

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1210**

Introduced by

Representatives Porter, B. Anderson, Hogan, Meier, Nathe, J. Nelson

Senators Bowman, Campbell, Erbele, Wanzek

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 23 of the North Dakota Century  
2 Code, relating to a cardiac ready community grant program; and to provide a continuing  
3 appropriation.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and  
6 enacted as follows:

7 **Cardiac ready community grant program.**

8 The state department of health shall establish a cardiac ready community grant program.  
9 The primary purpose of the program is to support bystander, emergency responder, and  
10 community private public partnerships for strengthening community-based capacity for cardiac  
11 and stroke emergency response and risk reduction programs throughout the state. The program  
12 must build on and may not duplicate existing programs. The department shall award grants on a  
13 competitive basis based on criteria established by an advisory committee. To facilitate volume  
14 purchasing savings, the department may procure vendor rates and purchases, and grant the  
15 acquired elements to community programs.

16 **Cardiac ready community grant program advisory committee - Duties.**

17 1. The state department of health shall establish a cardiac ready community grant  
18 program advisory committee with members appointed by the state health officer. The  
19 advisory committee shall advise the department in the development of the cardiac  
20 ready community grant program and the membership must include a representative of  
21 the department, one cardiac ready community member, one representative of the  
22 emergency medical services association, one representative of the American heart  
23 association, one representative of the cardiac task force, one representative of the

- 1           stroke task force, one representative of the emergency services advisory committee,  
2           one survivor advocate, and the department of emergency services medical director.  
3        2. Members of the committee who are not state employees are entitled to mileage and  
4           expenses as provided by law for state officers and employees. A state employee who  
5           is a member of the committee must receive that employee's regular salary and is  
6           entitled to mileage and expenses, to be paid by the employing agency.  
7        3. The state department of health, with the advisory committee's involvement, shall  
8           provide assistance to:  
9           a. Evaluate programs;  
10          b. Promote public awareness of core program elements;  
11          c. Facilitate the coordination of program components with the local level;  
12          d. Involve state agencies, law enforcement, and local government in the  
13             administration and management of the program; and  
14          e. Assist the department in screening and implementing the grants.  
15        4. The department may study the implementation of the program and shall recommend  
16           legislation the cardiac ready community grant program advisory committee considers  
17           appropriate to improve the program.

18        **Gifts, grants, and donations - Continuing appropriation.**

19        The state department of health may accept any gifts, grants, or donations, whether  
20        conditional or unconditional. The department or local grantees may contract public or private  
21        entities and may expend any available moneys to obtain matching funds for the purposes of this  
22        chapter. All moneys received by the state department of health as gifts, grants, or donations  
23        under this section are appropriated on a continuing basis to the department for the purpose of  
24        funding the grant program.