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April 3, 2026

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 Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)



Arkansas Department of Education

# Division of Career and Technical Education

*Preparing Students for Future College and Career Success*

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EDUC  
NCE1000  
\$65,597  
3/12/26  
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March 9, 2026

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7th Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Career and Technical Education requests a cash fund appropriation for the adult diploma program.

Act 546 of 2023 created the Adult Diploma program to support adults 21 years of age and older in earning a high school diploma and developing skills for employment. As part of the program's ongoing implementation, the Department of Commerce allocated funding in prior fiscal years to support program activities. A total of \$207,625 in previously allocated funding was not expended and remains available.

The Division is requesting \$207,625 in additional appropriation authority to utilize this remaining balance.

Commitment Item: 590:00:46  
Fund Center: BI4

Sincerely,

Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education

GR:kh



Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
GOVERNOR

Hugh McDonald  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

BA: 0790  
FA: COMM  
FC: CE3  
Fund: NDE1400  
CI: 590:00:46  
Cash Balance as of 03/18/2026:  
\$29,864,724.99 (agency has  
corresponding request for a funds  
transfer of 25m)  
KDR

March 16, 2026

Jim Hudson  
Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 Cash Appropriation Request

Dear Secretary Hudson:

Pursuant to Section 27 of Act 1006 of 2025, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) requests FY2026 Cash Appropriation, totaling \$25,000,000, funded by a transfer from the Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside as authorized in Section 3(a)(8) of Act 1017 of 2025. This appropriation will be used by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for Site Infrastructure Grants and Economic Stimulus activities throughout the state.

BA: 0790  
Func. Area: COMM  
Funds Center: CE3  
Fund: NDE1400  
Commitment Item: 590:00:46

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Hugh McDonald  
Secretary