

**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

August 26, 2022

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

A. Items Held from Previous Meeting

Approval Items

1. Rainy Day Fund Transfer Request
Department of Commerce – Arkansas Rehabilitation Services – \$750,000
2. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request
Department of Military – Arkansas National Guard – \$5,000,000 – **HELD**

Review Item

3. Cash Appropriation Transfer Request
Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$250,000

Items Approved

B. Various Temporary Appropriations Requests

Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – \$11,000,000

C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Arkansas ARP Steering Committee Awards

1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of State Parks – \$0 – Reallocation
2. Auditor of State – Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys – \$4,500,000
3. Arkansas Public Defender Commission – \$4,500,000

D. Appropriation Reclassification Request

1. Department of Insurance Miscellaneous Federal Grant reclassified to American Rescue Plan Act appropriation – \$616,757

E. Rainy Day Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services – \$1,668,000

F. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. University of Arkansas – Multi– User Silicon Carbide Research and Fabrication Facility – \$1,000,000
2. University of Arkansas – Criminal Justice Institute – \$350,000
3. University of Arkansas – Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovations – \$1,000,000
4. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Crisis Stabilization Unit – \$3,000,000
5. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Harbor House – \$1,000,000 (verbal amendment changed recipient of grant)
6. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Community School of the Arts – \$1,000,000
7. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – National Cold War Center – \$1,900,000
8. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$1,000,000 – \$1,000,000 for the Used Tire Recycling Accountability Program – **Item discussed but no action taken (Attachment 1)**

Items for Review

G. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Transformation – Division of Building Authority – \$996,450 Sustainable Building Revolving Loan Fund for Henderson State University

H. Cash Appropriation Requests

1. Supreme Court of Arkansas – \$570,000
2. Department of Corrections – \$2,500,000
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$68,000
4. Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – \$725,251
5. Department of the Military – Arkansas National Guard – \$250,000
6. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$1,000,000 - **Item discussed but no action taken (Attachment 2)**

I. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Administrative Office of the Courts – Arkansas Juvenile Drug Treatment Court Enhancement Program – \$600,000
2. Administrative Office of the Courts – Adult and Veterans Drug Treatment Court – \$750,000
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$1,333,152

J. Performance Fund/Pay Plan Appropriation Holding Account Transfer Requests

1. Department of Commerce – State Bank Department – \$27,000
 - a. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – \$100,000

K. Overtime Appropriation Request

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Services Division – \$400,000

Item for Final Action

On July 21, 2022, Legislative Council authorized the Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) subcommittee to meet as needed, including outside the regular Legislative Council week, to consider Department of Education requests for American Rescue Plan Act appropriation to make grants to local school districts with funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Legislative Council provided PEER with final approval of these appropriation requests.

- L. Department of Education Requests for American Rescue Plan Appropriation for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Grants – \$123,534,314

Reports

M. Annual Report

1. Division of Workforce Services TANF Transfers Report

N. Quarterly Reports

1. Department of Human Services Interagency/Interdivisional Match Fund Transfer Report
2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
3. Division of Arkansas State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
4. Federal Grant Applications and Awards Report

O. Monthly Reports

1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
3. Tobacco Settlement Report
4. State Central Services Fund Report
5. American Rescue Plan Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co– Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray



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Fund: NEW Cash

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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
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RE: FY 23 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 226 of 2022, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

- Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality in the amount of \$1,000,000.
For the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Program

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Larry W. Walther in black ink.
Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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Mr. Larry Walther
Cabinet Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

RE: FY23 Restricted Reserve Funds Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) respectfully requests \$1,000,000.00 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to be used for the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act Program, Ark. Code. Ann. § 8-9-405, payable from a cash appropriation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and feel free to contact me or my staff if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky W. Keogh".

Becky W. Keogh
Cabinet Secretary



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Attachment 2

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RE: FY23 Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

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

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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RE: FY23 Cash Appropriation Request

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) respectfully requests \$1,000,000.00 in a cash appropriation to distribute funds related to the Used Tire Recycling and Accountability Act Program, Ark. Code. Ann. § 8-9-405.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and feel free to contact me or my staff if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky W. Keogh".

Becky W. Keogh
Cabinet Secretary