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May 9, 2025

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

RE: FY 25 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

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| 1. University of Arkansas at Monticello – ALIGN Grant   | \$600,377.62 |
| 2. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases | \$999,844.00 |

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

Agency: University of Arkansas at Monticello Business Area Code: 0155  
 Program Title: ARPA, Statewide Initiative for Nurse Staffing  
 Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/1/2024 Ending: 09/30/2025  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

Please see attached MOU

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 203ARP1 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: D58 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	385,000.00
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	37,000.00
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	178,377.62
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 600,377.62</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2026

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**DFA 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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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:  
Reagan Boss 4-1-25 Cayce Raney 5/6/25  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Hugh McDonald  
SECRETARY OF  
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DIRECTOR,  
OFFICE OF SKILLS  
DEVELOPMENT

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**  
**AND**

**University of Arkansas Monticello College of Technology-Crossett/SEACBEC**

**MOU# ALIGN 252626**

**ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE:** This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the related regulations to each. Each Party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to waive the sovereign or statutory immunities of either Party.

**PERIOD COVERED:** This MOU shall take effect on August 1, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

**PARTIES:** Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and University of Arkansas Monticello College of Technology-Crossett/SEACBEC (UAM-CTC/SEACBEC). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of Arkansas workforce training programs. UAM-CTC/SEACBEC serve to advance nursing profession by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

**BACKGROUND:** The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs.

**PURPOSE OF MOU:** To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at UAM-CTC/SEACBEC, which will deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). SEACBEC is a multi-district vocational center located in Warren. This program will also be offered at the UAM-CTC campuses in Crossett and McGehee. This MOU addresses the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to UAM-CTC/SEACBEC for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

**FUNDING:** The funding available under this MOU shall not exceed \$600,377.62. This funding shall be reduced by the vocational center aid awarded for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The resulting amount shall cover actual expenditures incurred by UAM-CTC/SEACBEC during state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The funding deficit covered by this MOU involves expenditures for instructor salaries, classroom



equipment and textbooks, student supplies and other fees necessitated by the LPN program offered through UAM-CTC/SEACBEC.

Itemized descriptions of covered expenses are detailed in the document titled "UAM-CTC/SEACBEC Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding," which is attached to and incorporated with this MOU.

OSD will reimburse UAM-CTC/SEACBEC upon receipt of documentation, expenses consistent with the "UAM-CTC/SEACBEC Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding" that have been incurred.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Lesia Edwards at [lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov](mailto:lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov).

**PROGRAM REPORTING:**

UAM-CTC/SEACBEC will provide reports to OSD as requested. These reports shall contain:


- Verified enrollment data
- Certifications/credentials earned
- Expenditures
- Concurrent credit hours earned
- Employment outcomes

**INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Parties agree to abide by the privacy and nondisclosure provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, its associated federal regulations, and Arkansas privacy laws to the extent they apply.


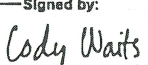
**MODIFICATION:** This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

**MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:**

**AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:**

Signed by:  Dr. Peggy Doss, Chancellor	8/16/2024 Date	
University of Arkansas at Monticello	(870) 460-1020	dossp@uamont.edu

**STATE STAFF:**

Stephanie Isaacs, Director, Office of Skills Development Arkansas Department of Commerce DocuSigned by: 	Date 8/17/2024
Cody Waits, Director, Workforce Connections Arkansas Department of Commerce Signed by: 	Date 8/18/2024

**FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**



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**C.2**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645  
 Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)  
 Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) CFDA #: 93.323  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2024 Ending: 06/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

ELC grant - Supplemental Revised Budget for Advanced Molecular Detection - 2 is to support the Sequencing laboratory. This funding provides salary support and testing supplies. This award provides funding for Advanced Molecular Detection Sequencing and Analytics 2 grant (an ELC supplemental grant) is in the amount of \$999,844.00. This funding provides supplies and salary support for the next generation sequencing laboratory at the Public Health Laboratory. This supplemental funding will be made available through July 31, 2027.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: x  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	199,006
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	72,935
Operating Expenses	601,942
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	125,961
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 999,844</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2027

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Approved by:

J. D. Adams 3-5-25      Cayce Raney 5/6/25  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director      Date      Office of Budget      Date      Office of Personnel Mgmt      Date  
 CRB 3/12/2025

This funding will fund existing personnel, used to purchase extended coverage for the 2<sup>nd</sup> NextSeq Instrument, Biosafety cabinets for the Modular BSL-3 Laboratory, Sequencing kits, Refrigerator, Freezer, Centrifuge, shipping supplies for bio-threat samples, Walkie-Talkies for laboratory safety and response to communicate during safety issues, such as fire or extreme weather, PPE for BSL-3 activities – such as gowns, gloves and shoe covers. Autoclave/sterilizer upgrade for the Modular BSL-3 laboratory which is used for LRN and Select Agent activities. Alarm & Camera System upgrades in the Modular BSL-3 laboratory.