

# Memorandum

TO: Economic Transition, Stabilization and Workforce Development Commission  
FROM: Laurie Esau, DLI Commissioner  
DATE: July 14, 2021  
SUBJECT: Unemployment Insurance Administration

## Overview

Section 9032 of the American Rescue Plan Act provided funding to the United States Department of Labor to be used to “detect and prevent fraud, promote equitable access, and ensure the timely payment of benefits with respect to the unemployment compensation programs, including programs extended under subtitle A of Title IX of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.” This funding can be used for federal administrative costs, systemwide infrastructure investment and development, or to make grants to States or territories administering unemployment compensation programs.

## Appropriation Request

- The Department requests approval to spend any grants received directly from US DOL for Unemployment Insurance Administration, up to \$5.2 million

## Funds to be spent in SFY 2021

To date, the Montana Department of Labor & Industry has received grant awards totaling \$275,000 to cover implementation/administration costs for each of the following federal programs:

- Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program: \$100,000
- Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation: \$50,000
- Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation: \$75,000
- Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation: \$50,000

The state of Montana ended our participation in the above programs effective June 27, 2021. As such, the entirety of these awards will be utilized for expenses incurred in state fiscal year 2021.

## Eligibility

- Section 9032 – American Rescue Plan Act
- Section 16 of HB 632

## Process/Notes/Other

- The above funds are direct grants to the Department of Labor & Industry. They are not included in the \$150 million of ARPA funds that are allocated in Section 12 of HB 632.