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HOUSE BILL 1107

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(1)	N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L013N	GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
(3)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
(4)	D063C	COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05



(5)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
(6)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
(7)	G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
(8)	N102N DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
(9)	N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
(10)	G017N ACOM DWS ASST DIR - TANF	1	GRADE GS13
(11)	N108N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS13
(12)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
(13)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
(14)	N141N DHS/DCO AREA DIRECTOR	7	GRADE GS12
(15)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
(16)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	11	GRADE GS10
(17)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(18)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
(19)	G111C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II	31	GRADE GS09
(20)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS09
(21)	M014C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR III	12	GRADE GS09
(22)	G081C ACOM DWS DIVISION CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
(23)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	3	GRADE GS08
(24)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
(25)	G130C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I	39	GRADE GS08
(26)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
(27)	G129C DHS/DCO PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
(28)	M100C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	18	GRADE GS08
(29)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	33	GRADE GS08
(30)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
(31)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	5	GRADE GS07
(32)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	4	GRADE GS07
(33)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
(34)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
(35)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
(36)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	18	GRADE GS07
(37)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
(38)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
(39)	M099C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	210	GRADE GS07
(40)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	32	GRADE GS07

(41)	M037C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	108	GRADE GS07
(42)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS07
(43)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
(44)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	1	GRADE GS06
(45)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	29	GRADE GS06
(46)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	14	GRADE GS06
(47)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
(48)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
(49)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
(50)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(51)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
(52)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	822	GRADE GS06
(53)	X154C PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATOR	20	GRADE GS06
(54)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	27	GRADE GS06
(55)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
(56)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	21	GRADE GS06
(57)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
(58)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
(59)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	34	GRADE GS05
(60)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
(61)	C072C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
(62)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
(63)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
(64)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	400	GRADE GS03
(65)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS02
	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,013	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-three (43) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,009,561
(02) EXTRA HELP	503,937
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	36,913,982
(04) OVERTIME	130,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,469,893
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	124,000
(C) PROF. FEES	19,037,338
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>20,356,228</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$194,544,939</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED	<u>\$4,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) TANF BLOCK GRANT	\$57,200,764
(02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	13,943,475
(03) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	<u>5,378,754</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$76,522,993</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$995,113</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,677,881
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	704,614
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

(E) DATA PROC.	0
(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,629,692</u></u>

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM <u>NO.</u>	FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u>
(01) EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	<u><u>\$2,131,685</u></u>

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - SUMMER EBT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated with the Summer EBT of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

<i>ITEM <u>NO.</u></i>	<i>FISCAL YEAR <u>2025-2026</u></i>
<i>(01) SUMMER EBT</i>	<i><u><u>\$50,555,398</u></u></i>

SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars (\$7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the Arkansas Better Chance Program.

If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy

Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations at the federal level.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM.

(a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the prerogative of the General Assembly.

(2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically accomplished by:

(A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

(B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a state agency; and

(C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

(3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

(b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal government to:

(A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

(i) Food;

(ii) Clothing;

(iii) Housing;

(iv) Utilities;

(v) Child care; and

(vi) Incidentals, including without limitation transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the individual; and

(B) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic benefit transfer system.

(2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this section shall not be implemented.

(3) If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~ 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

/s/ Joint Budget Committee