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August 8, 2024

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
 Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair  
 Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
 Arkansas Legislative Council  
 State Capitol Building  
 Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 25 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023 (3), as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

- Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Charter School Facilities Set-Aside \$10,000,000
- Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Economic Development Districts Set-Aside \$120,000
- State Board of Election Commissioners – Attorney Services – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$250,000
- Department of Public Safety – Arkansas State Police – Motor Vehicle Set-Aside \$2,400,000
- Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Infrastructure Grants Matching Set-Aside \$16,797,215
- Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – Phone Free Schools Initiative – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$7,000,000
- Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Safe Haven Baby Box – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$250,000

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
 Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Jacob Oliva  
Secretary

May 23, 2024

Stacy Smith  
Deputy  
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Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
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State Board of  
Education

Dr. Sarah Moore  
Stuttgart  
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

Kathy Rollins  
Springdale  
Vice-Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$10,000,000 from the Charter School Facilities Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, Section 13.

Adrienne Woods  
Rogers

Funds shall be granted to a third-party administrator to create a revolving loan fund with the purpose of financing open enrollment public charter school facilities projects. Eligible open enrollment public charter school will be in good academic and financial standing as determined by the state board of education.

Randy Henderson  
Blytheville

Lisa Hunter  
White Hall

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Jeff Wood  
Little Rock

Ken Bragg  
Sheridan

Sincerely,

Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education

Leigh Keener  
Little Rock



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July 8, 2024

BA 0620  
Fund: NDP0024  
FC: BF7  
Func. Area: ADMN

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Secretary's Office  
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

As authorized in Act 561 of 2023 Section 3(a)26 the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer respectfully requests \$120,000 be released from the Economic Development Districts Set-Aside and be transferred to the DFA Disbursing Officer Arkansas Economic Development Districts Fund (NDP0024).

This funding will be transferred in equal amounts to the eight Economic Development Districts.

As always, I appreciate consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan McVey', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan McVey  
DFA Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator

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July 5, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
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BA: 0232  
FC: New  
Fund: New  
FA: PROF  
DS 7/5/24

**Re: Request for Restricted Reserve Funding – Attorney Services**

Dear Secretary Hudson,

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, the Arkansas State Board of Election Commissioners is requesting Restricted Reserve funding in the amount of \$250,000 to be transferred from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside. These funds will be used to procure an outside attorney to represent the agency and the state in the Western District Federal Court Case, *Get Loud Arkansas et. al, v. Thurston et. al.*, Case No. 5:24-CV-05121.

The Case is filed against the State Board of Election Commissioners (SBEC) for their proposal and adoption of the *Rule Regarding Voter Registration*. The Rule was approved as an emergency rule and is now in the process of becoming permanent. The Arkansas Attorney General’s Office was unable to represent the SBEC because of a potential conflict that would potentially interfere with their ability to represent the agency and the State.

The SBEC does not have appropriation or funding, as part of its normal biennial budgeting, for the retention and employment of outside counsel. This request for appropriation and funding is to permit the SBEC to engage and retain outside counsel to represent the SBEC and the State in this federal litigation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Chris Madison  
SBEC Director



State of Arkansas  
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

1 State Police Plaza Drive  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209  
Office: (501) 618-8235

COL. MIKE A. HAGAR  
Secretary

June 7, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Division of Arkansas State Police is requesting Restricted Reserve Motor Vehicle Set-Aside funding authorized under Section 3(a)(9) of Act 561 of 2023, in the amount of \$2,400,000. This funding will allow the Division to purchase motor vehicles.

If there are any questions, please contact Karen Perry at 501-618-8333.

Business Area: 0960  
Functional Area: SFTY  
Funds Center: 519  
Fund: SMP0300

Sincerely,

Karen Perry  
Chief Fiscal Officer



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
GOVERNOR

Hugh McDonald  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

BA: 0790  
FC: New  
Commitment Item: 510:00:04  
Fund: New  
Func. Area: COMM  
PC - 7-24-24

July 24, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: FY25 Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Asides – Funds Transfer

Secretary Hudson:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, the Arkansas Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) requests a funds transfer of \$16,797,215 from the Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Asides - Infrastructure Grants Matching Set-Aside. These funds will provide matching funds for the majority federally funded Texarkana Regional Airport infrastructure improvement project.

Please contact Tammy Williams at 501.682.7302, with questions.

Business Area: 0790  
Functional Area: COMM  
Funds Center: NEW  
Funds: NEW  
Cost Center: NEW

Sincerely,

Hugh McDonald  
Secretary



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

July 26, 2024

**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
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**State Board of  
Education**

Secretary Hudson,

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*  
Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$7,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Set Aside.

**Kathy Rollins**  
*Springdale*  
Vice-Chair

Funds shall be provided to school districts for the Phone Free Schools Initiative. The funding is intended to support the purchase of pouches or other locking mechanisms to store student cell phones securely during school hours. This initiative seeks to foster a phone-free environment, enabling an evaluation of its impact on student learning, engagement, and overall student health.

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*

Please contact me at 501-682-4256 if you require additional information.

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

Sincerely,

**Ken Bragg**  
*Sheridan*

  
Greg Rogers  
Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Education

**Leigh Keener**  
*Little Rock*

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August 6, 2024

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
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BA 0620  
Fund: NDP1100  
FC: New  
FA: ADMN

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$250,000 in funding from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions of Act 561 of 2023, Section 18.

The Department will utilize this funding to provide grants to city and county hospitals with an emergency room, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments to reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box (newborn safety device).

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melanie M. Hazeslip'.

Melanie M. Hazeslip  
OAS Administrator

Cc: Alan McVey, CFO/Chief of Staff





# Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) & Request for Applications

## Safe Haven Baby Box Grant

### ABOUT

The Arkansas Safe Haven law allows delivery of a child who is thirty (30) days old or younger to a medical provider, law enforcement agency, fire department, or medical provider staff member. The child may be left in a designated safety device (often called a baby box) that is voluntarily installed by the medical provider, law enforcement agency, or fire department. The baby box must be physically located on a structured wall of or inside a hospital, law enforcement agency, or fire department; and located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to the employees of the hospital, law enforcement agency, or fire department.

The Safe Haven Baby Box Grant program provides funding to eligible organizations to assist with the costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box.

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Ark. Code Ann. §§ 9-34-202 and 203.

### APPLICATION OPEN DATE

Grant Application Open Date: **September [ ] 2024 (IGS will insert day)**

This grant program will remain open to receive applications on an ongoing basis.

### APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS

Applications are restricted to:

- City, County Hospitals with an emergency room
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Fire Departments

Applicants must be located within the state of Arkansas.

Review the guidelines for the program at the following link:

[Arkansas Safe Haven - Arkansas Department of Human Services](#)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

If applicants have any questions about the Safe Haven Baby Box Grant or need assistance in completing a grant application, please submit requests at: [IGS.Applications@dfa.arkansas.gov](mailto:IGS.Applications@dfa.arkansas.gov).

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### INTRODUCTION

The Department of Finance & Administration-Intergovernmental Services, will provide grants to city and county hospitals with an emergency room, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments to reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box (newborn safety device).

### ELIGIBILITY

Grant funds may only be used for costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box that meets the requirements set forth in A.C.A. § 9-34-202. Applicants are eligible to apply for grant funding to cover up to 50% of the cost.

Eligible Organizations Include:

- City, County Hospitals with an emergency room
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- Fire Departments (including volunteer departments)

### REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for Eligible Organizations (see following):

- Requirements specified in A.C.A. § 9-34-202 and 203.
- [Arkansas Safe Haven - Arkansas Department of Human Services](#)

### GRANTAPPLICATION INFORMATION

The Safe Haven Grant Application is available through a web form located on the DFA- IGS website, (note: IGS will add weblink where Application is posted).

### AWARDDETERMINATIONS

### EVALUATION

DFA-IGS will review applications for eligibility, allowability and completeness. Applications meeting those requirements will be awarded a grant, subject to funding availability.

### AWARDNOTIFICATION

DFA-IGS staff will contact the applicant agencies as funding determinations are made. If awarded funding, the successful applicant (“Grantee”) will receive an award letter that will include the following information:

- Grantee name,
- Grantee maximum award amount (up to 50% of costs), and
- Any other requirements to receive reimbursement (e.g., W9 Form).

The award letter notification will be sent via email and must be reviewed, signed, and returned to DFA-IGS via email to [IGS.Applications@dfa.arkansas.gov](mailto:IGS.Applications@dfa.arkansas.gov).

## REIMBURSEMENT

Each applicant will be required to provide copies of **actual invoices** and **proof of payment** for costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box. For reimbursement, grant recipients must provide supporting documentation that proves expenditures were made.

### ELIGIBLE INVOICES

- Invoice from vendor
- Expenditure report
- Check register report

### ELIGIBLE PROOFS OF PAYMENT

- Paid invoice from vendor(s).
- Detailed receipt of cost.
- Canceled (cleared) check.
- Bank or credit card statement showing payment to vendor(s).

### INELIGIBLE PROOFS OF PAYMENT

- Handwritten receipts and documents.
- Construction orders.
- Checks that have not been processed or canceled.
- Internal documents, accounting records or ledgers.
- Receipts lacking verifying details.