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October 8, 2020

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 21 C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020, Section 36, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

All of the attached requests deal with the expenditure of funding made available to the state through the federal C.A.R.E.S. Act. Expedited consideration of the attached requests is necessary given the limited nature of funding made available through the C.A.R.E.S. Act, which concludes at the end of the current calendar year. Given the needs of the state and our obligation to ensure that federal funding is spent in a timely manner, we ask that these items be considered at the next available meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.
Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



DHS Secretary Cindy Gillespie
Office of the Secretary

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October 7, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

BA: 0710
Func. Area: HHS
FC: Y98
Fund: FWF5000
CI: 510:00:04

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation under Act 2 of 2020, Sec. 36

Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for additional appropriation to be added to Fund FWF5000 within the Department of Human Services – Secretary’s Office/DHS Administration utilizing the C.A.R.E.S. appropriation as authorized under Act 2 of 2020.

This SFY2021 appropriation will be necessary to expend funds allocated by the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee to help respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The requested appropriation will support the following two programs:

- Name of program – **Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Partnership**
 - ❖ Purpose - Statewide Critical Direct Feeding Services for Children, Elderly and Families
 - Appropriation requested - **\$1,826,000**

- Name of Program – **Community Outreach Investment**
 - ❖ Purpose - Non-Profit and Community Organizations Providing Direct Services to Individual Within High Poverty Areas
 - Appropriation requested - **\$5,000,000**

Appropriation and funding will be utilized as:

- Grants and Aid (501:00:04)

Sincerely,

Cindy Gillespie
Secretary



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Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for additional appropriation to be added to Fund FWF5000 within the Department of Human Services – Secretary’s Office/DHS Administration utilizing the C.A.R.E.S. appropriation as authorized under Act 2 of 2020.

This SFY2021 appropriation will be necessary to expend funds allocated by the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee to help respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The requested appropriation will support the following program:

- Name of program – **Veteran’s Issues Initiative**
- ❖ Purpose – Behavioral health and suicide prevention with a focus on veterans
- Appropriation requested - **\$5,000,000**

Appropriation and funding will be utilized as:

- Grants and Aid (510:00:04)

Sincerely,

Cindy Gillespie
Secretary



Asa Hutchinson
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Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

October 7, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther
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BA: 0790
Func. Area: COMM
FC: Y99
Fund: FAKCAR4
CI: 510:00:04

Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for federal funds CARES Act appropriation under Section 36 of Act 2 of 2020 to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) in the amount of \$4,240,000 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas. The appropriation will be utilized by AEDC to create and administer a short-term rental assistance grant program benefitting Arkansans who have been adversely impacted by the pandemic. The program will also be funded by federal CDBG-CV grants totaling \$5,760,000.

Thank you for your consideration.

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David L. Bell
Chief Financial Officer
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cc: Michael Preston, Cabinet Secretary, Arkansas Department of Commerce
Jim Hudson, Chief Legal Counsel, Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Betty Anderson, Chief of Staff, Arkansas Department of Commerce
Jake Bleed, State Budget Director, Department of Finance and Administration



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October 6, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

BA: 0790
Func Area: COMM
FC: Y99
Fund: FAKCAR3
CI: 510:00:04

Dear Secretary Walther,

I respectfully request your approval for federal funds CARES Act appropriation under Section 36 of Act 2 of 2020 in the amount of \$48,500,000 as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas. The appropriation will be utilized to create and administer a grant program to provide much needed economic assistance to certain Arkansas businesses.

The businesses eligible for the grant program will be those in the personal care, tourism, travel, recreation, and hospitality industries most directly impacted by necessary public health measures and the ongoing pandemic.

Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) will receive the CARES Act appropriation and will be the disbursing agency of record. Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism (ADPHT) will serve as the operational project manager of the grant program and will assist and advise AEDC. Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) will administer the application and expense approval processes as well as authorizing and distributing the payments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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David L. Bell, Chief Financial Officer, ADC
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cc: Michael Preston, Cabinet Secretary, ADC
Stacy J. Hurst, Cabinet Secretary, ADPHT
Jake Bleed, State Budget Director, DFA



Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

October 6, 2020

BA: 0810
Func. Area: COMM
FC: 2SD
Fund: TESCARE
CI: 502:00:02

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

Dear Secretary Walther:


The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) respectfully requests Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) approval of an appropriation authorized under Section 36 of Act 2 of 2020, in the amount of \$25,000,000.

On August 25, 2020, ADWS was approved for the FEMA Lost Wages supplemental payment Assistance (LWA). To date, three weeks of payments have been distributed through LWA, with the CARES Act Steering Committee having approved \$8 million to satisfy the state match requirement.

In light of the continued needs of Arkansans still facing unemployment as a result of COVID-19 and the availability of further FEMA assistance, ADWS now respectfully requests to apply for an additional three weeks of assistance through LWA as allowed by FEMA and President Trump's August executive order. The purpose of the \$25,000,000 appropriation request is to ensure adequate appropriation to meet matching requirements as specified by FEMA upon application for additional assistance.

If approved, the requested \$25 million appropriation will allow ADWS to utilize the previously approved \$8 million in CARES Act funding as well as any additional funds to meet the state match required by FEMA for the LWA program for the proposed additional three weeks. At this time, ADWS estimates the need for additional funds to meet the state match to be approximately \$10 million to \$15 million. Subject to legislative approval, ADWS will submit a request to the CARES Act Steering Committee for the requisite funds identified by FEMA.

Sincerely,


Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services



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Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer is requesting a transfer from the CARES Act Holding appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000. This transfer is necessary to move appropriation from the holding fund (MXX0111) to the CARES Act Treasury fund (FCOVDPH). This authority is needed to process a payment to CTEH fees for grant management for the Business Interruption Program.

From:

Business Area 0620, Fund MXX0111, Fund Center Z67, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund FCOVDPH, Fund Center Z72, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

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

Sincerely,

Alan McVey
Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip



Asa Hutchinson
Governor

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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Wes Ward
Secretary of Agriculture

October 8, 2020

Fund: FFACARE

FC: 37FP

CI: 590:00:49

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 402
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RE: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Request for CARES Act Appropriation

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture respectfully requests approval for appropriation to expend funding awarded by the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee under Section 36 of Act 2 of 2020. The total amount awarded by the Committee is \$5,453,471.87.

The purpose of this additional funding is to support the previously established cost-share program to help local, small-scale Arkansas meat processing facilities expand processing capacity to meet increased demand due impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This program is modeled after the Missouri and Oklahoma cost-share programs for increased meat processing capacity that utilized CARES Act funding.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Wesley W. Ward
Secretary of Agriculture
State of Arkansas



Arkansas Department of Health

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Governor Asa Hutchinson
José R. Romero, MD, Secretary of Health

October 9, 2020

Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 W. 7th Street, Room 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Arkansas Department of Health
Request for CARES Act Appropriation for FY2021

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) respectfully requests approval for appropriation to expend funding awarded by the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee under Section 36 of Act 2020. The amount awarded by the Committee is \$1,202,000.00.

The approved funding will be used for mobile units and grants to community-based organizations.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "José R. Romero, MD".

José Romero, MD, Secretary of Health
Arkansas Department of Health

CC: Dr. Jose Romero, Secretary of Health
Stephanie Williams, ADH Chief of Staff
Don Adams, ADH Deputy Director-Administration
Renee Mallory, ADH Deputy Director-Public Health Programs
Jo Thompson, Chief Financial Officer