

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 642

BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER AND ZERINGUE AND SENATOR CORTEZ

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

FUNDS/FUNDING-GRANTS: Provides for the disbursement of monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 39:100.44.1, 100.44.2, and Subpart N of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of Subtitle I  
3 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised of R.S.  
4 39:100.51 through 100.59, relative to the disbursement of monies received from the  
5 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; to create funds for the deposit of federal monies  
6 received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; to create programs for the  
7 administration of monies from the funds; to provide for the powers, duties, and  
8 authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; to authorize the Joint  
9 Legislative Committee on the Budget to approve the transfer of monies received  
10 from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to certain funds; to provide for an  
11 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 39:100.44.1, 100.44.2, and Subpart N of Part II-A of Chapter 1 of  
14 Subtitle I of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, comprised of R.S. 39:100.51  
15 through 100.59, are hereby enacted to read as follows:

16 §100.44.1. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Louisiana Rescue Plan Funds;  
17 Loggers Relief; Save Our Screens

18 A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 39:100.44, the treasurer shall  
19 utilize the resources of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program to administer  
20 the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program and the Louisiana Save Our Screens Program  
21 as provided in this Section. The treasurer may utilize up to five percent of the

1 monies in the Louisiana Loggers Relief Fund and the Louisiana Save Our Screens  
2 Fund for administration of the programs. Notwithstanding any provision of law to  
3 the contrary, the treasurer may enter into consulting services, professional services,  
4 and information and technology services contracts for the purpose of the  
5 procurement of any goods or services necessary to implement and expedite the  
6 distribution of funds as emergency procurements exempt from the provisions of the  
7 Louisiana Procurement Code and corresponding rules and regulations. The cost of  
8 such contracts shall be considered administrative expenses.

9 B. Any business receiving funding from a program within the Louisiana  
10 Main Street Recovery Program pursuant to this Section shall meet the following  
11 criteria:

12 (1) Had a physical and active operation in Louisiana as of March 1, 2020.

13 (2)(a) For movie theaters, had fifty or fewer full-time equivalent employees  
14 per location as of March 1, 2020.

15 (b) For other businesses, had fifty or fewer full-time equivalent employees  
16 as of March 1, 2020.

17 (3) Filed Louisiana taxes for tax years 2019 and 2020.

18 (4) Experienced a revenue loss of ten percent or greater of gross revenue for  
19 the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, as compared to the gross  
20 revenue of the business during the same period in 2019.

21 (5) Is in good standing with the secretary of state.

22 (6) Does not exist for the purpose of advancing partisan political activity.

23 (7) Does not directly lobby federal or state officials.

24 (8) Does not derive income from passive investments without active  
25 participation in business operations.

26 C. Any grant award received pursuant to this Section combined with any  
27 monies received pursuant to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program as  
28 provided in R.S. 39:100.44, United States Small Business Administration-Guaranty  
29 Paycheck Protection Program loan, and United States Small Business Administration

1 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance shall not exceed the amount of  
2 revenue loss experienced by the business during the period provided for in Paragraph  
3 (B)(4) of this Section.

4 D. Priority shall be given to businesses that previously submitted  
5 applications to the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program as provided in R.S.  
6 39:100.44 but whose applications were not considered due to exhaustion of monies  
7 in the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Fund.

8 E. The Louisiana Loggers Relief Program is hereby established as a  
9 component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program. The program shall  
10 provide grants to eligible timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses impacted  
11 by COVID-19. Any grant received pursuant to this Subsection shall not exceed  
12 twenty-five thousand dollars per business. In addition to the criteria provided in  
13 Subsection B of this Section, a timber harvesting or timber hauling business shall  
14 meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive a grant:

15 (1) Is assigned a North American Industry Classification System Code of  
16 113310 or 484220.

17 (2) Is certified by the Louisiana Forestry Association as a master logger.

18 (3) Is not a subsidiary of a business with more than fifty full-time equivalent  
19 employees, is not part of a larger business enterprise with more than fifty full-time  
20 equivalent employees, and is not owned by a business with more than fifty full-time  
21 equivalent employees.

22 F. The Louisiana Save Our Screens Program is hereby established as a  
23 component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program. The program shall  
24 provide grants to eligible movie theater businesses impacted by COVID-19. Any  
25 grant received pursuant to this Subsection shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per  
26 movie screen located in Louisiana. Theatres with corporate ownership based outside  
27 of Louisiana shall use funds received pursuant to this Subsection for Louisiana-based  
28 screens and operations. In addition to the criteria provided in Subsection B of this

1        Section, a business shall meet all of the following criteria to be eligible to receive a  
2        grant:

3                (1) Is a movie theater that has at least one permanent indoor auditorium for  
4        viewing films for entertainment by the general public who attend by the purchase of  
5        an individual ticket to view a specific non-adult-oriented film.

6                (2) Conducted regularly scheduled screenings in Louisiana in calendar year  
7        2019.

8                (3) Is currently open and actively operating as of the effective date of this  
9        Section.

10               (4) Was subject to limitations or restrictions as a result of Proclamation  
11        Number 25 JBE 2020 or any subsequent gubernatorial proclamations related to  
12        COVID-19.

13        §100.44.2. Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program; Port Relief; Small Business  
14        and Nonprofit Assistance

15               A.(1)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 39:100.44, the treasurer  
16        shall utilize the resources of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program to  
17        administer the Louisiana Port Relief Program. The treasurer may utilize up to five  
18        percent of the monies in the Louisiana Port Relief Fund for administration of the  
19        program. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the treasurer may  
20        enter into consulting services, professional services, and information and technology  
21        services contracts for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services  
22        necessary to implement and expedite the distribution of funds as emergency  
23        procurements exempt from the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code and  
24        corresponding rules and regulations. The cost of such contracts shall be considered  
25        administrative expenses.

26               (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 39:100.44, the Department of  
27        Revenue shall utilize the resources of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program  
28        to administer the Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program. The  
29        Department may utilize up to five percent of the monies in the Louisiana Small

1 Business and Nonprofit Assistance Fund for administration of the program.  
2 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the Department may enter into  
3 consulting services, professional services, and information and technology services  
4 contracts for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services necessary to  
5 implement and expedite the distribution of funds as emergency procurements exempt  
6 from the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code and corresponding rules and  
7 regulations. The cost of such contracts shall be considered administrative expenses.

8 (2) The Louisiana Port Relief Program is hereby established as a component  
9 of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program. The program shall provide funding  
10 to Louisiana port authorities for revenue loss and reimbursement of expenses related  
11 to COVID-19.

12 (3) For purposes of this Section, "port authority" means the governing  
13 authority of any port area or port, harbor, and terminal district.

14 (4) Any port authority receiving funding pursuant to this Section shall meet  
15 the following criteria:

16 (a) Had a physical and active operation in Louisiana as of March 1, 2020.

17 (b) Experienced a revenue loss of gross revenue for the period of January 1,  
18 2020, through December 31, 2020, as compared to the gross revenue of the port  
19 during the same period in 2019.

20 (4) The port authority seeking funding pursuant to this Section shall submit  
21 verification of revenue loss and COVID-19 expenses to the treasurer.

22 B.(1) The Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program is  
23 hereby established as a component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program.  
24 The program shall provide grants to small businesses and eligible nonprofit  
25 organizations, including public charities and faith-based organizations that provide  
26 social services to the broader community, to administer aid to individuals impacted  
27 by COVID-19. Any grant received pursuant to this Subsection shall not exceed  
28 twenty-five thousand dollars per nonprofit organization.

1                 (2) Any small business or eligible nonprofit organization receiving funding

2                 pursuant to this Section shall meet the following criteria:

3                 (a) Is a small business, nonprofit corporation, or single member limited  
4                 liability company wholly owned by a nonprofit corporation.

5                 (b) Is currently open and actively operating as of the effective date of this  
6                 Section.

7                 (c) Is in good standing with the secretary of state.

8                 (d) Filed Louisiana tax returns for tax years 2019 and 2020.

9                 (e) Does not exist for the purpose of advancing partisan political activity and  
10                 does not directly lobby federal or state officials.

11                 F. Priority shall be given to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that  
12                 provide food, employment, and education assistance programs.

13                 G. Each small business or nonprofit organization that receives funds  
14                 pursuant to this Section shall enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the  
15                 state treasurer to ensure the funds are properly expended.

16                 H. No grants shall be awarded pursuant to this Section after June 30, 2022.

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18   SUBPART N. LOUISIANA RESCUE PLAN FUND

19                 §100.51. Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund; purpose

20                 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
21                 "Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund", hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".

22                 B. Except for four hundred million dollars which shall be paid to the  
23                 Clearing Account of the Unemployment Compensation Fund pursuant to R.S.  
24                 23:1491, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit in and credit  
25                 to the fund any federal monies allocated to Louisiana pursuant to Coronavirus State  
26                 Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

27                 C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
28                 state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be

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1 credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end  
2 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

3 D. Monies in the fund shall be allocated as provided in this Subpart.

4 E. If the legislature is not in session, the Joint Legislative Committee on the  
5 Budget is authorized to appropriate monies from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund or  
6 any of the funds created pursuant to this Subpart. Any such appropriation shall be  
7 consistent with guidance promulgated by the United States Treasury. The committee  
8 is further authorized to approve the transfer of funds between any of the funds  
9 created pursuant to this Subpart or to any special fund in the state treasury.

10 §100.52. Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund

11 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
12 Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the  
13 "fund". The treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer three hundred  
14 million dollars from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the Louisiana Water  
15 Infrastructure Fund.

16 B. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
17 state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be  
18 deposited in and credited to the fund.

19 C. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grant funding for repairs,  
20 improvements, and consolidation of water systems and sewerage systems pursuant  
21 to the Louisiana Water Infrastructure Program as provided in R.S. 39:100.56.

22 §100.53. Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities Fund

23 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
24 Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) Fund,  
25 hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund". The treasurer is hereby  
26 authorized and directed to transfer ninety million dollars from the Louisiana  
27 Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund into the fund.

28 B. All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the  
29 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same

1 manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of  
2 monies in the fund shall be deposited in and credited to the fund.

3 C. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grants to help fund broadband  
4 access in rural and disadvantaged areas pursuant to the provisions of the Granting  
5 Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities program established by law.

6 §100.54. Louisiana Loggers Relief Fund

7 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
8 Louisiana Loggers Relief Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".  
9 The treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer ten million dollars from  
10 the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to  
11 provide economic support grants to eligible Louisiana timber harvesting and timber  
12 hauling businesses in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Loggers Relief  
13 Program as provided in R.S. 39:100.44.1.

14 B. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
15 state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be  
16 deposited in and credited to the fund.

17 C. Any remaining balance in the fund on January 1, 2022, shall be  
18 transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

19 §100.55. Louisiana Save Our Screens Fund

20 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
21 Louisiana Save Our Screens Fund, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the  
22 "fund". The treasurer is hereby authorized to transfer four million five hundred  
23 thousand dollars from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the fund. Monies in the  
24 fund shall be used to provide economic support grants to eligible movie theater  
25 owners and operators in accordance with the Louisiana Save Our Screens Program  
26 as provided in R.S. 39:100.44.1.

27 B. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
28 state general fund. Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be  
29 deposited in and credited to the fund.



1           C. Any remaining balance in the fund on January 1, 2022, shall be  
2           transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

3           §100.56. Louisiana Water Infrastructure Program

4           A. As used in this Section, the following terms shall have the following  
5           meanings:

6           (1) "Committee" shall mean the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

7           (2) "Office" shall mean the office of public health in the Louisiana  
8           Department of Health.

9           (3) "Fund" shall mean the Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund.

10          B. The Louisiana Water Infrastructure Program is hereby established to  
11          provide grant funding for repairs, improvements, and consolidation of community  
12          water systems. The office shall administer the program. The office shall establish  
13          a review panel comprised of employees of the office, the office of community  
14          development in the division of administration, the Department of Environmental  
15          Quality, and the legislative auditor. The review panel shall review and rate  
16          applications submitted by community water systems and local governing authorities  
17          and submit recommendations for funding to the Joint Legislative Committee on the  
18          Budget.

19          C. The office shall promulgate rules for the administration of the program.  
20          The rules shall include application requirements, a timeline for application  
21          submissions and approval, criteria for ratings, a process for prioritizing critical  
22          infrastructure needs, and requirements for waivers of matching funds or decreased  
23          match. The Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., shall not apply to  
24          rules promulgated pursuant to this Section. No later than ninety days after the  
25          effective date of this Section, the office shall submit the rules to the committee for  
26          review and approval. Any changes to the initial rules shall require approval by the  
27          committee.

28          D. In addition to the rules provided for in Subsection C of this Section, the  
29          office shall submit a proposed budget outlining administrative expenses for the

1 program to the committee for review and approval prior to implementing the  
2 program.

3 E. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the office may enter  
4 into consulting services, professional services, and information and technology  
5 services contracts for the purpose of the procurement of any goods or services  
6 necessary to implement and expedite the distribution of funds as emergency  
7 procurements exempt from the provisions of the Louisiana Procurement Code and  
8 corresponding rules and regulations. The cost of such contracts shall be considered  
9 administrative expenses.

10 F. Each grant recipient shall be required to provide matching funds unless  
11 the review panel recommends waiving the match requirement.

12 G. Upon committee approval of the rules, the office shall begin accepting  
13 applications. The applications shall include the following, at a minimum:

14 (1) The amount of grant funding requested.

15 (2) The amount and proposed source of funding for the required match.

16 (3) Proposals for repairs, improvements, or consolidation with neighboring  
17 systems.

18 (4) Proposals for ensuring the financial sustainability and compliance of the  
19 systems, including proposals for increasing rates paid by users of the system based  
20 on a fair assessment of the system to comparable systems.

21 H. The review panel's funding recommendations to the committee shall  
22 include:

23 (1) Recommendations for utilization of existing resources including the  
24 Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, and  
25 Community Water Enrichment and Other Improvements Fund.

26 (2) Certification that the local governing authority that operates the system  
27 either utilized funding received pursuant to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery  
28 Fund of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 as the source of funding for the

1 required match or had legitimate cause that precluded the use of those funds for the  
2 match.

3 I. Upon approval of any funding recommendations, the committee may  
4 appropriate monies from the fund to the system or local governing authority that  
5 operates the system.

6 J. No money shall be expended from the fund without approval of the  
7 committee.

8 K. The provisions of R.S. 39:72.1(A) shall not apply to monies appropriated  
9 from the fund pursuant to this Section.

10 §100.57. Louisiana Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

11 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
12 "Louisiana Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund", hereinafter referred to in this Section  
13 as the "fund". Monies in the fund shall be in accordance with the American Rescue  
14 Plan Act of 2021 and subsequent guidance promulgated by the United States  
15 Treasury.

16 B. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to deposit in and  
17 credit to the fund any federal monies allocated to Louisiana pursuant to the  
18 Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

19 C. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the  
20 state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies in the fund shall be  
21 credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end  
22 of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

23 D. Monies in the fund shall be allocated as provided in this Subpart.

24 E. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer fifteen  
25 million dollars from the fund into the Legislative Capitol Technology Enhancement  
26 Fund.

27 §100.58. Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Fund

28 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
29 "Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Fund", hereinafter referred to

1 in this Section as the "fund". Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grants to  
2 small businesses and nonprofits for the administration of COVID-19 response and  
3 relief efforts in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Small Business and  
4 Nonprofit Assistance Program as provided in R.S. 39:100.44.2.

5 B. The treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer fifty million  
6 dollars from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the fund. Monies in the fund shall  
7 be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned  
8 on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited in and credited to the  
9 fund.

10 C. Any remaining balance in the fund on June 30, 2023, shall be transferred  
11 to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

12 §100.59. Louisiana Port Relief Fund

13 A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the  
14 "Louisiana Port Relief Fund", hereinafter referred to in this Section as the "fund".  
15 Monies in the fund shall be used to provide economic support to Louisiana port  
16 authorities in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Port Relief Program  
17 as provided in R.S. 39:100.44.2.

18 B. The treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to transfer fifty-five  
19 million dollars from the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund into the fund. Monies in the  
20 fund shall be invested in the same manner as monies in the state general fund.  
21 Interest earned on the investment of monies in the fund shall be deposited in and  
22 credited to the fund.

23 C. Any remaining balance in the fund on January 1, 2022, shall be  
24 transferred to the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund.

25 Section 2.(A) This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if  
26 not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without  
27 signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of  
28 Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act  
29 shall become effective on the day following such approval.

1 (B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph (A) of this Section, R.S. 39:100.53  
 2 as enacted by the provisions of this Act shall become effective if and when the Act which  
 3 originated as House Bill No. 648 of this 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature is enacted  
 4 and becomes effective.

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DIGEST

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HB 642 Reengrossed

2021 Regular Session

Schexnayder

**Abstract:** Creates funds and programs to administer monies from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit any federal monies allocated to Louisiana pursuant to the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 into the fund, except \$400 million to be paid to the Unemployment Compensation Fund.

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and directs the treasurer to deposit any federal monies allocated to La. pursuant to the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Proposed law authorizes the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to appropriate monies from any of the funds created in proposed law and to transfer monies between funds created in proposed law or to any special fund in the state treasury.

Proposed law creates the following funds and directs the treasurer to deposit the following amounts into the funds:

- (1) Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund - \$300 million
- (2) Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) Fund - \$90 million
- (3) Louisiana Loggers Relief Fund - \$10 million
- (4) Louisiana Save Our Screens Fund - \$4.5 million
- (5) Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Fund - \$50 million
- (6) Louisiana Port Relief Fund - \$55 million

**Louisiana Water Infrastructure Program**

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Water Infrastructure Program to provide grants to community water systems and sewer systems. Requires the office of public health to administer the program and to submit proposed rules for the administration of the program to JLCB within 90 days of the effective date of the bill.

Proposed law establishes a review panel comprised of the office of public health, Dept. of Environmental Quality, office of community development, and the legislative auditor to

review and rate applications from local governments and water and sewer systems and make recommendations to JLCB for funding projects.

Proposed law provides requirements for certain information to be included with a local governing authority or system's application and the review panel's recommendations to JLCB.

Proposed law authorizes JLCB to appropriate funds to the system or local governing authority upon approval of the review panel's funding recommendation and prohibits any money from being expended from the Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund without JLCB approval.

#### **Louisiana Loggers Relief Program**

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Loggers Relief Program to provide grants to timber harvesting and timber hauling businesses who suffered revenue loss due to COVID-19.

Proposed law establishes the program as a component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program and outlines criteria for program eligibility.

Proposed law limits the grant amount to \$25,000 per eligible business.

#### **Louisiana Save Our Screens Program**

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Save Our Screens Program to provide grants to movie theaters in La. who were forced to close or reduce capacity due to COVID-19.

Proposed law establishes the program as a component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program and outlines criteria for program eligibility.

Proposed law limits the grant amount to \$10,000 per movie screen located in La.

#### **Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities (GUMBO) Fund**

Proposed law creates the GUMBO Fund to provide grants to help fund broadband access in rural and disadvantaged areas pursuant to the provisions of the Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities program.

#### **Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program**

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Program to provide grants to small businesses and nonprofit organizations in La.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Revenue to administer the program and outlines criteria for program eligibility.

Proposed law limits the grant amount to \$25,000 per eligible business.

#### **Louisiana Port Relief Program**

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Port Relief Program to provide grants to La. port authorities that suffered revenue loss or incurred expenses due to COVID-19.

Proposed law establishes the program as a component of the Louisiana Main Street Recovery Program and outlines criteria for program eligibility.

Proposed law directs the treasurer to transfer \$15 million from the Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to the Legislative Capitol Technology Enhancement Fund.

The creation of the GUMBO Fund and transfer of monies into the fund is effective if and when House Bill No. 648 of this 2021 R.S. is enacted and becomes effective.

The remaining provisions of the bill are effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 39:100.44.1, 100.44.2, and 100.51-100.59)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Create the Louisiana Rescue Plan Fund, Louisiana Water Infrastructure Fund Granting Unserved Municipalities Broadband Opportunities Fund, Louisiana Loggers Relief Fund, and Louisiana Save Our Screens Fund.
2. Require the transfer of monies into the funds.
3. Establish programs for the administration of the funds.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Create the Louisiana Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund, Louisiana Port Relief Fund, and Louisiana Small Business and Nonprofit Assistance Fund.
2. Require the transfer of monies into the funds.
3. Establish programs for the administration of the funds.
4. Transfer monies from the Louisiana Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund to the Legislative Capitol Technology Enhancement Fund.
5. Authorize the transfer of any funds created pursuant to proposed law to any special fund in the state treasury.