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The bill provides that the Department of Health Services (DHS) may submit to the Joint Committee on Finance (JCF) a request for funding in the 2023-25 fiscal biennium, in a total amount not exceeding \$15 million to award grants to fund one or more health systems that apply for a grant and both commit to providing hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County or Eau Claire County, and agree to use any grant moneys received to fund capital expenditures to aid in providing hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County or Eau Claire County.

The bill requires that DHS must both include in its request for funding a plan that identifies each health system that requests funding, describes the types of capital expenditures for which the requested funding would be used, and prioritize grant awards to support hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County. JCF may then approve the plan and request for funding, as proposed or as modified.

The bill also provides that, upon approval of DHS' plan, JCF may supplement a DHS appropriation for the grant program from its general program supplementation appropriation account in an amount determined by JCF, but not exceeding a total of \$15 million, to provide grants to health systems as provided in the approved plan.

Lastly, the bill provides that, by March 1, 2025, a health system that receives a grant must report to DHS the amount of funding received, a detailed description of all capital expenditures for which the funding was used, and the impact of the funding on the health system's hospital emergency department services. Then, by June 1, 2025, DHS must submit a report to the Legislature summarizing this information received from the grant recipients.

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The substitute amendment removes JCF involvement in the grant program. Instead, the substitute amendment provides that DHS must award grants in an amount up to \$15 million to fund one or more health systems that apply for a grant and both commit to providing hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County or Eau Claire County, and agree to use any grant moneys received to fund capital expenditures to aid in providing hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County or Eau Claire County.

The substitute amendment still requires DHS to prioritize grant awards to support hospital emergency department services in Chippewa County, and retains the reporting requirements described above.

BILL HISTORY

Senator James offered Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on February 19, 2024. On February 20, 2024, the Senate adopted the substitute amendment on a voice vote and passed the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 20; Noes, 12.

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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