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

RE: FY26 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 35 (01) of Act 1006 of 2025, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - TABF/PEAF- Return of unexpended funds \$255,825.00
2. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - Unemployment Insurance - Return of unexpended funds \$53,312.00
3. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - UI-Fraud Detection & Prevention - Return of unexpended funds \$99,621.00
4. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - UI-Equity - Return of unexpended funds \$183,670.00
5. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - UI-Integrity - Return of unexpended funds \$20,831.00
6. Department of Commerce - Workforce Services - Rehabilitation Services - Public Health - Return of unexpended funds \$12,109.00

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James L. Hudson".

James L. Hudson
 Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 35 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

C1

Agency: Division of Workforce Services Business Area Code: 0810
 Program Title: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds (PEAF)
 Granting Organization: Administration for Children & Families CFDA #: 93,558
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Pandemic Emergency Assistance Funds (PEAF) were provided to the Division of Workforce Services to assist TANF and TANF-Eligible families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8101 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: AQ5 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	255,825
Total	\$	255,825

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2022

State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt 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:  3/16/26
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date
 Jessica Moore 03/31/26
 Office of Budget Date
 KDR 03/10/2026
 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

 3/16/26

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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C2

Agency: Division of Workforce Services: Division of Reemployment Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance - IT Modernization

Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Unemployment Insurance - IT Modernization funds were used to support costs associated with the pilot, including development costs, staff costs, and identity proofing subscription costs incurred from participation in the pilot.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8102
Funds Center: AU6 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

Direct Funding: X
State: _____
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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	53,312
Total	\$	53,312

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2022


State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Org Unit	Pers: Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  3/3/26 3/31/26
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

KDR 03/10/2026

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C3

Agency: Division of Workforce Services : Division of Reemployment Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance - Fraud Detection & Prevention

Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Unemployment Insurance - Fraud Detection & Prevention was used to support innovate strategies and solutions to 1) Strengthen identity verifications of Unemployment Insurance (UI); 2) Enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) Improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) Increase cybersecurity; and 5) Expand overpayment recovery efforts.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8103 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: AX8 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	99,621
Total	\$	99,621

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 8/31/2023


State Technology Plan Approval	Date
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.	

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  8/3/26 Jessica Moore 03/31/26
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
KDR 03/10/2026

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C4

Agency: Division of Workforce Services : Division of Reemployment Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance - Equity

Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Arkansas was awarded the Unemployment Insurance Equity grant to improve three (3) areas – Claimant Communications, Service Delivery, and Customer Service.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM
Funds Center: BX9

Fund Code: FRP8104
Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

Direct Funding: X
State: _____
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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	183,670
Total	\$	183,670

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 5/22/2025

State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  3/3/26
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Jessica Moore 03/31/26
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

KDR 03/10/2026

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C5

Agency: Division of Workforce Services : Division of Reemployment Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance - Integrity

Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Dept. of Labor has awarded the UI Integrity grant for fraud identification. The funding was utilized in the following areas: Integrity Data Hub Utilization (IDH) to identify potential fraudulent claims earlier in the claims filing process. Wage Earnings Investigations - Assist in further lowering the improper payment rate. DWS will utilize internal staff such as IT and UI program staff, and contracted staff via the Division of Information Systems (DIS) to complete the designing, testing, and implementation. Please see attached, "Integrity Grant Full Project Plan" for additional information. Request to utilize funding to the beginning of the grant award.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8105 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: CD4 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	20,831
Total	\$	20,831

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 5/22/2025


State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

KDR 03/10/2026

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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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C6

Agency: Division of Workforce Services : Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network: IL Part B

Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services CFDA #: 93.369

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Arkansas Rehabilitation Services was provided the Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network: IL Part B grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. This grant was originally sub-awarded to the Arkansas State Independent Living Council.

Appropriation is being requested to return unexpended funds to Federal Partners.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP8109 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
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)		
Other:		
Other: 590:00:46	\$	12,109
Total	\$	12,109

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  3/3/26
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Jessica Moore 03/31/26
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

KDR 03/10/2026

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