

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Suspension of the Rules Request
ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
1:00 p.m. or 15 Minutes Upon Adjournment of ALC Occupational Licensing
Room A, MAC

A. American Rescue Plan Appropriation Request (FY2025)

Direct Federal Award

1. Department of Health

B. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request (FY2025)

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Drug Task Force

C. Cash Fund Appropriation Request (FY2025)

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Drug Task Force



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June 17, 2024

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
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RE: Supplemental Items

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the enclosed requests. These items were received after the deadline for submission to your Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, but we are requesting inclusion in this month's review.

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson
Secretary



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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
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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 that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Department of Health – Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity –
Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) \$960,891

Sincerely,

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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**

FY25

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases
 Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control CFDA #: 93.323
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The ELC (Epidemiology & Laboratory capacity) grant has issued supplemental funding for Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) to build Infrastructure by establishing sequencing and analytic capacity building in microbial genomics and bioinformatics as well to further the development of AMD capacity in health departments. In order for pathogen genomic sequence data to impact public health, the data will need to be integrated most effectively with their corresponding epidemiologic or clinical data, analyzed together, and interpreted. While the AMD program has always supported activities that further this objective, with the funding described here, the program intends to accelerate progress by modernizing infectious disease laboratories, continuing 2 additional staff, training, and expanding the applications of these new technologies to ensure the strongest protection against infectious disease threats.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645K Direct Funding: X
 Fds Center: AM1 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: X

	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: 590:00:46	960,891
Other:	
Total	\$ 960,891

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 7/31/2024

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 *
	HL34		610471	22179870	501:00:00	ADH Laboratory Manager	B047C	GS09	
	HL34		610471	22179871	501:00:00	Senior Microbiologist	B127C	GS08	

* unclassified positions only

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: Renee Mallory 6/14/24 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date
Robert Brech 6/14/2024 Office of Budget Date
Kay Baumbull 6/14/24 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
 dy 6/14/2024

Arkansas Department of Health

American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request – Overview \$2,700,394.00 Award from the CDC-ELC AMD SEQUENCING & Analytics of SARS-CoV-2 “To establish AMD Sequencing in State Laboratories” Populations and Rural Communities

Background:

The rapid emergence and global spread of SARS-CoV-2, the pathogen that causes COVID-19, highlights the threat posed by novel pathogens. One of the most versatile tools in understanding and guiding the response to these emergences is genomic sequencing. While the ability to decode microbial genomes has existed since the 1970s, the advent of high throughput DNA sequencing, also called next-generation sequencing, has greatly expanded the use of these technologies in public health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the Arkansas department of health, \$2,700,394.00 thru the ELC Enhancing Detection award using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

Purpose:

The Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) program is currently being funded to build the infrastructure to protect America’s health and building capacity in national, state and local public health laboratories. Modernizing infectious disease laboratories, training staff, and expanding the application of these new technologies will ensure that Americans have the strongest protection against infectious disease threats. The purpose of the current supplemental funding is to establish sequencing and analytic capacity building in microbial genomics and bioinformatics as well as to further the development of AMD capacity in health departments. In order for pathogen genomic sequence data to most effectively impact public health, the data will need to be integrated with their corresponding epidemiologic or clinical data, analyzed together, and interpreted. While the AMD program has always supported activities that further this objective, with the funding described here, the program intends to accelerate progress by enabling state and local health departments to make the long-term investments in workforce and/or infrastructure that are necessary to achieve it.

Goals:

The following activities will be accomplished within the ADH-Public Health Laboratory. Hiring two additional staff to establish a new Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) Laboratory Section for sequencing to effectively increase sequencing capabilities for SARS-CoV-2 and other emerging infections and conditions of public health significance. Additionally, Next Generation Sequencing equipment will be purchased along with reagents to sequence SARS-CoV-2 and other emerging infection diseases.

Establishing a dedicated AMD Laboratory Section will enhance and expand laboratory informatics to improve visibility of laboratory Bioinformatics to enable faster data exchange and reporting thru electronic Laboratory reporting (ELR). This will allow for established Laboratory Information Management Systems (LIMS) to increase data flow thru the LIMS maintenance and configure new modules and enhancements.

Sustainability:

The end goal of establishing a dedicated AMD Laboratory Unit will build up an already close collaborative effort with the ADH-Department of Epidemiology. This in-house laboratory generated ADM sequencing data will integrate genomic and epidemiologic data so it can more quickly contribute to responses to the pandemic. The ELC and Laboratory Capacity network will continue to build the Sequencing and Informatics activities to identify and report on other emerging infectious disease threats to ensure the strongest protection for the future of Arkansas.



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RE: FY 25 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023 (3), as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer –	
Drug Task Force Operations – Various General Discretionary	
Majority Vote Set-Aside	\$4,000,000

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson
Cabinet Secretary

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Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
Secretary's Office
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$4,000,000 from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions of Act 561 of 2023, Section 18.

The Department will utilize this funding for grants for the Drug Task Force operations. Allocations will be determined by the Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator, who will work directly with Prosecutors and Drug Task Force commanders to determine needs and allocate accordingly.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey
DFA Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator



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RE: FY25 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

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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer of \$4,000,000 in appropriation for SFY 2025 from the Cash Fund Holding Appropriation as authorized in Act 152 of 2024, Section 27 (1) as follows:

From:
Business Area 0620, Fund 9990000, Fund Center A08, Commitment Item 590:00:33

To:
Business Area 0620, Fund NDP1000, Fund Center (New), Commitment Item 510:00:04

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

Sincerely,

Alan McVey
Chief of Staff/CFO

cc: Melanie Hazeslip