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December 3, 2021

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

RE: FY 22 C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 997 of 2021, Section 35, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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November 30, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther
 Department of Finance and Administration
 1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
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BA: 0710
FC: Y98
Fund: FWF5000
CI: 510:00:04
FA: HHS
Amount: \$6,391,000

jdm 12/1/2021

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation under Act 997 of 2021, Sec. 35

Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for additional appropriation to be added to Fund FWF5000 within the Department of Human Services – Secretary’s Office/DHS Administration utilizing the C.A.R.E.S. appropriation as authorized under Act 997 of 2021.

This SFY2022 appropriation will be necessary to expend funds allocated by the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee to help respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The requested appropriation will support the following item:

- To Support unreimbursed COVID-19 costs with the Assisted Living Facilities - \$6,391,000.00

Total appropriation requested:

- Grants and Aid (510:00:04)
 Total \$6,391,000

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call me if you need additional information to support this request.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gillespie
 Secretary



Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

BA: 0810
Functional Area: COMM
Fund Center: 2SD
Fund: TESCARE
CI:501:00:00 & 501:00:03

December 1, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) is respectfully requesting the Arkansas Legislative Council to approve our request for an appropriation authorized under Section 35 of Act 997 of Regular Session 2021, in the amount of \$16,000,000 for Fund TESCARE, Fund Center 2SD for division salary and benefits. The request is for commitments listed below.

501:00:00	Regular Salaries	12,000,000
501:00:03	Personal Service Match	4,000,000
	Total	\$16,000,000

The increase of appropriation in commitment items for employee salaries and personal services match will be utilized to cover increased costs due to the pandemic that are not covered by other federal funding.

Sincerely,

Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

12/01/2021

CABINET CFO

Date

David L. Bell, Arkansas Department of Commerce



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December 1, 2021

Larry Walther
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Corrections continues to work diligently in its response to COVID-19 within our facilities. The agency base level for overtime has been consistent for several years, and we have closely managed its utilization. Overtime has built up over the last year with the increase in turnover of our correctional officer positions. The increased overtime expenses are also the result of managing COVID-19 within our correctional facilities. Since 2020, the Division of Correction has paid overtime each pay period as it is earned rather than on a quarterly basis or banking the time to the extent permitted.

The Department is requesting \$7,500,000 to fund the additional overtime expense in the Division of Correction. Recently the Division received \$3,000,000 in appropriation only. We estimate that the remaining overtime payments will total approximately \$9,765,770.18.

Your approval of this request would be appreciated. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our CFO Lamont Wimbley at 870-850-8719.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jung Bradshaw".

on the behalf of Secretary Graves

Solomon Graves, Secretary of Corrections

cc: Lamont Wimbley
Sonia Wallace
Nicholas Stewart



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December 2, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther
 Department of Finance and Administration
 Secretary's Office
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer is requesting the following transfers from the CARES Act Holding appropriation:

ARKANSAS HUNGER RELIEF ALLIANCE - \$1,000,000

This request will provide critical support for the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance in their efforts to address food insecurity, especially in vulnerable populations such as children, elderly and families statewide. Funding of \$1,000,000 would provide approximately 26 truckloads of canned meats, canned vegetables, ground turkey, peanut butter and other assorted grocery items.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES - \$8,000,000 Fund Center: Z72

This request will be used to restore the Unemployment Trust Fund to the pre-pandemic balance. DFA will work jointly with DWS to wire transfer the funds to the Arkansas UI Trust fund which is held by the US Treasury.

HARBOR HOUSE (HHI of Fort Smith, AR) - \$733,308

This request will provide funding for the following:

- the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for clients, their families, and staff. A ventilation system will be installed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19;
- 75% of the students in their community are in need of food and through their "backpack program" they can provide backpacks and immediate food within their community.
- to cover payroll for their Behavioral Health employees who are frontline workers.

NATURAL STATE RECOVERY CENTERS - \$821,200

This request will provide funding for the following:

- the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for clients, their families, and staff. A ventilation system will be installed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19;
- 75% of the students in their community are in need of food and through their "backpack program" they can provide backpacks and immediate food within their community.
- to cover payroll for their Behavioral Health employees who are frontline workers.

RIVER VALLEY MEDICAL WELLNESS - \$1,194,622

This request will be used to provide and expand COVID-19 care, particularly to their rural, minority and vulnerable populations in collaboration with their mobile medical units and their acute medical facility. Funding will also provide equipment to start a new vaccination/testing clinic, PPE/cleaning supplies, HVAC/ventilation system upgrades, expand telemedicine capabilities/services and increase mental health/substance abuse use disorder services.

STATE LIBRARY/PUBLIC LIBRARIES - \$4,812,791

This request will be used to support the public library systems across the state. This will allow them to be responsive to the remote learning needs and other demands created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding will be utilized to provide Personal Protective Equipment, plexiglass barriers, cleaning supplies, HEPA air purifiers and filters, hand sanitizer, H2O2 fogger machine and filters and thermometers.

DFA – DISBURSING OFFICER – PREAPPROVED ITEMS - \$3,000,000 Fund Center: Z72

This request will be used to process additional reimbursements of purchases made of preapproved items by state agencies.

These transfers are necessary to move appropriation from the holding fund (MXX0111) to the DFA Disbursing Officer CARES Act Treasury fund (FCOVDEX). This authority is needed to process payments and additional reimbursements for the above projects related to CARES Act funding. These projects have been approved by the Steering Committee and the Governor.

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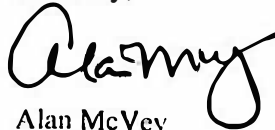
Business Area 0620, Fund MXX0111, Fund Center Z67, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund FCOVDEX, Fund Center - Various, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

Please contact Melanie Hazeslip (501) 682-5229 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Alan McVey
Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip