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November 5, 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 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (01) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- SAU-Tech – HVAC Upgrades \$116,233
- UA Little Rock – Tuition & Fee Recovery, Auxiliary Services \$4,065,876
- UACC Batesville–Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students \$119,225
- South Arkansas Community College – Student Support for Educational Continuity \$56,775
- Educational Television – Stabilization Grants for Public Television and Radio Stations \$696,369
- Department of Health – Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response \$18,649,972
- Department of Health – Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program \$934,626
- Department of Health – Strengthening STD Prevention-Coronavirus Disease Supplemental \$1,743,229
- Department of Health – Immunization and Vaccines for Children \$2,215,560



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- UA Pulaski Technical College – Reimbursement for PPE and Technology Related Expenses, Reimbursement for Payroll Related COVID-19 Expenses, COVID-19 Expenses for PPE, Student Aid and Technology-Related Expenses \$7,639,958
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services – Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant \$377,491
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services – Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services \$12,487,030
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services–Older Americans Act for Congregate Meals \$2,730,474
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services–Older Americans Act for Family Caregivers \$1,353,905
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services–Older Americans Act for Home Delivered Meals \$4,095,710
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services–Older Americans Act for Ombudsman Program \$91,016
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services–Older Americans Act for Preventive Health \$400,469
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services – Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant \$10,947,991
- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services – Older Americans Act for Supportive Services \$4,186,726
- Department of Human Services – Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education – Office of Head Start \$201,012
- Department of Transportation – Assistance to Intercity Agencies Greyhound Lines and Jefferson Lines \$1,966,902



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Pursuant to Section 38 (02) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Human Services – Medical Services Division – Hospital COVID Surge Staff Funding Proposal \$0

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther  
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Southern Arkansas University Tech Business Area Code: 0115

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund

Granting Organization: U.S Dept. of Education CFDA #: 84.425M

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5.29.20 Ending: 3.7.22

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III(HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARF), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Functional Area Code: UNIV Fund Code: 217ARPA Direct  
Funds Center Code: DS1 Internal Order/WBS Element \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                          |
| Extra Help                   |                          |
| Personal Services Matching   |                          |
| Operating Expenses           | Wi-Fi Upgrades (116,398) |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                          |
| Professional Fees            |                          |
| Capital Outlay               | HVAC Upgrades 232,631    |
| Data Processing              |                          |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      |                          |
| Other:                       |                          |
| Other:                       |                          |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 116,233</b>        |

WIFI covered by other grant award. Reallocate to HVAC Project. Adding Supplemental funding to HVAC Project

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 2022

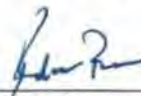
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**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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Approved by:  9/22/21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date  
CH 9/24/21

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

September 27, 2021

Mr. Larry Walther, Director  
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration  
P. O. Box 3278  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Mr. Walther:

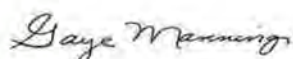
Please accept this letter as an additional appropriation request from Southern Arkansas University Tech and a reallocation of previously approved appropriation.

The College received additional stimulus funding through the Education Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$116,233. The purpose and intent of this funding is for institutional purposes such as technology upgrades, air filtration, lost revenues, PPE, and other needs directly impacted by the pandemic.

In addition to the appropriation request, the College is requesting the previously approved amount \$116,398 for WIFI upgrades be reallocated the campus HVAC project. The College received a FIPSE Grant through the US Department of Education for the purposes of upgrading classroom technology, upgrading the email system and upgrading campus WIFI. As a result of this award, we believe it will serve the college best to shift additional funds from the stimulus funding to the HVAC project. By shifting funds we will be able to upgrade the HVAC in the original gymnasium facility, which is now used for workforce education and training, in addition to Shumaker Hall and the Technical Engineering Building.

Attached is a copy of the additional institutional stimulus award along with copies the HVAC estimates per building. Thank you for your assistance to this request.

Sincerely,



Gaye Manning  
Vice Chancellor for Finance & Administration

## Preliminary Construction Cost Opinion

Replace Existing AC Units - Shumaker

SAU Tech - Camden, AR

17-Jun-21

01-21-0103

Bernhard TME

MEPS Cost

| Item   | Quantity   | Units    | Unit Cost |          |        |          | Total Cost / Equip.<br>Installation |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
|  |            |          | Labor     | Material | Equip. | Combined |                                     |
| New AC Unit (Split Sys. DX, 80% Gas Furnace) | 28         | ea       | 2,750     | 1,000    | 4,000  |          | \$217,000                           |
| Return Plenum Modifications - wood to metal  | 28         | ea       |           |          |        | 500      | \$14,000                            |
| New DOAS Unit (Ventilation air system)       | 3          | ea       | 15,000    | 5,000    | 17,000 |          | \$111,000                           |
| HVAC Demo                                    | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 8,000    | \$8,000                             |
| AHU Controls                                 | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| Sheet Metal and Insulation                   | 3          | ea       |           |          |        | 35,000   | \$105,000                           |
| Test & Balance                               | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| <b>HVAC Subtotal</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$475,000</b>                    |
| HVAC Equipment Power                         | 28         | lump     |           |          |        | 500      | \$14,000                            |
| DOAS Unit power                              | 3          | ea       |           |          |        | 3,500    | \$10,500                            |
| Fire Alarm                                   | 31         | ea       |           |          |        | 500      | \$15,500                            |
| <b>Electrical Subtotal</b>                   |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$40,000</b>                     |
| <b>Subtotal (\$)</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$515,000</b>                    |
| <b>Contingency (%)</b>                       | <b>10</b>  | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$51,500</b>                     |
| <b>Design Fee</b>                            | <b>7.5</b> | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$38,625</b>                     |
| <b>Total Budget Cost (\$)</b>                |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$605,125</b>                    |

## Preliminary Construction Cost Opinion

Replace Existing AC Units - Old Gym

SAU Tech - Camden, AR

17-Jun-21

01-21-0103

Bernhard TME

MEPS Cost

| Item   | Quantity   | Units    | Unit Cost |          |        |          | Total Cost / Equip.<br>Installation |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
|  |            |          | Labor     | Material | Equip. | Combined |                                     |
| New AC Unit (Split Sys. DX, 80% Gas Furnace) | 2          | ea       | 3,500     | 1,000    | 4,600  |          | \$18,200                            |
| Unit Support Modifications - support frame   | 2          | ea       |           |          |        | 500      | \$1,000                             |
| New AHU Gym (30T, 10,500 cfm)                | 1          | ea       | 25,000    | 20,000   | 40,000 |          | \$85,000                            |
| HVAC Demo                                    | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| AHU Controls                                 | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| Sheet Metal and Insulation                   | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 40,000   | \$40,000                            |
| Test & Balance                               | 1          | ea       |           |          |        | 7,500    | \$7,500                             |
| <b>HVAC Subtotal</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$171,700</b>                    |
| HVAC Equipment Power                         | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 18,000   | \$18,000                            |
| Fire Alarm                                   | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 5,000    | \$5,000                             |
| <b>Electrical Subtotal</b>                   |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$23,000</b>                     |
| <b>Subtotal (\$)</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$194,700</b>                    |
| <b>Contingency (%)</b>                       | <b>10</b>  | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$19,470</b>                     |
| <b>Design Fee</b>                            | <b>7.5</b> | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$14,603</b>                     |
| <b>Total Budget Cost (\$)</b>                |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$228,773</b>                    |

## Preliminary Construction Cost Opinion

Replace Existing AC Units - Tech

SAU Tech - Camden, AR

17-Jun-21

01-21-0103

Bernhard TME

MEPS Cost

| Item   | Quantity   | Units    | Unit Cost |          |        |          | Total Cost / Equip.<br>Installation |
|--|------------|----------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
|  |            |          | Labor     | Material | Equip. | Combined |                                     |
| New AC Unit (Split Sys. DX, 80% Gas Furnace) | 44         | ea       | 2,750     | 1,000    | 4,000  |          | \$341,000                           |
| New DOAS Unit (Ventilation air system)       | 3          | ea       | 15,000    | 5,000    | 17,000 |          | \$111,000                           |
| HVAC Demo                                    | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| AHU Controls                                 | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 10,000   | \$10,000                            |
| Sheet Metal and Insulation                   | 3          | ea       |           |          |        | 35,000   | \$105,000                           |
| Test & Balance                               | 1          | lump     |           |          |        | 15,000   | \$15,000                            |
| <b>HVAC Subtotal</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$592,000</b>                    |
| HVAC Equipment Power                         | 44         | lump     |           |          |        | 500      | \$22,000                            |
| DOAS Unit power                              | 3          | ea       |           |          |        | 3,500    | \$10,500                            |
| Fire Alarm                                   | 47         | ea       |           |          |        | 500      | \$23,500                            |
| <b>Electrical Subtotal</b>                   |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$56,000</b>                     |
| <b>Subtotal (\$)</b>                         |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$648,000</b>                    |
| <b>Contingency (%)</b>                       | <b>10</b>  | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$64,800</b>                     |
| <b>Design Fee</b>                            | <b>7.5</b> | <b>%</b> |           |          |        |          | <b>\$48,600</b>                     |
| <b>Total Budget Cost (\$)</b>                |            |          |           |          |        |          | <b>\$761,400</b>                    |

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: University of Arkansas at Little Rock Business Area Code: 0145

Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F & 84.425M

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2021

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

The Higher Education Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021. This grant provides support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please see the attached letter for the spending plan.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 201ARPA Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: D56 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|   | 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) - Tuition & Fees Lost Revenue     | 3,049,407              |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04) - Auxiliary Services Lost Revenue | 1,016,469              |
| Other:  |                        |
| <b>Total</b>  | \$ <b>4,065,876</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 10/31/2022

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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)**

\* unclassified positions only

| 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:  10/12/2021  11-4-21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

CH 10/12/21



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR  
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK

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October 8, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 997 of 2021

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock respectfully requests review of the attached appropriation request from the American Rescue Plan Act to reimburse lost revenues from tuition & fees and auxiliary services for the 2021-22 fiscal year.

The total funding to be disbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for UA Little Rock is \$4,065,876. Please see the attached forms & documentation, which support our request and details the status of our grants.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this appropriation request and spending proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina S. Drale'.

Christina S. Drale, Chancellor  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
[csdrale@ualr.edu](mailto:csdrale@ualr.edu)

## **Attachment A.1**

Pursuant to Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UA Little Rock) respectfully requests review of the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act to reimburse lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees.

On Jun 28, 2021 UA Little Rock requested an appropriation of \$11,858,721 to (1) provide emergency grant/aid to students; (2) reimburse for lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees; and (3) reimburse for expenses incurred with the monitoring and suppressing of the coronavirus, technology, and financial aid outreach.

UA Little Rock requests an appropriation of \$4,065,876. UA Little Rock proposes to disburse additional funds to reimburse for lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees.

## Attachment A.2

### University of Arkansas at Little Rock American Recovery Plan Act 2021 Schedule of Awards & Appropriations

| Award                            | Award Amount         | Appropriated Amount  | Unappropriated Amount | November 2021 Request | Remaining Funds     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| ARPA Award Student Portion       | 9,766,800.00         | 6,122,729.00         | 3,644,071.00          | -                     | 3,644,071.00        |
| ARPA Award Institutional Portion | 8,987,784.00         | 5,735,992.00         | 3,251,792.00          | 3,251,792.00          | -                   |
| ARPA Award SIP Institutional     | 814,084.00           | -                    | 814,084.00            | 814,084.00            | -                   |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <u>19,568,668.00</u> | <u>11,858,721.00</u> | <u>7,709,947.00</u>   | <u>4,065,876.00</u>   | <u>3,644,071.00</u> |

#### History of Appropriation Requests:

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Total ARPA Awards   | 19,568,668.00              |
| Appropriation Request 6/28/2021                           | (11,858,721.00)            |
| Appropriation Request - November 2021 Legislative Meeting | <u>(4,065,876.00)</u>      |
| Remaining Available Funds                                 | <u><u>3,644,071.00</u></u> |

#### November 2021 Legislative Meeting Appropriation Requests:

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| ARPA Award Institutional Portion          | 3,251,792.00               |
| ARPA Award SIP Institutional              | 814,084.00                 |
| Total November 2021 Appropriation Request | <u><u>4,065,876.00</u></u> |

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville Business Area Code: 0168

Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

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

See attached cover letter with budget detail explanation.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Functional Area Code: UNIV Fund Code: 279ARPA Direct funding: X  
Funds Center Code: D62 Internal Order/WBS Element \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 119,225                |
| Other: Lost Revenue          |                        |
| Other: Payroll Reimbursement |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 119,225</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 05/14/2022

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Approved by:  9/30/21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

 11-4-21  
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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September 30, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Act 997 of 2021

Dear Secretary Walther:

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB) has been provided a great opportunity to support our students during the COVID-19 period through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021. UACCB submits a supplemental appropriation request for the student and institutional portions of these funds for use in FY2022.

UACCB respectfully requests a review of appropriation from ARPA to (1) provide direct grants to student for emergency relief within the provisions provided by the U.S. Department of Education.

**Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

**\$119,225**

UACCB will distribute emergency grants to students during the Fall 2021 semester from the previous student portion, and some institutional funds, of ARPA. In accordance with the request to prioritize students with the greatest financial need, students with the lowest estimated family contribution (EFC) will receive additional funding. This is a per-hour calculation based on current Fall 2021 enrollment.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit the UACCB supplemental appropriation request and spending plan. In addition, to the information provided in this letter and documents provided, I am available to answer any questions by phone, (870) 612-2001, or email, zach.perrine@uaccb.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Zach Perrine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Zach Perrine  
Interim Chancellor

University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville

P.O. Box 3350 / Batesville, Arkansas 72503-3350 / 870-612-2000 / Fax 870-793-4988

UACCB is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: South Arkansas Community College Business Area Code: 0193  
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)  
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: 221ARPA CC: 149640 Direct Funding:   
 Funds Center: D70 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             | 40,500                 |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   | 16,275                 |
| Operating Expenses           |                        |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 56,775</b>       |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/22

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Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9/30/21 \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11-4-21  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director      Office of Budget      Office of Personnel Mgmt

# South Arkansas Community College

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



September 29, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk) respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 to pay for a portion of salaries and fringe benefits for new employees engaged in academic and other student support related to educational continuity during the pandemic.

This request is for FY2022. The total funding to be dispersed from the American Rescue Plan portion of the Education Stabilization Fund for this request for SouthArk is \$56,775. Please find the attached support documentation for this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bentley Wallace'.

Bentley Wallace, President  
South Arkansas Community College

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Educational Television-AR PBS Business Area Code: 0516

Program Title: Corporation for Public Broadcasting American Rescue Plan Act Stabilization Grants

Granting Organization: Corporation for Public Broadcasting CFDA #: No CFDA # (See attached)

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 04/15/2021 Ending: 06/30/2022

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

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. It provided CPB with \$175 million and authorized fiscal stabilization grants (hereinafter "American Rescue Act Stabilization Grants" or "Stabilization Grants") to public telecommunications entities to maintain their programming and services and to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: FRP5161 Direct Funding:    
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: P.0516.CPBRESCUE2021 Steering Comm. Approved:

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                        |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   |                        |
| Operating Expenses           | 696,369                |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ <b>696,369</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: Indefinite

**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)**

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Approved by: *Constance P. Ryan* 11/1/2021 *Robert P. ...* 11-4-21  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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## **Attachment A**

Arkansas PBS requests approval of appropriation to utilize American Rescue Act Stabilization funding from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). CPB received direct appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act to help public television and radio stations continue their services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Arkansas PBS intends to utilize these funds to maintain programming services through payments for purchased programming that are integral to the operation of public television in Arkansas.

We ask your approval of this spending plan to allow continued public broadcasting services to the citizens of Arkansas.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645

Program Title: Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response

Granting Organization: Department of Health and Human Services/CDC CFDA #: 93.354

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
The COVID-19 pandemic exposed gaps and challenges in the infrastructure of states not being equipped for responding to a massive and complex disease outbreak. ADH will utilize this funding to support augmenting current Information Technology (IT) staff to provide updates to applications and IT infrastructure, staffing for call centers, data entry and to staff additional Registered Nurses at Local Public Health Units. These Registered Nurses will provide healthcare for patients with COVID-19 and provide vaccine support to the local communities. Additionally, this funding will be used to support existing ADH contracts to recruit, hire, and train an increased amount of personnel to join the Arkansas COVID-19 response. Each contractor will be encouraged to use CDC's Social Vulnerability Index data and tools to inform jurisdiction COVID-19 planning, response, and hiring strategies.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                        |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   |                        |
| Operating Expenses           | 18,649,972             |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ 18,649,972          |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2023

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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)**

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Approved by:  
Jesse R. Rando 10/4/21 Robert Z... 11-4-21  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

**Arkansas Department of Health  
Appropriation Request – Overview  
\$18,649,972 Award from the  
CDC Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response**

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## **Background**

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Act provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic on the economy; public health; state, tribal, local, and territorial governments; individuals; and businesses. To support the governmental public health response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is activating CDC-RFA-TP18-1802 Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response. CDC is awarding funding to the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response Systems \$18,649,972 to establish, expand, and sustain a public health workforce.

## **Purpose**

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed gaps and challenges in the infrastructure of states not being equipped for responding to a massive and complex disease outbreak. ADH will utilize this funding to support augmenting current Information Technology (IT) staff to provide updates to applications and IT infrastructure, staffing for call centers, data entry and to staff additional Registered Nurses at Local Public Health Units. These Registered Nurses will provide healthcare for patients with COVID-19 and provide vaccine support to the local communities. Additionally, this funding will be used to support existing ADH contracts to recruit, hire, and train an increased amount of personnel to join the Arkansas COVID-19 response. Each contractor will be encouraged to use CDC's Social Vulnerability Index data and tools to inform jurisdiction COVID-19 planning, response, and hiring strategies.

## **Goals**

### **IT Related Projects:**

1. ADH will provide funding to an existing contract (existing contract) to provide ADH with technical coordination and guidance regarding the laboratory onboarding process.

### **Project Deliverables**

- Work with hospitals, labs, AIMS, Office of Health Information Technology, etc., to conduct eCR and eICR onboarding processes for laboratory and testing facilities providing COVID-19 and other reportable data for Arkansas residents.
  - Assess ADH onboarding process and provide ADH with recommendations to improve and expand onboarding and reporting processes.
  - Produce reports and information using electronic data from reporting entities to relevant stakeholders, MAVEN, and the CDC.
  - Develop SQL queries for ADH Epidemiology leadership and other stakeholders as needed.
2. ADH will provide funding to an existing contract to provide IT services and administrative management of a technical resource to assist on projects under the daily technical direction of the ADH/IT. This IT staff augmentation will result in a minimum of 20 contracted positions, possibly more added later.

### **Project Deliverables**

- Recruiting a qualified resource according to the scope outlined in corresponding DIR contract Job Descriptions
  - Payroll the resource
  - Provide administrative oversight of the resource
  - Provide timely time and materials invoicing
3. ADH will provide funding to an existing contract to provide two positions that will work on creating a new outbreak system to handle COVID and any future disease outbreaks. The new system will handle processing of vaccine information from any source of information into ADH. Processes will be developed to bill private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare for the vaccine and administration. They will also be developing a process to send this information to WEBIZ the states registry for all vaccines. They will also be developing and audit trail and logging of each of the steps of importing the data. Automated daily reports will be developed to let ADH know of the status of vaccines imported, billed, and sent to WEBIZ.

**Project Deliverables**

- This project will require the Developer to have experience with SQL programming with ability to create SSIS packages.
- The Developer will receive spreadsheets and scanned images of paper forms that contain covid testing and vaccination info. This data is loaded manually into SQL and uses Rhapsody to billed the EDI 837 files.
- This position will work with DHS Developers who have Rhapsody experience to design a system that automates the process of receiving the spreadsheets.

**Non-IT Related Projects:**

4. ADH will provide funding to existing contracts to employ Registered Nurses to help vaccinate and educate our community in response to COVID-19. If the two current staffing agencies are unable to fill the request, ADH will competitively bid other vendors to fill the request.

**Project Deliverables**

- Ensure safe and proper handling and administration of COVID-19 vaccine,
- Perform physical assessments and follow proper technique in administering vaccination,
- Maintain accurate and timely documentation of all vaccination activities,
- Formulate care plans and educate patients regarding vaccination process, possible adverse reactions, and isolation/quarantine practices,
- Perform all duties and functions in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations,
- Adhere to infection control procedures,
- Maintain confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA,
- Conduct trainings on Covid mitigation strategies.
- Perform professional public health nursing services focusing on prevention for COVID19,
- Collaborate with vulnerable populations and community partners to ensure optimal health, especially as it relates to COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, food plants, and other areas,
- Utilize data on community health needs related to COVID-19 to provide health education, promote optimal health practices, and mitigate disease spread,
- Investigate COVID-19 in diverse settings and makes recommendations for control,
- Present health education and transmission risks related to COVID-19,
- Instruct others on prevention and care of COVID-19,
- Interview clients to obtain health histories and/or health co-morbidities,
- Obtain laboratory data.

5. ADH will provide funding to an existing contract to supply pre-vetted candidates to fulfill staffing for the hours of 8am to 8pm, seven days per week.

**Project Deliverables**

- Data Entry for COVID-19 test results.
- Fax Triage for COVID-19 test results faxed in to ADH main office.
- Operation of a School COVID-19 hotline.

6. ADH will provide funding to an existing contract to employ lab technicians to support all COVID-19 testing efforts, twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week. To meet this mandate, the Public Health Laboratory must have specimen receiving, data entry and testing labs continuously open.

**Project Deliverables**

- Data Entry
- Receiving COVID-19 samples
- Continue operation of biosafety cabinets

**Sustainability**

This funding is listed as one-time funding and intended to address needs which emerged or were exacerbated by the pandemic.

## ADH Legislative Review Summary

Date Completed: 10/1/2021

*This is an internal document to assist ADH leadership with answering questions that may be asked at legislative meetings.*

|  |                                 |  |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Center or Office:</b> OPERS   | <b>Branch:</b><br>Preparedness  | <b>Section/Unit/Program Name:</b><br>HPP and Logistics Section |   |   |
| <b>Action to be Reviewed:</b> Appropriation Request  |                                 | <b>If other, explain:</b> N/A                                  |   |   |
| <b>Vendor Name:</b> Multiple   |                                 | <b>Vendor Location:</b> N/A                                    |   |   |
| <b>Geographic Area(s) Served:</b> Statewide  |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Amount of this Action:</b><br>\$18,649,972  |                                 | <b>Contract/Agreement #:</b><br>NU90TP922173-01-00             |   | <b>Purchase Order #:</b><br>N/A               |
| <b>Funding Source:</b> Federal - ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)   |                                 | <b>If other, explain:</b> N/A                                  |   |   |
| <b>Procurement Method:</b> <i>Other</i>  |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Summary of Procurement Process</b> (when conducted, # of responses, # of awards, etc.):<br>Existing contracts or state preferred vendors.   |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>If Sole Source or Special Procurement, reason:</b><br>N/A   |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Term of Action:</b><br>36 months  | <b>Is this a renewal?</b><br>NA | <b>Amendment #:</b><br>NA                                      | <b>Is Contract/Sub-grant Renewable?</b><br>NA | <b>If yes, # of renewals available?</b><br>NA |
| <b>Original Term:</b> 7/01/2021 to 6/30/2023   |                                 | <b>Total Projected Cost:</b> \$18,649,972                      |   |   |
| <b>Importance of Program/Contract/Sub-grant (Statement of Need):</b><br>The COVID-19 pandemic exposed gaps and challenges in the infrastructure of states not being equipped for responding to a massive and complex disease outbreak. ADH will utilize this funding to support augmenting current Information Technology (IT) staff to provide updates to applications and IT infrastructure, staffing for call centers, data entry and to staff additional Registered Nurses at Local Public Health Units. These Registered Nurses will provide healthcare for patients with COVID-19 and to provide vaccine support to the local communities. Additionally, this funding will be used to support existing ADH contracts to recruit, hire, and train an increased amount of personnel to join the Arkansas COVID-19 response. Each contractor will be encouraged to use CDC's Social Vulnerability Index data and tools to inform jurisdiction COVID-19 planning, response, and hiring strategies. |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Overview of Request - Objectives, Scope, and Performance/Purpose of Amendment</b><br>(For contracts, use same description from the Form SRV-1 or SRV-1A):   |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>IT Related Projects:</b>  |                                 |  |   |   |
| 1. (\$2,000,000) ADH has contracted with <b>Orchestrate Healthcare Consulting, LLC</b> (existing contract) to provide ADH with technical coordination and guidance regarding the laboratory onboarding process.  |                                 |  |   |   |
| <b>Project Deliverables</b>  |                                 |  |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with hospitals, labs, AIMS, Office of Health Information Technology, etc., to conduct eCR and eICR onboarding processes for laboratory and testing facilities providing COVID-19 and other reportable data for Arkansas residents.</li> <li>• Assess ADH onboarding process and provide ADH with recommendations to improve and expand onboarding and reporting processes.</li> <li>• Produce reports and information using electronic data from reporting entities to relevant stakeholders, MAVEN, and the CDC.</li> </ul>   |                                 |  |   |   |

- Develop SQL queries for ADH Epidemiology leadership and other stakeholders as needed.
2. (\$3,436,000) ADH has contracted with **TEKsystems** (existing contract) to provide IT services and administrative management of a technical resource to assist on projects under the daily technical direction of the ADH/IT. This IT staff augmentation will result in a minimum of 20 contracted positions, possibly more added later.

**Project Deliverables**

- Recruiting a qualified resource according to the scope outlined in corresponding DIR contract Job Descriptions
  - Payroll the resource
  - Provide administrative oversight of the resource
  - Provide timely time and materials invoicing
3. (\$564,000) ADH will contract with **Computer Aid Inc (CAI)** (not an existing contract but is a state preferred vendor) to provide two positions that will work on creating a new outbreak system to handle COVID and any future disease outbreaks. The new system will handle processing of vaccine information from any source of information into ADH. Processes will be developed to bill private insurance, Medicaid, and Medicare for the vaccine and administration. They will also be developing a process to send this information to WEBIZ the states registry for all vaccines. They will also be developing and audit trail and logging of each of the steps of importing the data. Automated daily reports will be developed to let ADH know of the status of vaccines imported, billed, and sent to WEBIZ.

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- This position will work with DHS Developers who have Rhapsody experience to design a system that automates the process of receiving the spreadsheets.

**Non-IT Related Projects:**

4. (\$8,649,972) ADH has contracted with **Elite Medical Staffing** and **Amy Squared** (existing contracts) to employ Registered Nurses to help vaccinate and educate our community in response to COVID-19. If the two current staffing agencies are unable to fill the request, ADH will competitively bid other vendors to fill the request.

**Project Deliverables**

- Ensure safe and proper handling and administration of COVID-19 vaccine,
- Perform physical assessments and follow proper technique in administering vaccination,
- Maintain accurate and timely documentation of all vaccination activities,
- Formulate care plans and educate patients regarding vaccination process, possible adverse reactions, and isolation/quarantine practices,
- Perform all duties and functions in compliance with state and federal laws and regulations,
- Adhere to infection control procedures,
- Maintain confidentiality in accordance with HIPAA,
- Conduct trainings on Covid mitigation strategies.
- Perform professional public health nursing services focusing on prevention for COVID19,
- Collaborate with vulnerable populations and community partners to ensure optimal health, especially as it relates to COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities, food plants, and other areas,
- Utilize data on community health needs related to COVID-19 to provide health education, promote optimal health practices, and mitigate disease spread,
- Investigate COVID-19 in diverse settings and makes recommendations for control,
- Present health education and transmission risks related to COVID-19,
- Instruct others on prevention and care of COVID-19,
- Interview clients to obtain health histories and/or health co-morbidities,
- Obtain laboratory data.

5. (\$2,000,000) ADH has contracted with **TalenTrust** (existing contract) to supply pre-vetted candidates to fulfill staffing for the hours of 8am to 8pm, seven days per week.

**Project Deliverables**

- Data Entry for COVID-19 test results.
- Fax Triage for COVID-19 test results faxed in to ADH main office.
- Operation of a School COVID-19 hotline.

6. (\$2,000,000) ADH has contracted with **Amy Squared** (existing contract) to employ lab technicians to support all COVID-19 testing efforts, twenty-four hours a day, seven days per week. To meet this mandate, the Public Health Laboratory must have specimen receiving, data entry and testing labs continuously open.

**Project Deliverables**

- Data Entry
- Receiving COVID-19 samples
- Continue operation of biosafety cabinets

**Method for Monitoring/Accountability:**

Vendors will badge in and out to track time spent working on related projects.  
 Vendors will keep sign in/out sheets.  
 Vendors will be responsive to contractor issues and work to resolve those immediately.

**Additional pertinent information about this action:**

N/A

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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

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Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645  
 Program Title: Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program  
 Granting Organization: Dept of Health & Human Services/Health Res & Svs Admin CFDA #: 93.870  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

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

HRSA is issuing American Rescue Plan (ARP) awards to current MIECHV grant recipients to support home visiting activities that address needs of parents, children, and families related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Current home visiting staff need training to address families need during the pandemic. This includes providing services in a virtual and virtual blended method. Improving breastfeeding initiation and maintenance rates in Arkansas is a priority for the state's Maternal Infant Child Home Visiting (MIECHV) program and more lactation counselors are needed. Screening for partner violence has been challenging during the pandemic due to a lack of privacy and security concerns. ADH will use the ARP funds to support the home visiting work force and address the needs of expectant parents and families with young children during the COVID-19 pandemic based on the categories of allowable costs. Households that meet the following criteria receive priority focus: low-income, history of child abuse or neglect, history of tobacco/substance abuse, low student achievement, developmental delays, disabilities, or military. The ADH Home Visiting program will address breastfeeding, partner violence, staff training needs, identify technology needs, evaluation, and provide supplies to support families during the pandemic.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|  | Program Funding Amount |
|--|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries                         |                        |
| Extra Help                               |                        |
| Personal Services Matching               |                        |
| Operating Expenses                       | 60,200                 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses             |                        |
| Professional Fees                        |                        |
| Capital Outlay                           |                        |
| Data Processing                          |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)                  | 714,213                |
| Other: Lactation Counselor Certification | 66,750                 |
| Other: Administrative Cost               | 93,463                 |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$ 934,626</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2023

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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)**

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Approved by:

Jose R. Sanchez 10/2/21  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 11-4-21  
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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**Arkansas Department of Health  
Appropriation Request – Overview  
\$934,626 Award from the  
HRSA American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Home Visiting**

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### **Background**

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have brought additional challenges to families with young children, especially in low-income and at-risk communities. HRSA is issuing American Rescue Plan (ARP) awards to current MIECHV grant recipients to support home visiting activities that address needs of parents, children, and families related to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Needs identified for Arkansas home visiting programs include:

- training for home visiting staff on service delivery options and screening for partner violence,
- improving breastfeeding initiation and duration rates,
- provision of supplies to families and supporting homeless families, and
- identifying technology and evaluation needs of home visiting programs.

The effective period of the award is May 1, 2021 – September 30, 2023.

### **Purpose**

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in conjunction with the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Home Visiting Network and the ADH Nurse Family Partnership, will use the ARP funds to support home visiting activities that address the identified needs of families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Addressing identified needs of staff training, breastfeeding initiation and duration rates, technology, and evaluation concerns, and supporting families through the provision of supplies will enrich home visiting programming, enhance program deliverables, and improve health outcomes for participating families.

### **Goals**

- Improve breastfeeding initiation and duration rates by providing Lactation Counselor Certification (CLC) training for 25 home visitors.
- Improve virtual and virtual blended service delivery by providing training to home visitors.
- Enhance methods of screening for partner violence during a pandemic where lack of privacy and security concerns are an issue by providing training to home visitors.
- Provide support to an estimated 1,451 families, including homeless families by offering supplies such as but not limited to masks, hand sanitizer, wipes, thermometers, infant formula, and non-perishable food items, to families in counties identified as at-risk in the 2019 MIECHV needs assessment. These counties include Arkansas, Ashley, Conway, Crittenden, Garland, Greene, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Miller, Mississippi, Phillips, and St. Francis.
- Identify technology and evaluation needs of home visiting programs to improve service deliverables.

### **Sustainability**

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Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645

Program Title: Strengthening STD Prevention Coronavirus Disease Supplemental

Granting Organization: DHHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CFDA #: 93.977

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant/ Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Infectious Disease Branch through the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Prevention Program will use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) developed core Disease Intervention Specialist training curriculum to expand efforts for STD, tuberculosis, and hepatitis C. The DIS training curriculum is specialized to public health and strategic infectious disease program needs. Activities include case investigations and contact tracing, linkage to prevention and oversight, and outbreak response for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases. The STD Prevention Program will partner with other entities through a statewide competitive selection process for program implementation.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Fune. Area: HMS Fund Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             |                        |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   |                        |
| Operating Expenses           | 208,229                |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            | 200,000                |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 1,335,000              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ <b>1,743,229</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2023

**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)**

\* unclassified positions only

| Org Unit | Pers Area | Pers SubArea | Cost Center | Position Number | Comnt Item | Position Title | Class Code | Grade | Line Item Maximum* |
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Approved by:

Joe Ke 8/13/21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

John Z... 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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## Arkansas Department of Health

### Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments: CDC DIS Workforce Development– Overview \$1,743,229 Award from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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#### Background

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2). This act provides additional relief to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the economy; public health; and state and local governments. To support the governmental public health response to COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is awarding additional supplement funding to state STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) Prevention Programs through the current CDC-RFA-PS19-1901 grant. The CDC intends to make these resources available over a five-year period to the state Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Program. The CDC has awarded to the Arkansas Department of Health, Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program \$1,743,229. The effective period of the initial award is June 1, 2021- May 31, 2023; with the remaining three years of funding awarded through a new Notice of Funding Opportunity commencing in FY2023.

#### Purpose

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed gaps and challenges in the infrastructure of states not being equipped for responding to a massive and complex disease outbreak. This funding is intended to expand, train, and sustain the Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) workforce to support jurisdictional COVID-19, and other infectious diseases, prevention, and response. The Infectious Disease Branch will utilize funding to expand DIS efforts for STD, Tuberculosis (TB), and Hepatitis C for increasing activities in the following areas:

- Capacity to conduct disease investigations (case investigation and contact tracing)
- Linkage to prevention and treatment
- Case management and oversight
- Outbreak response for COVID-19 and other infectious diseases

The STD Prevention Program, through a statewide competitive selection process, will partner with non-ADH organizations for implementation of the outlined activities throughout the state.

#### Goals

The Sexually Transmitted Diseases Prevention Program will work with Community Organizations and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) for hiring, training, and retaining disease investigative personnel. The disease investigative personnel will conduct and support case investigations for STD, TB, and Hepatitis C prioritizing communities at highest risk. The STD Prevention Program and its non-ADH partners will ensure to have diversity, health equity, and inclusion in the recruitment of disease investigative personnel from the local communities they serve. The STD Prevention Program will use the CDC developed core DIS training curriculum, which is specialized to public health and strategic infectious disease program needs.

#### Sustainability

The Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program anticipates the funding to be a continuous funding source for the state's STD Prevention Program. However, if CDC is unable to provide substantial funding to support ongoing of expanded activities, the Infectious Disease Branch STD Prevention Program will sustain partnerships with non-ADH organization through leveraging funding of its STD Medicaid program income and pharmaceutical rebates dollars of the Arkansas Ryan White Part B & AIDS Drug Assistance Program.



## Arkansas Department of Health

### American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request – Overview \$2,215,560 Award from the

### Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control: Immunization and Vaccines for Children

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#### **Background**

On March 11, 2021, the President signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2). This law includes supplemental funding for vaccine confidence, which this will be used to support. The Department of Health and Human Services awarded supplemental funding to the Arkansas Department of Health in the amount of \$2,215,560 for a statewide media campaign. This amount was determined using a population-based formula. The effective period of the award is July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024.

#### **Purpose**

This funding is to develop and implement the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) COVID-19 education campaign, *We Can Do This*, which is a national campaign to increase public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines while reinforcing basic prevention measures.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will provide jurisdictions access to vaccine confidence messages and toolkits to support vaccine education and outreach, a customized state-version of the “We Can Do This” visual identity, for TV, print, and digital advertisements and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide jurisdictions access to resources for Vaccinate with Confidence framework, communication toolkits to support vaccine education and outreach and rapid Community Assessment Guide to diagnose and address low vaccine confidence or uptake in specific communities

#### **Goals**

The ADH Office of Health Communications will utilize existing contracts with statewide and local media outlets to promote public confidence in and uptake of COVID-19 vaccines using “We Can Do This” campaign visual identity, while customizing it to local populations across the state. ADH Office of Health Communications will also utilize the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control’s provided message guidance, resources, and research to implement campaign activities in line with vaccine confidence strategy.

#### **Sustainability:**

This is a one-time funding opportunity for a statewide COVID-19 vaccine media campaign.

#### **Geographic Coverage**

Statewide

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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical Colleg Business Area Code: 0693  
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

See attached cover letter with budget detail explanation.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: TCOL Fund Code: 293ARPA Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: D79 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             | 200,000                |
| Extra Help                   | 160,480                |
| Personal Services Matching   | 68,000                 |
| Operating Expenses           | 4,461,478              |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            | 600,000                |
| Capital Outlay               | 2,000,000              |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 150,000                |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 7,639,958</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 05/12/2022

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|   | <b>Date</b> |
| <b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>  |             |
| Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning. |             |
| * unclassified positions only   |             |

**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 * |
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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: [Signature] 10-5-21 Date  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director  
[Signature] 11-4-21 Date  
 Office of Budget  
[Signature] Date  
 Office of Personnel Mgmt

MPK 10-5-21



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE

September 28, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 997 of 2021

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College (UA-PTC) has been fortunate to receive funding through the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 and hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detailed plan for expenditure of the institutional and minority serving institution portion of these funds during FY2022 and FY2023, pending approval of any no-cost extensions submitted to the US Department of Education.

UA-PTC respectfully requests review of the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act to:

- (1) reimburse UA-PTC for incurred PPE and technology-related expenses;
- (2) reimburse UA-PTC for payroll related COVID-19 related expenses; and
- (3) for other COVID-19 related expenses for PPE, student aid, and technology-related expenses as allowed for by federal regulations.

The total **institutional funding** to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (The American Rescue Plan) for UA-PTC is \$7,639,958.

▪ **Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants - Institutional Funds**

For the institutional portion, UA-PTC intends to use the funds for purposes outlined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The following table outlines the intended purposes for the use of grant funds consistent with the requirements of the grant. The guidance accompanying the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 states that “institutions must use a portion of their funds to implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines and conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances.”

Through the following plan, UA-PTC intends to accomplish both of these directives:

**A. Salaries, Fringe Benefits, and Extra Help**

**\$428,480.00**

- Salary and fringe benefits for distance education position (50%) to assist with expanding online learning capabilities.
- Salary and fringe benefits for computer technician (100%) to assist with expanding online offerings, server capacity, student computer loan program for distance learning and other duties.
- Salary and fringe benefits for retention specialist (100%) to operate a retention program, targeting students indicating recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances.
- Salary and fringe benefits for Counselor (100%) to provide counseling services and support to students and employees.
- Extra Help staff to offer additional support as allowed by the grant in areas such as technology services, retention program, counseling, tutoring, purchasing, human resources, library, etc.

***Please note that the salaries and fringe benefits for the above positions are for two years pending approval of a one-year no-cost extension.***

**B. Professional Services**

**\$600,000.00**

Continuing student services to assist with online learning such as 24/7 tutoring, online assistant/chat box, and learning management system capabilities.

**C. Operating Expenses**

**\$4,461,478.00**

- Conducting mailings and online communications with students concerning the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of the student or a family member.
- Continuing CDC protocols for disinfecting and sanitizing as necessary by purchasing hand sanitizer, antibacterial hand soap, wipes, and other necessary materials and supplies.
- Continuing student services to assist with online learning such as zoom license, online assistant/chat box, and other services.
- Installing touchless toilet flushers and touchless soap/paper towel dispensers to help curb the spread of viruses.
- Installing touchless hand faucets to help curb the spread of viruses.

- Installing surge protection/power restoration for campus computer servers.
- Expanding classroom and laboratory Zoom and supporting online learning capabilities (i.e., smartboards, webcams, computers, etc.)
- Expanding college server capabilities to handle increased online learning modalities and resulting use by students.
- Installing additional wireless access points in all five UA-PTC sites to allow greater wireless access to students.
- Purchasing additional software licenses to accommodate expanding online learning capabilities mentioned above.
- Purchasing additional instructional material and supplies to accommodate online learning and meeting modalities. Examples include VDI, desktop computers, laptop computers, and webcams.
- Continuing training opportunities for faculty and staff to assist with technology, online services, and online learning.

**D. Capital Outlay**

**\$2,000,000.00**

- Improving air quality for select buildings by installing UV and other types of sanitizing air handling capabilities.
- Installing or renovating college-wide HVAC systems, to improve air filtration that helps to mitigate COVID-19.

**E. Grants and Aid**

**\$150,000.00**

Providing additional educational grants to students by providing assistance to those students wishing to return to school, obtain a transcript, or transfer to another college or university.

***The total expenditure for the College's proposed plan for Institutional funds is:***

**\$7,639,958.00**

We thank you, sir, for the opportunity to submit this supplemental appropriation request with proposed spending plan. Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant SABG FY2021 ARP Mitigation

Granting Organization: Department of Health and Human Services CFDA #: 93.959

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
As COVID-19 cases rise among unvaccinated people and where the more transmissible Delta virus variant is surging, this funding will expand activities to detect, diagnose, trace, and monitor infections and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in homeless shelters, treatment and recovery facilities, domestic violence shelters and federal, state and local correctional facilities—some of the most impacted and highest risk communities across the country. These funds will provide resources and flexibility for states to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and ensure the continuity of services to support individuals connected to the behavioral health system. This one-time funding for awards was authorized under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2) and Section 711 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 711(c)). SAMHSA will supplement the ARP funding for state grantees. Coordinate and partner with state and local health departments/agencies on how to better align the state/provider mental health and substance use COVID-19 mitigation efforts and activities; develop guidance for partnering with state/local health departments; disseminating sample training curriculums.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7149 Direct Funding: x  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 377,491                |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 377,491</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date  
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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:  
Janice Lee 10-7-2021 John J 11-4-21  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date  
Donna J. Stiller 10/18/2021 Carissa Buxton 10/11/2021  
 for Sec. Cindy Cilliprice

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)  
Supplemental Funding Proposal for  
Arkansas Substance Abuse Treatment Block Grant Program  
COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation Activities**

Total amount of funding: \$377,491

The state of Arkansas is submitting the proposed budgets contained in this document in response to Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) supplemental funding awarded under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). The overall plan for utilizing the awarded funds involves allotting portions of the total funding to each of the state's regional SABG-funded treatment provider organizations, equally divided among involved providers. This resulted in ARPA COVID testing/mitigation funding to each in the amount of \$47,186.00

Given the considerable diversity across the state in terms of geography, regional cultures, health disparity factors, etc., DAABHS opted to request each provider organization to submit a plan with budget items specific to their programs' needs, local population risks, and accounting for any existing resources already in place (to avoid overlap/duplication using ARPA funding).

Below are budgets from included provider organizations, with descriptions of purpose/objective, items to be covered in each category, and estimated cost for each. The contents of each section are derived from material submitted by providers, which was requested to inform us of their needs, priorities, and intended allocation of funds to support solutions.

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for Ozark Guidance**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

Funds are needed to aid in preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19. To address these issues the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved  | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Cost     |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1. Testing for staff and consumers in group homes, residential treatment facilities, and day programs | Purchase of COVID rapid test for Rehab Day and Residential Programs  | \$12,000           |
| 2. Promote behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious disease                 | Purchase of social distancing displays and markers.  | \$1,000            |
| 3. Maintain healthy environments (cleaning, disinfecting, etc.)                                       | Purchase housekeeping supplies at Residential, Rehab Day Programs and Outpatient Clinics. Purchase of cordless electrostatic backpack sprayer sanitizers, chorine tab for electrostatic cleaning, handheld sanitizing sprayers, automatic hand sanitizing dispensators and hand sanitizer, PPE | \$34,186.37        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>\$47,186.37</b> |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for Recovery Centers of Arkansas**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

To address COVID testing and mitigation issues the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved   | Proposed Activity   | Estimated Cost  |
|--|---|---|
| <p>1. Promote behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases (health hygiene practices, stay at home when sick, practice physical distancing to lower the risk of disease spread, cloth face coverings, getting vaccinated)</p> | <p>Recovery Centers of Arkansas and its subcontractors who operate short-term housing facilities already offer classes on "Clean Living". This includes education (classes, discussions and pamphlets) and reinforcing ( at least one of our programs offers a free week's rent for the living space best maintained) basic skills on physical cleanliness and living a more physically organized life. It presupposes that the chaos of living in a dirty and unkempt environment can serve as a trigger for relapse. This grant award would provide the opportunity to expand this program by expanding the content of the classes and offering more specific printed material supportive of the concept of clean lining as it relates to health hygiene practices.</p> | <p>(Each of 3 programs who operate short term housing: BCD, Quality Living and RCA, would have 15,728.79 for the proposed activities.</p> |
| <p>TOTAL</p>   |   | <p>\$47,186.37</p>  |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for Counseling Associates, Inc**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

Funds will aid in preventing, preparing for, and responding to COVID-19.

To address these issues funding will be utilized as follows:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved  | Proposed Activity   | Estimated Cost     |
|---|---|--------------------|
| 1. Behavioral health services for those in short term housing   | Staff time for QBHP providing services at Conway Apartments and Russellville Apartment  | \$16,000           |
| 2. Testing for staff and consumers in group homes, residential treatment facilities, and day programs | Purchase of COVID rapid test kits for Rehab Day and Residential Programs  | \$12,000           |
| 3. Promote behaviors that prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other infectious disease                 | Purchase of social distancing displays and markers.   | \$1,000            |
| 4. Maintain healthy environments (cleaning, disinfecting, and etc...)                                 | Purchase housekeeping supplies at Haven and Rehab Day Programs. Purchase of cordless electrostatic backpack sprayer sanitizers, chorine tab for electrostatic cleaning, handheld sanitizing sprayers, automatic hand sanitizing dispensers, hand sanitizer, and PPE | \$18,186.37        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |   | <b>\$47,186.37</b> |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for Harbor House, Inc. of Fort Smith, AR – Act 10 Program in Hot Springs, AR**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.41

Description of intended use of funding:

Harbor House, Inc. of Fort Smith, AR (HHI) has a daily census that averages 750 behavioral health clients, across 17 locations. This population is over 57% of clients served by state block grant funding for substance use treatment in Arkansas. For 19 months, the COVID-19 pandemic has required HHI to be in a reactive model – implementing changes necessary to provide client care in a safe, but effective environment. Behavioral health clients tend to be transient, may recently have been in environments that are not sanitary, and are addicted to substances, often with co-occurring mental health diagnoses. This population is not known for sound decision making. HHI works closely with these Arkansans, who are in situations and relationships that seem hopeless, in order that they may have productive lives. Simply, COVID-19 has wreaked havoc on this vulnerable population.

Act 10, court-mandated treatment clients will be the specific population addressed if funding is obtained with this application.

With this funding, HHI will expand support to behavioral health clients in residential and outpatient settings, specific to those who have or will be affected directly or indirectly by COVID-19. This assistance will fall into the following categories: increase access to social distancing and sanitary conditions, ventilation upgrades, rapid testing, outdoor facility separation improvements, emotional learning and enhancements and behavioral health services.

To address the above needs the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved   | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Cost   |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Expand the idea of outside classrooms, visitation areas, and Specialized Women's Services daycare to promote social distancing. | Purchase additional materials to provide additional outdoor seating and learning environments – for clients, children of clients and visitors.                                   | \$3,000.00   |
| 2. Ventilation in residential settings.  | Improve and upgrade ventilation in the building providing residential treatment for Act 10 clients; provide filters and commercial cleaning for HVAC.                            | \$3,186.40   |
| 3. Behavioral Health Services  | Cover behavioral health services/transitional living for those in short-term housing for people who are at high risk for COVID-19; specific to continued care for Act 10 clients | \$33,000; \$110.00 X 12 weeks X 25 Act 10 clients in Transitional Living homes - \$33,000.00 |

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| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved            | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Cost  |
|---|--|---|
| 4. Increased need of PPE.                           | Purchasing of PPE – to include masks, gloves, face shields and gowns.  | \$2,000.00  |
| 5. Creating options for Rapid Testing for COVID-19. | Purchasing of Rapid Tests by Abbott (Binax Now cards) for use in residential and outpatient settings.            | \$3,000.00; 10 boxes of 40 tests @ \$300.00 per box = \$3,000.00. |
| 6. Extra cleaning required for COVID-19 prevention. | Purchasing of supplies and equipment to provide for socially distanced cleaning options and COVID-19 prevention. | \$3,000.00  |
| TOTAL   |  | \$47,186.41   |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for Harbor House, Inc. of Fort Smith, AR – , Harbor and Gateway Recovery Centers**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

**Intended use of funding:**

Harbor House, Inc. of Fort Smith, AR (HHI), as stated above, has a census comprised of more than 57% of those in Arkansas using state block grant funding for substance use treatment. Since its outset, the COVID-19 pandemic has forced HHI to be in a reactive mode, implementing changes to provide care in a safe, but effective environment. As noted above, our treatment population tends to be transient, residing in high-risk living conditions, often with impairments due to mental health and substance use disorders that can exacerbate poor decision making. COVID-19 has presented a tremendous barrier to our efforts to work optimally with this high-need group, which also is often affected by healthcare disparities.

With this funding, HHI will expand support to clients in residential and outpatient settings, to improve program environmental conditions and mitigation strategies focused on COVID-19 risks. Activities will fall into the following categories: optimize social distancing and sanitary conditions, ventilation upgrades, rapid testing, outdoor facility separation improvements, emotional learning /enhancements and behavioral health services.

To address the above issues the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved   | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Cost  |
|--|--|---|
| 1. Expand the idea of outside classrooms, visitation areas, and Specialized Women's Services daycare to promote social distancing. | Purchase additional materials to provide additional outdoor seating and learning environments – for clients, children of clients and visitors. | \$6,000.00  |
| 2. Ventilation in residential settings.  | Provide filters and commercial cleaning for HVAC.  | \$1,886.37  |
| 3. Behavioral Health Services  | Cover behavioral health services/treatment for those in short-term housing for people who are at high risk for COVID-19                        | \$33,300; \$2,220.00 X 15 clients X \$30 days = \$33,300.00.      |
| 4. Increased need of PPE.  | Purchasing of PPE – to include masks, gloves, face shields and gowns.  | \$1,000.00  |
| 5. Creating options for Rapid Testing for COVID-19.  | Purchasing of Rapid Tests by Abbott (Binax Now cards) for use in residential and outpatient settings.  | \$3,000.00; 10 boxes of 40 tests @ \$300.00 per box = \$3,000.00. |

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved            | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Cost     |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 6. Extra cleaning required for COVID-19 prevention. | Purchasing of supplies and equipment to provide for socially distanced cleaning options and COVID-19 prevention. | \$2,000.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>\$47,186.37</b> |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding:**

Proposal for 10<sup>th</sup> District Substance Abuse Services

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

Due to COVID we are now spending more money on all of the items listed below. We cannot operate without these items due to this virus. Just one box of gloves alone cost the facility \$21.99 for a box of 100; we must utilize at least 3 boxes a week. We encourage clients to wear face masks along with staff, and we must replace them daily. With a minimum attendance of 25 clients a day this requires (at minimum) 400 face masks per month, and supplies are only 50 per box. The facility requires cleaning daily; this is very costly to perform the correct way, with COVID precautions and materials added to established facility maintenance routines. If awarded these funds it will be used for the clients and staff protection against the virus.

To address these issues the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved | Proposed Activity                    | Estimated Cost     |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. PPE                                   | Gloves and face masks                | 15,728.79          |
| 2. Sanitizing station                    | Hand soap and hand sanitizer         | 15,728.79          |
| 3. Cleaning supplies                     | Cleaning sanitizer, disinfectant     | 7,864.40           |
| 4. Cleaning supplies                     | Cleaner, bleach, and microban spray. | 7,864.39           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             |                                      | <b>\$47,186.37</b> |

**COVID Testing and Mitigation Activities Supplemental Funding Proposal for SOUTHWEST ARKANSAS COUNSELING AND MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC.**

Total Amount of Funding: \$47,186.37

Southwest Arkansas Counseling and Mental Health Center, Inc. wishes to make COVID-19 testing readily available at no cost for their employees and their immediate family members. We will invest in portable hand sanitizer stations for all entrances of outpatient offices and strategic locations in the residential substance abuse treatment facility. In addition, we will ensure all locations have a ready supply of sanitizers.

We will provide group therapy to essential workers who have possible burnout due to issues surrounding COVID-19. Lastly, the Center plans to provide behavioral health services to short term residents at a homeless shelter in Hope, AR, and women's shelters (2) in Texarkana and Hope, AR.

To address these issues the following plan is proposed:

| Area to be developed, enhanced, improved  | Proposed Activity  | Estimated Costs    |
|---|--|--------------------|
| 1) Provide testing for employees and their immediate family members                       | Purchase tests   | \$3,600.00         |
| 2) Provide testing for short term residents at River Ridge Residential Treatment Facility | Purchase tests   | \$1,000.00         |
| 3) Availability of nurses to administer tests   | Test administration staffing: 5 nurses at \$1,000 each (average, depending on cumulative hours)                            | \$5,000.00         |
| 4.) Group therapy sessions for essential workers with COVID related burnout               | 20 sessions for 10 members   | \$10,000.00        |
| 5) Make community aware of our Involvement with COVID-19                                  | four billboards  | \$800.00           |
|   | poster printing  | \$1,000.00         |
|   | marketing director wage  | \$2,000.00         |
|   | postage  | \$100.00           |
|   | printing at 13 cents a copy  | \$65.37            |
| 6) Improve sanitization at all locations  | Purchase portable hand sanitizing stations   | \$3,655.00         |
|   | Purchase bags of hand sanitizer  | \$1,275.00         |
|   | Purchase batteries for stations  | \$380.00           |
|   | Purchase spray disinfectant  | \$600.00           |
| 7) Provide behavioral health services to those in short term housing                      | Cover costs for intake, individual therapy, family therapy, medication management (1 homeless shelter, 2 women's shelters) | \$17,711.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |  | <b>\$47,186.37</b> |



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: DHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Block Grants for Community Mental Health Services (MHBG FY2021 ARPA)

Granting Organization: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration CFDA #: 93.958

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
Arkansas will be using ARPA funds to develop, enhance, and improve our crisis continuum services, enhance evidence-based practice, and implement a First Episode of Psychosis/Early Serious Mental Illness (FEP/ESMI) pilot program. Funding will be used to target continued enhancement of crisis system by expanding access to Peer Recovery Support services, ensuring culturally affirmative access to crisis services for deaf/hard of hearing and Spanish speaking persons, providing evidence-based training for professional and lay persons, and a pilot program to target comprehensive services for the First Episode of Psychosis population.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7141 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             | 601,618                |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   | 368,733                |
| Operating Expenses           |                        |
| Conference & Travel Expenses |                        |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 11,516,679             |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 12,487,030</b>   |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date**  
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Approved by: [Signature] 8/25/21 Date  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director  
[Signature] 9-30-21 Date  
Office of Budget  
M Turner 9/9/21  
Office of Personnel Mgmt Date  
[Signature] 9/3/2021  
for Cindy Gillespie

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Mental Health Block Grant Arkansas Plan**

Arkansas will be using ARPA funds to develop, enhance, and improve our crisis continuum services, enhance evidence-based practice, and implement a First Episode of Psychosis/Early Serious Mental Illness (FEP/ESMI) pilot program.

Our focus on the crisis continuum services will include additional expansion (beyond the COVID Relief Plan) of our Peer Workforce. We have a goal of infusing more Peers into judicial, correctional, law enforcement, and child welfare settings. These funds will ensure appropriate training, program development, and Peer Supervision for this workforce. Peers providing services in these areas will ensure coordination/connection with those in need of behavioral health services. **\$5,500,000.00**

Additionally, our crisis continuum is currently lacking accommodations for the deaf, hard of hearing, and Spanish speaking communities. Ready access to credentialed interpreters is crucial for those experiencing mental health crises. Effective communication may also be able to divert individuals from more costly crisis services. **\$480,000.00**

Our current crisis system does not ensure adequate follow-up with individuals, post-crisis. With the enhanced Peer workforce, our plan will include incorporating Peers to staff an informational line which will incorporate a “warm line” along with follow-up for 6 months after the initial crisis. This element of the crisis continuum encompasses the mandatory 5% set aside for Crisis Services per our federal block grant requirements. **\$1,288,679.00**

Finally, our current crisis continuum is lacking a state-wide platform for outreach and informational campaigns on how to seek crisis services. In addition to these campaigns, Arkansas will develop a portal for treatment providers and community supports. This resource will be helpful with the implementation of 9-8-8. **\$2,000,000.00**

Evidence-based practice enhancement will target providing our mental health professionals with nationally recognized training models. One critical area of training will focus on trauma-focused care. In addition, Mental Health First Aid training will be made widely available for Arkansans who work with the public but have limited knowledge of how to deal with those in crisis, including referrals for appropriate services. **\$1,000,000.00**

Arkansas lags behind many other states with implementation of evidence-based care for our FEP/ESMI citizens. As this is a priority population identified by our federal block grant. This grant requires a minimum of 10% of the funds be dedicated toward this population. A full Coordinated Special Care model will be implemented with this funding. **\$1,248,000.00**

Support and administration of the ARPA program components through hiring of 3 positions to oversee these programs. **\$970,351.00**

**Total: \$12,487,030.00**

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act American Rescue Plan for Title IIIC1 for Congregate Meals

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.045

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act American Rescue Plan for Title III for Congregate Meals for seniors in a congregate setting. This includes providing meals to seniors at the Senior Citizen Centers across the State of Arkansas.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7146 Direct Funding:    
 Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 2,730,474              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 2,730,474</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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Approved by: *Gay Die* \_\_\_\_\_  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
*Don Stahle*  
*Cindy Gillespie*

*John R...* 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date  
MTurner 9/22/21

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population.

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title III-C-1 Congregate Meals: \$2,730,474**

Congregate meals include nutrition programs in group settings such as senior citizen centers.

The goal of this investment will be to support in-person meal services provided to senior Arkansans while enhancing the social supports many seniors have not been able to partake in during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This funding will support services provided in all 75 Arkansas counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act-American Rescue Plan for Title IIIIE Family caregivers

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.052

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act Title III American Rescue Plan for Family caregivers for seniors. These include information to caregivers about available services, assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services, individual counseling, organization of support groups, and caregiver training, respite care, and supplemental services (i.e. medication timers, wheel chair ramps, eye glass, etc).

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP 7148 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 1,353,905              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,353,905</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date**  
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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

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Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title III-E Family Caregivers: \$1,353,905**

Services can be provided to an adult who is a caregiver for an older individual and can include:

- access assistance
- counseling and training
- information services
- respite care
- supplemental services to assist the caregiver

These funds will be utilized to support senior Arkansans by providing assistance to their caregivers and enhancing those caregivers ability to support the individual needs of the beneficiary.

These funds are available for use in all 75 Arkansas counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
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Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act-American Rescue Plan for Title IIIC2 Home Delivered Meals

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.045

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act Title III American Rescue Plan to provide Home Delivered Meals for seniors in their residence/home. Services also include nutritional services provided such as nutrition education, nutrition assesment, and counseling.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7145 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 4,095,710              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,095,710</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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Approved by: *Gay Hill* Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Dana Spillie for Cindy Gillespie*  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

*Robert...* Date: 9-30-21  
*Camren Brenton* Date: 9/22/2021  
 Office of Budget

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population.

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title III-C-2 Home Delivered Meals: \$4,095,710**

Home delivered meals are provided to qualifying seniors residing in all 75 Arkansas counties. These meals are comprised using a required nutritional format and provided for each day of the week.

The goal of this program is to assist seniors with limited or no ability to leave their homes and reduce the effects of senior hunger in Arkansas.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act-American Rescue Plan for Title VII Ombudsman Program

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.042

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act Title VII American Rescue Plan for long term care ombudsman. The ombudsmen identify, investigate, and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents, provide information to residents about LTSS, ensure residents have regular and timely access to ombudsman services, represent the interests of residents before governmental agencies and seek administrative, legal, and other remedies to protect residents, and analyze comment on, and recommend changes in laws and regulations pertaining to the health, safety, welfare, and rights of residents.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP 7143 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 91,016                 |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ 91,016              |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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| <b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>  | <b>Date</b> |
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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director  
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for  
*[Signature]*

*[Signature]* 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date  
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Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population.

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title VII Ombudsman Program: \$91,016**

The Ombudsman Program provides statewide advocacy for residents of nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and residential care facilities. The ombudsman works with beneficiaries and their families to ensure quality of care in residential settings. The ombudsman work with provider administration, DHS, and the Office of Long Term Care.

This funding is available to support ombudsman serving all 75 Arkansas counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act-American Rescue Plan for Title IIID Preventive Health

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.043

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act Title III American Rescue Plan for Preventive Health for seniors. These services are to improve the health and well being or reduce disease, disability, and/or injury among older adults.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP 7.1.47 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 400,469                |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 400,469</b>      |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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| <b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>  | <b>Date</b> |
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**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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Approved by: *Gary Hill*  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

*John Lee* 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

*Dana Stehle for Cindy Gillespie*

*JM* 9/10/2021

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title III-D Preventive Health: \$400,469**

- Preventive health services can include:
- evidence-based disease prevention programs
- health risk assessments
- routine health screenings
- nutritional counseling
- physical fitness and exercise programs
- home injury control services
- medication management, screening, and education.

The purpose of these funds is to assist Arkansas seniors impacted by the effects of COVID-19 and improve their overall health.

This funding will be utilized for seniors in all 75 Arkansas counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: DHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710  
 Program Title: Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant (SABG)  
 Granting Organization: Department of Health and Human Services CFDA #: 93.959  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 To provide funding during COVID-19 for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment. provides American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Supplemental Funding for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SABG) Block Grant Program. This will help states, counties, cities and tribal governments cover increased expenditures, replenish lost revenue and mitigate economic harm from the COVID-19 pandemic. The SABG program allows states and territories to plan, implement and evaluate activities to prevent, treat and help more people recover from substance use disorder. This funding will also allow recipients to make investments in existing prevention, treatment and recovery infrastructure, promote support for providers and address unique local needs to deliver substance use disorder services.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP 7142 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | Program Funding Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Regular Salaries             | 90,020                 |
| Extra Help                   |                        |
| Personal Services Matching   | 34,208                 |
| Operating Expenses           | 393,172                |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | 30,000                 |
| Professional Fees            |                        |
| Capital Outlay               |                        |
| Data Processing              |                        |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04)      | 10,400,591             |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 10,947,991</b>   |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date  
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**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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Approved by:  
Jay Shier 9-22-21 Office of Budget Date  
Rob Z 9-30-21 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date  
Nisty Benbank 09/22/21 JM 9/22/2021

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Substance Abuse Block Grant**

The Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, directed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide additional funds to support states through Block Grants to address the effects of the COVID -19 pandemic for Americans with mental illness and substance use disorders. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated severe and pervasive health and social inequities in America, including the critical importance of supporting people with mental illness and substance use disorders. The SUD prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services continuum includes various evidence-based services and supports for individuals, families, and communities. Integral to the SABG are its efforts to support health equity through its priority focus on the provision of SUD prevention, treatment, and recovery support services to identified underserved populations.

This award period is from 09/01/21 through 09/30/25.

Arkansas received **\$10,947,991.00**.

This funding will support the following initiatives:

Substance Use Disorder Prevention

Methamphetamine Toolkit, **\$1,500,000** – To extend the statewide methamphetamine prevention campaign to include training and prevention education.

Faith Based Anti-Stigma Toolkit, **\$760,000** – To develop a statewide anti-stigma prevention campaign to include training and education, and revamp statewide catchment areas to five (5) and develop two standalone programs per region.

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

Drug and Alcohol Safety Education Program, **\$2,000,000** – Additional funding to support statutory requirements. This program was impacted by interruptions to court proceedings but is required for offenders to complete for driver’s license reinstatements.

Faith Based Treatment Program, **\$2,500,000** – Arkansas has no standalone faith based treatment and recovery programs. This funding will develop five treatment and recovery facilities to serve populations statewide.

State Funded Treatment Providers, **\$2,740,591** – To assist state contracted treatment providers in maintaining services following the effects of funding interruptions due to COVID-19.

Substance Use Disorder Recovery

Recovery Community Organizations (RCO), **\$900,000** – Arkansas currently has no RCO’s. This funding will support three RCO’s to facilitate recovery services to persons with substance use disorder and mental health issues.

Administrative Costs of **\$547,399.55** are required by the grant.

These programs will support Arkansas initiatives in Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery in all of Arkansas’ 75 counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: OHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Older Americans Act-American Rescue Plan for Title IIIB

Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.044

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
To provide COVID-19 funds under the Older Americans Act Title IIIB American Rescue Plan. These funds provide supportive services related to COVID-19 vaccination outreach, prevention and mitigation activities related to COVID-19, including focus on addressing extended social isolation among older individuals, provide assistive devices such as grabbers, and implement other strategies aimed at alleviating negative health effects of social isolation due to long-term stay-at-home recommendations for older individuals.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP 7144 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 4,186,726              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 4,186,726</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

**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 | Crnt Item | Position Title | Class Code | Grade | Line Item Maximum * |
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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: [Signature] Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

[Signature] 9-30-21  
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

[Signature]  
Secretary Cindy Gillespie

NTurner 9/22/21

**DHS – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (DAABHS)  
American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Funding for Older Americans Act Services**

Through the Older Americans Act (OAA), the Administration for Community Living of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services distributes funding to states for an array of services for individuals aged 60 and over. In Arkansas, these funds are distributed through DAABHS to the state's eight Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). OAA funds are allocated to each AAA based on a formula that considers population and demographic characteristics of the areas served by each AAA. OAA funds are awarded based on population aged 60+, minority population, and rural population

Section 2921 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 appropriates additional funding for states to carry out the programs funded under the OAA. DHS proposes to distribute this additional ARPA funding to the AAAs through the same funding formula used to distribute other OAA funds. The effective period of the award is April 01, 2021 through September 30, 2024.

**OAA Title III-B Supportive Services: \$4,186,726**

Supportive services can include a variety of different supports for older individuals, including without limitation:

- chore and homemaker assistance
- client representation
- nutrition counseling and education
- personal care
- personal emergency response systems
- telephone reassurance
- transportation.

The goal of this funding is provide additional supports to Arkansas seniors impacted by the effects of COVID-19.

This funding will support services provided in all 75 Arkansas counties.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: DHS Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Office of Head Start

Granting Organization: Administration for Children and Families CFDA #: 93.6

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
DCCECE has been awarded \$201,012 in ARPA funds. The division will use the funds to continue services to families in the Early Head Start Program. Services include the following: Enrollment and recruitment of new families, additional time for Head Start children and families to receive services, and provide various economic, education, career, and mental health support.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7133 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 201,012                |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | \$ 201,012             |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 03/31/2023

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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)**

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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: Jessica Williams 8-27-21 [Signature] 9-30-21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date

[Signature] 9-7-21 [Signature] 9/8/2021  
on behalf of [unclear] Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

PROPOSAL FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS  
EARLY HEAD START-CHILD CARE PARTNERSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

The Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) grant program serves 168 children ages 0-3 who attend 8 childcare providers located in 7 cities within the state of Arkansas. The Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education (DCCECE) currently contracts with two agencies within the state who serve as hubs. These two hubs contract with providers, called partners, who provide the childcare needs of the children and families enrolled in the program. Community Services Office, Inc. (CSO) of Hot Springs is the larger of the two hubs, serving 148 children. Northcentral Arkansas Development Council (NADC) of Batesville is the second hub, serving 20 children.

The EHS-CCP staff was notified on May 4, 2021, that its program would receive a total of \$201,012.00 from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The EHS-CCP program proposes to disperse the ARPA funds to the two hubs based on the number of children each serves through the grant. Dividing the amount of funds available (\$201,012.00) by the number of children served (168) equals \$1,196.50 per child. Based on this amount, CSO will receive a total of \$177,082.00 in ARPA funds. NADC will receive a total of \$23,930.00 in ARPA funds. The two hubs will then work with the EHS-CCP and DCCECE staff to determine how to spend these funds. The funds must be spent according to the guidelines provided by the Office of Head Start. These guidelines can be found in the following link:

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-21-03>

The EHS-CCP staff will work closely with the hub leadership to identify the specific needs of the hubs and their partner sites and to ensure the ARPA funds are being used to meet these needs. The EHS-CCP staff, along with DCCECE personnel, will closely monitor the spending of these funds by the hubs to ensure that all expenditures meet the guidelines provided by the Office of Head Start.

All ARPA funds must be spent by March 31, 2023.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Dept of Transportation Public Transportation Programs Business Area Code: 0090

Program Title: Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus ARP Act of 2021

Granting Organization: Federal Transit Administration CFDA #: 20.509

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/5/2021 Ending: 6/1/2025

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

These funds may be used to assist intercity agencies Greyhound Lines and Jefferson Lines who have been effected by the COVID-19. Please see the attached documents for more thorough information.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: TRAN Fund Code: FRP0900 Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: New Internal Order/WBS Element: A0090ARP20509AR18X041 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

|                              | 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)      | 1,966,902              |
| Other:                       |                        |
| Other:                       |                        |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$ 1,966,902</b>    |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 08/05/2021 - 06/01/2025

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| <b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>  | <b>Date</b> |
| 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)**

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| N/A      |           |              |             |                 |            |                |            |       |                     |

**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: *Janice Judson* 10/25/2021  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

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*[Signature]* 11-4-21  
Office of Budget Date  
DY 10/25/21

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

October 12, 2021

*RANDY*  
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*OK-RBT*

TO: Mr. Jared D. Wiley, Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning

FROM: Brad McCaleb, Division Engineer – Transportation Planning and Policy *BS*  
*FOR*

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Section 5311(f)  
ARDOT Intercity Operating Assistance

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide economic relief due to COVID-19. Part of ARPA was apportioned to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Section 5311(f) program. For the Department, this amounts to \$1,966,902 for Intercity Operating Assistance at 100% federal dollars. Agencies will utilize ARPA funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The scope of work includes intercity operating assistance for Jefferson Lines (JL) and Greyhound (GH), which are the only eligible Intercity providers in the state. This will allow JL and GH to reinstate, preserve, and continue existing and new routes for riders and will also promote services and improve their system's efficiency and reliability.

Operating expenses incurred by JL and GH that are allowable, allocable, reasonable, and necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a public transportation system are eligible for this funding. Operating expenses usually include such costs as driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year, including personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies. Preventive maintenance is considered an operating expense for the purposes of ARPA reimbursement. The funds would be distributed as follows:

| Agency               | Award Distribution  |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Jefferson Lines (JL) | \$ 983,451          |
| Greyhound (GH)       | \$ 983,451          |
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$ 1,966,902</b> |

Act 997 of 2021, Section 38 (attached), requires a peer review of all ARPA funding by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA). Due to the newness of this law, the Public Transportation Programs Section has been working with the Department's Chief Fiscal Officer and DFA to ensure the correct process is being followed and that it has a timely review. The Transportation Planning and Policy Division is currently requesting the Director's signature on the DFA's ARPA authorization request form in order to start the peer review process, and ultimately to utilize the \$1,966,902 of ARPA funds that have been set aside by FTA for Intercity providers.

Attachment

**TRANSIT AWARD MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
AWARD APPLICATION APPROVAL**

The Director is hereby requested to authorize submittal of an electronic application to the Federal Transit Administration for 49 U.S.C. Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Formula Program. This authorization will also permit the use of the Director's Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access the Transit Award Management System (TrAMS).

**SUMMARY OF AWARD:**

Funds were authorized by Congress under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Pub. L. 117-2, March 11, 2021).

**PROGRAM OF PROJECTS  
SECTION 5311(f) – INTERCITY BUS FORMULA PROGRAM  
FAIN: AR-2021-000**

| <b>PROJECT</b>        | <b>FEDERAL<br/>AMOUNT</b> | <b>LOCAL<br/>AMOUNT</b> | <b>TOTAL<br/>AMOUNT</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Operating (Intercity) | <u>\$1,966,902</u>        | \$ <u>0</u>             | <u>\$1,966,902</u>      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$1,966,902</b>        | <b>\$ 0</b>             | <b>\$1,966,902</b>      |

Submitted By: *Brad McCaleb* 06/29/2021  
Date  
Brad McCaleb, P.E., Division Engineer, Transportation Planning and Policy

Authorized By: *Lorje H. Tudor* 7/9/2021  
Date  
Lorje H. Tudor, P.E., Director  
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# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2021

*RANDY  
REF*

**TO:** Mr. Jared D. Wiley, Assistant Chief Engineer – Planning

**FROM:** Brad McCaleb, Division Engineer – Transportation Planning and Policy *JBM*

**SUBJECT:** Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Award Programs

The attached applications and authorization forms for the following program are submitted for the Director's signature. Minute Order 2015-071 giving the Director authority to execute these applications is attached.

- Section 5305 – Consolidated Metropolitan Planning Program
- Section 5311(f) – Intercity Bus Formula Program-American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Section 5339 – Bus and Bus Facilities Formula Program

Once signed, these forms will be submitted through the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Award Management System (TrAMS).

Please return the signed application and authorization form to the Public Transportation Programs Section for handling.

Attachments

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Statewide  
County: Statewide  
Category: Miscellaneous

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WHEREAS, the Department was authorized by Arkansas Act 192 of 1977 to administer United States Department of Transportation funds and any other funds available for public transportation assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration apportions funds annually to the State of Arkansas for providing capital equipment and operation grants to organizations serving the public transportation needs in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Arkansas has designated the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration grants.

NOW THEREFORE, the Director is hereby authorized to develop and implement programs of projects for these designated Federal funds and enter into the necessary grant agreement awards and contracts to expend these funds for the support of public transportation programs.

Approved:

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

TP&P

Form 19-456  
Rev. 6/18/2015

Submitted By:

Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning

Approved:

Director

Minute Order No.

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July 16, 2021

Ms. Lorie Tudor  
Director  
Arkansas Department of Transportation  
10324 Interstate 30  
Little Rock, AR 72209-4253

RE: AR 210716-024  
Intercity Bus Formula Program

Dear Ms. Tudor:

The State Clearinghouse is in receipt of the above referenced application submitted in accordance with Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" and the Arkansas Project Notification and Review System. The Proposal will be submitted to the proper state agencies and interested organizations for their review and comment.

The State Clearinghouse wishes to thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,  
Arkansas State Clearinghouse  
Email: [igsclearinghouse@dfa.arkansas.gov](mailto:igsclearinghouse@dfa.arkansas.gov)  
Phone: (501) 682-1074

**APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

Version 7/03

|  |   |   |                                    |
|--|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION:</b><br>Application         |   | <b>2. DATE SUBMITTED</b> 07/16/2021       | Applicant Identifier AR 210716-024 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                | <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-application  | <b>3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE</b>          | State Application Identifier       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction | <b>4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY</b> | Federal Identifier                 |

**5. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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| Legal Name:<br>Arkansas Department of Transportation | Organizational Unit:<br>Department:<br>Arkansas Department of Transportation   |
| Organizational DUNS:<br>809873235                    | Division:<br>Transportation Planning and Policy  |
| Address:<br>Street:<br>10324 Interstate 30           | Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code)<br>Prefix: Mr. First Name: Thomas |
| City:<br>Little Rock                                 |  |
| County:<br>Pulaski                                   | Middle Name:<br>Greg   |
| State:<br>Arkansas                                   | Last Name:<br>Nation   |
| Zip Code:<br>72209-4253                              | Suffix:  |
| Country:<br>United States                            | Email:<br>greg.nation@ardot.gov  |

**6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN):**  
71-6006844

Phone Number (give area code) 501-569-2471 Fax Number (give area code)

**8. TYPE OF APPLICATION:**  
 New  Continuation  Revision  
 If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es)  
 (See back of form for description of letters.)  
 Other (specify)

**7. TYPE OF APPLICANT:** (See back of form for Application Types)  
 State  
 Other (specify)

**10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER:**  
20-509

TITLE (Name of Program):  
Section 5311(f) Intercity Bus Formula Program

**11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT:**  
Operating Intercity

**12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**  
Statewide, Arkansas

**13. PROPOSED PROJECT**  
 Start Date: 10/1/2021 Ending Date: 12/31/2024

**14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:**  
 a. Applicant 1,2,3,4 b. Project 1,2,3,4

**15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:**

|                   |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Federal        | \$ 1,966,902 <sup>00</sup> |
| b. Applicant      | \$ - <sup>00</sup>         |
| c. State          | \$ 0 <sup>00</sup>         |
| d. Local          | \$ 0 <sup>00</sup>         |
| e. Other          | \$ - <sup>00</sup>         |
| f. Program Income | \$ - <sup>00</sup>         |
| g. TOTAL          | \$ 1,966,902 <sup>00</sup> |

**16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?**  
 a. Yes.  THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON DATE: July 16, 2021  
 b. No.  PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372  
 OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW

**17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?**  
 Yes If "Yes" attach an explanation.  No

**18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT. THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.**

**a. Authorized Representative**

|   |   |                |
|---|---|----------------|
| Prefix Ms.  | First Name Lorie                                  | Middle Name H. |
| Last Name Tudor   | Suffix PE   |                |
| b. Title Director   | c. Telephone Number (give area code) 501-569-2211 |                |
| d. Signature of Authorized Representative <i>Lorie H. Tudor</i> | e. Date Signed 7/9/2021                           |                |

# ARPA PROJECT DEFINITION/WBS ELEMENT WORKSHEET

Agency Arkansas Department of Transportation Public Transportation Programs

BA# 0090

Federal Award Number AR-2021-014-00

CFDA # 20.509

Awarding Agency Federal Transit Administration

**Project Definition:**

| BA# |   |   |   |   | CFDA # |   |   |   |   | NAME OF FEDERAL AWARD |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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**Project Title:**

ARP Section 5311f Arkansas DOT Intercity Operating Assistance

**WBS Element for Revenue:**

| BA# |   |   |   |   | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | SFY |   |   |   |   |   |
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**WBS Element for Expenditures:**

| BA# |   |   |   |   | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | SFY |   |   |   |   |   |
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**WBS Element for Subrecipients:**

| BA# |   |   |   |   | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | SFY |   |   |   |   |   |
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**WBS Element for Subrecipients:**

| BA# |   |   |   |   | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | SFY |   |   |   |   |   |
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**WBS Element for Capital Projects (must be non-statistical):**

| BA# |  |  |  |   | ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  | SFY |  |  |  |   |
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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Human Services Business Area Code: 0710  
 Program Title: Arkansas Hospital COVID Surge Staff Funding Proposal  
 Granting Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ CFDA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 3/3/2021 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 This proposal seeks to use a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021's (ARPA) State Fiscal Recover Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to address the staffing and bed shortages, lost revenue streams, and additional costs of providing COVID-19 treatment faced by Arkansas hospitals in this third wave of COVID-19 infection caused primarily by the Delta Variant.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7174 - FRP7176 Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: AJ9 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: 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): FRP7174 | (474,000)              |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04): FRP7175 | 305,000                |
| Grants and Aid (CI: 04): FRP7176 | 169,000                |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>\$ -</b>            |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: \_\_\_\_\_

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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)**

\* unclassified positions only

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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.

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Proposal for Arkansas American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Steering Committee

Submitted by DHS

Title: Arkansas Hospital COVID Surge Staff Funding Proposal

Hospitals are the backbone of the health care system, and they are essential economic engines for our state. At the center of their communities socially and economically, Arkansas hospitals have a long history of caring for patients from cradle to grave, in their homes, schools, and workplaces. The importance of hospitals' health care functions has never been more evident than during the COVID-19 pandemic.

While Arkansas's hospitals appreciate any assistance they receive, the funds received from various sources to offset or partially reimburse unanticipated expenses for screening and testing, scarce personal protective equipment, medical equipment, physical updates to hospital rooms and clinical care space, and other necessary expenses incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 will not sustain hospitals as they continue to incur excessive operating expenses and acquire and retain essential frontline staff.

Arkansas hospitals must remain prepared for and responsive to the increasing number of patients suffering from COVID-19 as well as the number of patients who are now in need of urgent and life-saving care from non-COVID conditions. Currently, adequate staff is the rate-limiting factor for patients receiving hospital care. Hospitals are at capacity. As COVID patient hospitalizations have increased nationwide, the demand for skilled staff has skyrocketed – as has the price for attaining and retaining the skilled workforce required to meet patient need.

**Statement of the need created by the COVID-19 Pandemic:**

While hospitals are not new to treating infectious diseases, the SARS-CoV-2 virus has required hospitals to follow quickly changing protocols developed by expert scientists and clinicians to not only care for those infected by this novel virus but also to prevent the spread to healthcare workers, other patients, and visitors. Frontline staff are required to accept great personal risk, endure physically and mentally exhausting shifts, and – as patient census increases without a corresponding increase in the number of frontline staff – to care for more patients at once.

While Arkansas can increase the physical hospital bed space to meet increased patient needs, Arkansas does not have frontline staff to operationalize those spaces. Current staffing shortages have reached a critical level, worsened by staff absences due to isolation or quarantine and increased costs associated with temporary staff. Regional travel nursing demand has risen to levels above the winter peak, increasing by 62% over the last 30 days.

From May 2020 to July 2021, there has been more than a 2,500% change in the demand for travel registered nurses, alone.

The resources that have been provided to hospitals throughout the pandemic have enabled hospitals to maintain operations, but as staffing costs continue to rise, many hospitals will be placed in jeopardy. Arkansas hospitals are at a distinct recruiting disadvantage when competing against states that can pay frontline staff more.

Additionally, hospitals are being called upon to administer COVID-19 treatments to prevent severe disease and hospitalization. Specifically, monoclonal antibodies (MABs) can be administered on a hospital outpatient basis and – if administered at the appropriate time of infection – can keep patients healthy enough to not need inpatient hospitalization or can reduce the severity of the disease to keep patients from utilizing scarce resources in intensive care units.

As record numbers of patients are presenting to hospitals, frontline staff are needed in outpatient settings that administer MABs, hospital emergency departments, and all inpatient settings. Arkansas is not the only state seeing increased demand on frontline staff. For that purpose, Arkansas hospitals must have access to funding specifically allocated to retain our current frontline staff and to recruit and acquire more to care for Arkansas citizens.

#### **Proposed Hospital Support Payments:**

This proposal seeks to use a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021's (ARPA) State Fiscal Recover Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to address the staffing and bed shortages and additional costs of providing COVID-19 treatment faced by Arkansas hospitals in this third wave of COVID-19 infection currently caused primarily by the Delta Variant.

Specifically, the Department of Human services will make an allotment of funds to each qualifying hospital based on bed count for the purpose of retaining and recruiting much needed staff to treat COVID-19 patients and other patients in need of acute care. Due to severe staffing shortages caused by COVID-19, hospitals in Arkansas have been forced to shut down units of the hospital and shift staff to the most needed areas of the hospital. This creates bed shortages and treatment gaps for those most in need in Arkansas. Use of these funds will allow hospitals to attract additional, needed staff to ensure all patients receive the care they need during the COVID-19 surges.

Two add-on allotments can be received by hospitals to participate in two COVID-19 initiatives designed to address the pandemic in Arkansas. These two initiatives are the COVIDComm receiving hospital add-on and the Monoclonal antibody administration add-on. By incentivizing participation in these two initiatives, this proposal will increase availability of COVID hospital

beds and needed treatment designed to keep individuals from needing advanced treatment or hospitalization.

**I. Assure the continued availability of essential hospital care**

Every hospital in Arkansas has experienced the negative effects of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, and shortages of clinical staff impact the ability for hospitals to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide necessary patient care. The purpose of these formula-based payments is to assist hospitals to offset extraordinary costs related to retaining and acquiring frontline staff.

Formula

An allotment formula has been developed based on the following factors:

- DHS will provide an allotment of \$9,000 per licensed bed to the Arkansas State Hospital and each acute care hospital, critical access hospital, and long-term care hospital (excludes rehabilitation and psychiatric hospitals). This payment will help offset the increase in staffing costs currently experienced by hospitals, providing essential assistance in retaining current staff and procuring additional staff.
- Payment by bed size will be based upon the Arkansas Department of Health’s determination of licensed “Medicare beds” for each facility as of March 1, 2021. Hospitals that do not participate in Medicare or Medicaid are excluded.
- The allotment of up to \$9,000 per bed is based upon estimated staffing costs. Based upon Arkansas’s average hospital payroll expense per adjusted inpatient day in 2019, this amount could pay for 12.5 days of payroll expenses. Given a conservative estimate of COVID-related increases in staffing costs, \$9,000 would cover an estimated 10 days of payroll expenses associated with care for an average inpatient.
- The allotment for each hospital will be ultimately reconciled against the cost form detailed below as hospitals report their actual expenses incurred for recruiting and retaining hospital staff.

Estimated Cost: \$97,335,000 – Revised Final Cost: \$96,861,000

**II. COVIDComm Receiving Hospital Add-on**

The Arkansas COVIDComm system was established during the 2020 winter surge to coordinate COVID-19 patient transfer in the state. Hospitals providing COVID-19 patient care can participate in the program by providing updated information on bed availability and receiving patient transfers as determined by COVIDComm protocol and the state’s central staff. When hospitals are unable to care for a specific COVID-19-positive patient because of the patient’s acuity level or the hospital’s capacity, COVIDComm has proven to be an essential component to

assure that available beds are more easily accessed by hospitals in order to get the patient to appropriate treatment as quickly as possible.

In order to be eligible for this payment, hospitals must receive patient transfers from other facilities utilizing the COVIDComm system. These hospitals fill a vital role in the state's pandemic response plan, relieving pressure on tertiary hospitals and helping patients access scarce healthcare resources. Hospitals that only use the COVIDComm system to transfer patients from their facilities to other facilities are ineligible for this add-on.

In addition to the formula payment, an additional \$2,500 per licensed bed will be available for distribution to Arkansas State Hospital, acute care, critical access, or long-term acute care hospitals that participate as a receiving hospital of COVID-19-positive patients in the Arkansas Department of Health's COVIDComm Transfer system as of August 20, 2021.

Estimated Cost: \$22,220,000 – Revised Final Cost: \$22,525,000

### **III. Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) Administration Add-on**

When administered early in the course of illness, monoclonal antibody treatments reduce the risk of severe disease and hospitalization, supporting patient health while helping conserve vital health care resources. The provision of these services can be complicated, requiring a dedicated outpatient space where COVID-19 positive patients can be safely treated with appropriate infection prevention in place, a dedicated source of supplies, sufficient personnel to meet expected demand, and emergency protocol defined for addressing potential infusion reactions or complications. Monoclonal antibody treatments are recommended as evidence-based therapies by the National Institutes of Health, and by reducing the risk of progression to severe disease, help alleviate the demand for scarce inpatient space.

In addition to the formula payment, an additional add-on payment of \$1,000 per licensed bed will be available for distribution to Arkansas State Hospital, each acute care, critical access, or long-term acute care hospital that administered monoclonal antibodies in an outpatient setting (including emergency department) to COVID-19-positive patients as reported by hospitals through August 20, 2021.

Estimated Cost: \$9,654,000 – Revised Final Cost: \$9,823,000

#### **Process and Procedures for Payment:**

The Arkansas Department of Human Services will make a payment to each qualified hospital meeting the requirements of this proposal within 90-days of approval of this proposal and approval of the accompanying appropriation transfer by the Arkansas Legislative Council.

For purposes of program integrity, the provider must be enrolled in the Arkansas Medicaid program as of March 1, 2021, and currently accepting Medicaid beneficiaries. Each critical access hospital and acute care hospital must operate and staff, according to ADH rules, an emergency department 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Licensed distinct-part units within an acute care hospital will not be treated as separately licensed hospitals for purposes of this distribution.

By September 30, hospitals must provide the amount of allocated funding they request and attest in writing that:

- (1) These funds are necessary for payment of costs associated with hospital staff recruitment and retention during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (2) They will maintain essential beds and appropriate levels of staffing according to Arkansas Department of Health rules.
- (3) They will be enrolled and maintain enrollment in both Medicare and Medicaid.
- (4) They will continuously operate during the declared emergency, including operating and staffing an emergency department 24 hours per day, seven days per week, if required by Arkansas Department of Health rules.
- (5) They have infection prevention policies and procedures in place and will report diseases, including COVID-19, as required under the Arkansas Department of Health's rules.

The Arkansas Department of Health will submit, prior to August 20, 2021, and at a later time if requested by DHS, the following information necessary to determine the final payment amounts for each hospital:

- Number of licensed "Medicare beds" for each facility, if different from the data found at the following publicly available link:  
[https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Hospital\\_Provider\\_List.xlsx](https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/Hospital_Provider_List.xlsx)
- A list of hospitals that have administered monoclonal antibodies to COVID-positive patients in an outpatient setting or emergency department as reported by hospitals through August 20, 2021.
- A list of hospitals that are COVIDComm receiving hospitals as of August 20, 2021, including those accepting only pediatric patients.

This funding is for expenses obligated on or after March 3, 2021, through December 31, 2022.

A hospital may request an amount up to an amount equal to 100% of its allotment.

The allotments will be paid out to each hospital that submits its attestation form by September 30, 2021.

Qualifying facilities will have up to June 30, 2023, to file claims. Claims must be accompanied by two items of documentation:

- 1) Each hospital has unique challenges in retaining and recruiting healthcare staff. In order to give each hospital the flexibility it needs to recruit and retain its personnel and, yet, to require consistent reporting for government purposes, a COVID-19-related cost form will be developed by the Arkansas Department of Human Services in consultation with the Arkansas Hospital Association to document expenses to attain and retain healthcare workers consistent with this proposal. Funds may only be used for recruiting and retaining hospital staff.
- 2) A form attesting to Monoclonal Antibody Administration, COVIDComm Receiving Hospital participation, and the requirements under "Restrictions on funds" below.

Any funds from this proposal not supported by filed claims may be redistributed to hospitals with excess claims or may be returned to the Department of Finance and Administration fund created to administer that American Rescue Plan Act of 2021's (ARPA) State Fiscal Recover Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment.

**Restrictions on funds:**

The recipient of funds will be required to attest that these are necessary expenditures to attain and retain frontline healthcare workers due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and that none of these funds are used to:

- Duplicate or supplant funding from any other federal or state program. Payments or other reimbursement for direct patient care is not included as funding from a federal or state program.
- Pay any increase in management fees to administrative personnel.

The total amount of the reimbursement may not exceed the maximum payment as set forth in this proposal, even if the particular provider incurs costs in excess of the maximum amount determined by the formulae. To the extent that expenses are subsequently reimbursed under another federal or state program, funds disbursed from the state's portion of the American Rescue Plan approved by the American Rescue Plan Act Steering Committee and authorized by the Arkansas Legislative Council will be reconciled and recovered.