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January 17, 2025

Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair  
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Subcommittee  
Joint Budget Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 25 Various Temporary Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 152 of 2024, Section 33, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions Request(s) for Fiscal Year 2025 that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Hudson', written over a horizontal line.

James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)



# Arkansas Department of Health

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**Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders**  
**Renee Mallory, RN, BSN, Secretary of Health**  
**Jennifer Dillaha, MD, Director**

December 04, 2024

Robert Brech  
Administrator, Office of Budget  
Department of Finance & Administration  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

BA: 0645  
Func. Area: HHS  
FC: N62  
Fund: SDI0000  
Fund Balance as of 12/4/24: \$239,927  
CI: 502:00:02  
CRB

RE: Various Temporary appropriation Letter – State Advisory Board Deaf Interpreters

Dear Mr. Brech:

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) The State Advisory Board for Deaf Interpreters requests an FY25 increase for Operating Expense appropriation of \$100,000.00 The Details of the request are as follows:

Business Area: 0645	Fund: SDI0000
Functional Area: HHS	Funds Center: N62
Commitment Item: 502:00:02	Amount: \$100,000.00

The requested increase is to allow the Board to expand education regarding the important work interpreters provide to communities statewide by updating the current testing system. (QAST) Quality Assurance Screening Test for State Certification. The QAST is a state screening mechanism conducted to evaluate the skill level of interpreters. The current exam is out of date and the Board would like to provide some funding to assist in updating the current exam. The Board will utilize their fund balance for this request, which has been accrued from Interpreter License fees.

If you would like additional information, I can be reached at [Geray.pickle@arkansas.gov](mailto:Geray.pickle@arkansas.gov) or by phone at 501-661-2748.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
  
Geray Pickle  
Chief Fiscal Officer, Arkansas Department of Health

CC: Renee Mallory, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Health  
Don Adams, Chief of Staff and Deputy Director of Administration, ADH  
Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, ADH



DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam  
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January 23, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson,

On behalf of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), which is a division of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), respectfully requests \$16,000,000 from the Various Temporary Appropriation (VTA) for State Agencies and Institutions pursuant to Section 33 of ACT 152 of 2024. This block of appropriation is being requested to continue completing the Booneville Human Development Center’s Master Plan, which includes constructing new client residences to replace those existing residences currently in use. This is an appropriation request only, as funding will be transferred in from current available “Other” funding sources.

This appropriation is requested in the following line items:

Business Area: 0710  
Fund Center: New  
Fund: PWPBHMP  
Functional Area: HHS  
Commitment Item: 509:00:05 - \$16,000,000

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam  
DHS Secretary

KP:sri

CC: Robert Broch, Administrator  
DFA – Office of Budget



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December 10, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson,

On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS) and Office of the Secretary (Shared Services), I respectfully request \$5,640,000 from the Various Temporary Appropriation (VTA) for State Agencies and Institutions pursuant to Section 33 of ACT 152 of 2024. This appropriation is being requested to support one-time funding for the Agency's Information Technology expenses, primarily in hardware and software refreshes. See the attachment for project breakdowns. This is an appropriation request only, as the Agency will be using other funds received through cost allocation support received over the last three fiscal years.

This appropriation is requested in the following line items:

Business Area:	0710		
Fund Center:	896		
Fund:	PWP5200		
Cost Center:	418659		
Commitment Item:	502:00:02	Operating	\$4,846,547
	512:00:11	Capital Outlay	\$ 793,453

If you need additional information, please contact Renee Ikard, DHS Chief Financial Officer, at 501-682-8985. As always, we appreciate your consideration!

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam  
DHS Secretary

Request in compliance with approved IT plan on file DFA IGS State Technology Planning	
<i>Gary Zhou</i>	12/18/24
Signature	Date

KP:sri

cc: Robert Brech, Administrator  
DFA \_ Office of Budget

**DHS - Office of Information Technology**

		<b>Broken Down By Character Needed</b>	
<b>IT One Time Expenses</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Character 02</b>	<b>Character 11</b>
Printer Fleet Purchase (841)	2,706,561.00	2,051,129.00	655,432.00
Pure Storage (2)	874,560.00	564,960.00	309,600.00
Network Switches (500)	1,896,500.00	1,896,500.00	-
Laptops (300)/Servers (5)	562,379.00	333,958.00	228,421.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6,040,000.00</b>	<b>4,846,547.00</b>	<b>1,193,453.00</b>
Less: Existing Char 11 appropriation	(400,000.00)		(400,000.00)
		<b>Character 02</b>	<b>Character 11</b>
<b>Requested appropriation by Character</b>	<b>5,640,000.00</b>	<b>4,846,547.00</b>	<b>793,453.00</b>



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**Department of Transformation and Shared Services**  
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Secretary Leslie Fisken

January 6, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Various Temporary Appropriation Request - Department of Transformation and Shared Services Office of State Procurement

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Department of Transformation and Shared Services Office of State Procurement, respectfully requests a transfer of \$4,000,000 in appropriation from the Various Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies and Institutions, Act 152 of 2024, Section 33.

This appropriation will be used for additional project management and technical staff as well as the initial software license for the implementation and integration of the Ariba e-procurement software into the state financial management system. This appropriation is funded by the State Central Services Fund.

Business Area: 0914  
Fund: HSC9146  
Fund Center: Z55  
Commitment Item: 590:00:46

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

James Caldwell  
Chief Fiscal Officer

Request in compliance with approved IT plan on file DFA IGS State Technology Planning	
	1/6/2025
Signature	Date

Office of the Secretary