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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Reported by House Finance

Primary Sponsors: Reps. Hall and Swearingen

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

Fund	FY 2022	FY 2023	Future Years
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (Fund 5CV4)			
Expenditures	\$422 million	Potential increase	\$0

Note: The fiscal year for the state, school districts, and certain other local governments runs from July 1 through June 30 and is designated by the calendar year in which it ends. For other local governments, the fiscal year is identical to the calendar year.

■ The bill amends H.B. 168 of the 134th General Assembly to increase the FY 2022 appropriation for Dedicated Purpose Fund item 042526 by \$422 million, to disburse the remaining federal allocation of Fund 5CV4 to municipalities, townships, and some other political subdivisions. Any unexpended balance at the end of FY 2022 is reappropriated in FY 2023.

Detailed Analysis

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) allocated \$843,726,939 to nonentitlement units (NEUs) of local government in Ohio. The U.S. Treasury Department delivers ARPA funds in two tranches, with 50% provided in May 2021, and the balance delivered approximately 12 months later. H.B. 168 of the 134th General Assembly appropriated \$422 million, i.e., the first

¹ NEUs, defined in section 603(g)(5) of the Social Security Act, as added by section 9901 ARPA, are local governments typically serving populations of less than 50,000. NEUs include cities, villages, towns, townships, or other types of local governments.

tranche, to Office of Budget and Management (OBM) item 042526 for FY 2022. The appropriation is increased to \$844 million by H.B. 377. Under ARPA, payments from Fund 5CV4 can only be used by NEUs for costs incurred from March 3, 2021 through December 31, 2024. The funding must be used to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic effects. H.B. 377 re-appropriates the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the appropriation for use in FY 2023.

A detailed list of the total allocation and each entity's payment amount from Fund 5CV4 can be found on the Ohio Grants Partnership website.²

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² Refer to <u>ARPA Non-Entitlement Allocations and Distributions (March 1, 2022) (PDF)</u> found on https://grants.ohio.gov/.