 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
70 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
71 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
72 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
73 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
74 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

75 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
76 and after its passage.

