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HOUSE BILL 1119

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established
for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the
2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
(3)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
(4)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05
(5)	D071C	COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03



(6)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
(7)	N102N DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(8)	N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
(9)	N108N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS13
(10)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
(11)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(12)	N141N DHS/DCO AREA DIRECTOR	6	GRADE GS12
(13)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(14)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	11	GRADE GS10
(15)	G111C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II	31	GRADE GS09
(16)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	3	GRADE GS09
(17)	M014C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR III	10	GRADE GS09
(18)	G130C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I	39	GRADE GS08
(19)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
(20)	G129C DHS/DCO PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(21)	M100C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	18	GRADE GS08
(22)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	33	GRADE GS08
(23)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(24)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
(25)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	18	GRADE GS07
(26)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
(27)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(28)	M099C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	210	GRADE GS07
(29)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	32	GRADE GS07
(30)	M037C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	89	GRADE GS07
(31)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS07
(32)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	5	GRADE GS07
(33)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	6	GRADE GS06
(34)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	2	GRADE GS06
(35)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6	GRADE GS06
(36)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
(37)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	2	GRADE GS06
(38)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	750	GRADE GS06
(39)	X154C PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATOR	20	GRADE GS06
(40)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	29	GRADE GS06
(41)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	14	GRADE GS06

(42)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(43)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	34	GRADE GS05
(44)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	11	GRADE GS04
(45)	C072C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(46)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
(47)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	9	GRADE GS03
(48)	M084C BEHAV HLTH AIDE	1	GRADE GS03
(49)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>399</u>	GRADE GS03
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,834	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: thirty-seven (37) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$77,807,062
(02) EXTRA HELP	503,937
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	31,108,364
(04) OVERTIME	125,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	25,778,976
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	124,000
(C) PROF. FEES	12,079,291

(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>18,728,948</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$166,255,578</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - FEDERAL. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for federally funded grants of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - Federal for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANT	\$6,588,566
(02) REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM	<u>272,846</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$6,861,412</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED	<u>\$4,000</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
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(01) TANF BLOCK GRANT	\$6,893,484
(02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	10,567,165
(03) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	<u>1,975,185</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$19,435,834</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$995,113</u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,675,081
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	677,544
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$2,599,822</u>

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. INTER-AGENCY TRANSFER OF STATE GENERAL REVENUE FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES (TANF) PROGRAMS. Upon the request of the Secretary of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Director of the Division of Workforce Services (DWS), the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State may approve up to \$3,640,650 in State General Revenue appropriated to DWS for the TANF Program to be transferred to the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations in support of Arkansas' Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs or any related Separate State Programs. The Director of the Division of Workforce Services shall provide a report of all transfers made to the DHS - Division of County Operations to the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee of the Arkansas Legislative Council and/or Joint Budget Committee. The report must include the justification for and the amount of the completed transfers.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2022~~ 2023 through June 30, ~~2023~~ 2024.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 75, Subchapter 1, is amended to codify special language in appropriation acts by adding an additional section to read as follows:

12-75-139. Division of County Operations – Employees.

If a state of disaster emergency under this chapter or a federal disaster is declared, the Division of County Operations may:

(1) Contract labor for periods that exceed the limitations imposed by rules adopted by the Department of Finance and Administration; and

(2) Waive the limitation of one thousand five hundred (1,500) hours per state fiscal year for extra help positions under § 21-5-224.

SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by

the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2023 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2023 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2023.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee

APPROVED: 4/13/23