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August 3, 2023

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 24 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services –  
Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States  
\$628,878

Pursuant to Section 36 (02) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to  
Hospitals  
\$2,463,449

Sincerely,

  
Larry W. Walther  
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

**D.1**

Agency: Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710  
 Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States

Granting Organization: Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.044

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 To recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: 999043 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: FRP7113 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                        |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   |                        |
| Operating Expenses           |                        |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 628,878                |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 628,878</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2024

**FA IGS State Technology Planning** Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Items requested for Information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

| Org Unit | Pers Area | Pers SubArea | Cost Center | Position Number | Comit Item | Position Title | Class Code | Grad | Line Item Maximum * |
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State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: *Kristi Putnam*  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
 Kristi Putnam Digitally signed by Kristi Putnam Date: 2023.07.14 12:18:49 -0500  
 Patient Secretary Date

Robert Brech 08/02/23  
 Office of Budget Date  
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Office of Personnel Mgt Date

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## Arkansas Plan for Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States

Arkansas will be using these funds through the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) to recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges. These funds will be used to offset costs of hiring a range of public health professionals, including but not limited to social support professionals, community health workers, communication and policy experts and "other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19....

Professionals funded through this program will provide a wide range of public health services and supports, including culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible information, assistance with accessing vaccines (including boosters) and connecting to other services, transition and diversion from high-risk congregate settings to community living, health and wellness programs, activities that address social isolation and social determinants of health, and other activities that support the public health and wellbeing of older adults and people with disabilities.

Our plan will be to distribute the funds to the Area Agencies on Aging utilizing the Arkansas Older Americans Act Intrastate funding formula (IFFJ with no administrative cost deducted). Allocated amounts are as follows:

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|---|---|-------------------|
| Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas                    | 1 | \$105,630.00      |
| White River Area Agency on Aging                              | 2 | \$56,478.00       |
| East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging                            | 3 | \$86,911.00       |
| Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas                    | 4 | \$57,763.00       |
| Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging                         | 5 | \$131,421.00      |
| Area Agency of Aging of West Central AR-The Senior Specialist | 6 | \$71,316.00       |
| Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Arkansas                    | 7 | \$63,246.00       |
| Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas                      | 8 | \$56,113.00       |
|   |   | <b>628,878.00</b> |

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

**D.2**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Human Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals

Granting Organization: ARP Steering Committee CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
Hospitals continue to experience severe financial strain due to the economic impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Increased costs and labor shortages have resulted in lesser revenues for the hospitals. This means that several hospitals across the state, particularly those that serve rural populations, are at immediate risk of closure.  
Use of these funds will allow hospitals to maintain operations to ensure patients receive the care they need during and between the pandemic disease "surges." The purpose of these payments is to assist hospitals to offset extraordinary costs related to mitigating and preventing COVID-19 and retaining and acquiring frontline staff that have occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. ( Drew Memorial - In June PEER, the appropriation was approved for the full amount, but only half of the funding in SFY2023. Requesting the other half of the appropriation for SFY2024 stating July 1st.)

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS  
Funds Center: AZ5

Fund Code: FRP7178  
Internal Order/WBS Element: RA8P0022

Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steering Comm. Approved: X  
Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                        |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   |                        |
| Operating Expenses           |                        |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 2,463,449              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 2,463,449</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 03/31/2024

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Approved by:  
**Kristi Putnam** Digitally signed by Kristi Putnam  
Date: 2023.07.14 12:19:05 -05'00'  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 08/02/23  
Office of Budget Date

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*MM* 7/14/23



**DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam  
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May 26, 2023

Secretary Larry W. Walther  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Release of ARPA Funding – Hospital Assistance

Dear Secretary Walther,

On behalf of the Department of Human Services, I respectfully request release of a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to address the negative impacts of the public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic (PHE), such as staffing and bed shortages; extraordinary costs of providing COVID-19 mitigation, prevention, and treatment; and disruptions in utilization of health care services across payers.

Participating hospitals have undergone an independent study and are developing and implementing a sustainability plan. The agency is requesting \$4,926,897 in ARPA funding and appropriation which will be disbursed through the Arkansas Medicaid payment system to Drew Memorial Health Center in support of their efforts to provide rural healthcare to Arkansans.

Thank you for your assistance. If you need additional information, please contact Misty Eubanks, DHS CFO, at 501-320-6327.

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Human Services

KP:mbe

cc: Robert Brech, Administrator  
DFA – Office of Budget

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