



January 27, 2021

To: Pete Ricketts, Governor

And

Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature

RE: LB 403 Public Benefits Report

**CONTEXT**

LB 403, §§1 through 7, Laws 2009; codified at §§4-108 through 4-114, Nebraska Revised Statutes; requires (in §4-113) each state agency administering a program of public benefits to provide an annual report to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature with respect to compliance with §§4-108 through 4-113.

**REPORT CONTENT REQUIREMENTS**

The statutory language requires the report to include the total number of applicants for public benefits and the number of applicants rejected. The reporting requirement in §4-113 does not include within its umbrella of coverage the requirements in §7 of LB 403 (codified as §4-114) which address the issues of public employers and public contractors utilizing the federal "E-Verify" program for new employees; therefore, that data is not included within this report.

**REPORT—for reporting period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020**

Program area	Number of Applicants for Public Benefits	Number of Applicants Rejected	Comments
Affordable Housing Projects	996	3	
Community Revitalization Projects	970	-0-	
Community Development Assistance Act Projects	79	-0-	Applicants cited are those individuals applying to the Department for CDAA tax credits.
Event Speaker Contracts	-0-	-0-	
Service Contracts	1	-0-	
Business Development and Innovation Projects	-0-	-0-	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2046</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>All programs</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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