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October 7, 2022

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 23 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 199 of 2022, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- OVA - Veterans Affairs - Fayetteville Veterans Home \$381,783
- OVA - Veterans Affairs - North Little Rock Veterans Home \$275,410
- ADH - Health Department - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administrator \$815,327
- ADH - Health Department - Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infections Diseases \$415,024
- ADH - Health Department - Mitigation of COVID in Confinement Facilities \$9,310,000
- ADH - Health Department - Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program \$0
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- ADE - Division of Higher Education - AmeriCorps \$265,000
- OHS - Medical Services Division - Home and Community Based Services \$685,000
- DEE - Environmental Quality Division - Health Outcome Disparities from Pollution and COVID \$400,178




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Pursuant to Section 37 (02) of Act 199 of 2022, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Game and Fish Commission – Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building \$5,000,000
- Game and Fish Commission – Bayou Meta Wildlife Management Area Greentree Reservoir Renovations \$15,000,000

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs Business Area Code: 0385

Program Title: Department of Veterans Affairs - State Home Per Diem Program

Granting Organization: Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) CFDA #: 64.015

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

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. The act provided the federal Department of Veterans Affairs \$250 million dollars to distribute a one-time payment to existing State Extended Care Facilities for Veterans for operational needs per Public Law 117-2 Section 8004 for State Veteran Homes. Payments were made in proportion to each State's share of the total Veteran resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act. The purpose of this ARPA funding is to support the State Veteran Home facilities and ensure care for veterans during the pandemic. This request is for the Arkansas State Veterans Home at Fayetteville.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP3852 Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: AR2 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	381,783
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 381,783

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2023

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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: [Signature] 9-14-2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director /CFO Date

Robert Brech 9/16/2022

Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

[Signature]
9/15/2022

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American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP3854 Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: AR2 Internal Order/WBS Element: Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	(295,000)
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	(103,250)
Operating Expenses	673,660
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 275,410

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2023

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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director /CFO Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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**Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
American Rescue Plan Act Funding
FY23 Plan of Execution**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by the President Joe Biden. The act provided the federal Department of Veterans Affairs \$250 Million dollars to distribute a one-time payment to existing State Extended Care Facilities for Veterans for operational needs per Public Law 117-2 Section 8004 for State Veteran Homes. Payments were made in proportion to each State's share of the total Veteran resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act. The purpose of this ARPA funding is to support State Veteran Home facilities and ensure care for veterans. The Arkansas State Veterans Home at Fayetteville (ASVH-F) received \$827,472.00 and the Arkansas State Veterans Home at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR) received \$1,182,103.00.

To-date, ASVH-F has expended approximately 54% the ARPA funds it received; while ASVH-NLR has expended 22% of the funds it received.

Budget Commitment Item	ASVH-F	ASVH-NLR
Operating Expenses	\$381,783.00	\$673,660.00
Regular Salaries		<\$295,000.00>
Personal Services Matching		<\$103,250.00>
Total	\$381,783.00	\$275,410.00

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at Fayetteville (ASVH-F)

- Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but are not limited to the following: facility rent, drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and contract nurse staffing. The requested amount represents approximately 8% of annual facility :02 operating expenses and will assist the facility in stabilizing cash flow.

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR)

- The agency is requesting to reallocate ARPA appropriation from salaries and personal services matching to operating expenses; and to increase the amount of :02 operating expense appropriation by an additional \$275,410. Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but are not limited to the following: drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and contract nurse staffing.

Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:Arkansas 988 Capacity Project

Granting Organization:Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services AdministratioCFDA #:93.243

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:07/01/2022`Ending:6/30/2023

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

The purpose of the grant is to improve state and territory response to 988 contacts (including calls, chats, and texts) originating in the state by: (1) recruiting, hiring and training behavioral health workforce to staff local 988/Lifeline centers to respond, intervene, and provide follow-up to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis; (2) engaging Lifeline crisis centers to unify 988 response across states/territories; and (3) expanding the crisis center staffing and response struce needed for the successful implementation of 988.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFund Code: NewDirect Funding: X

Funds Center: NewInternal Order/WBS Element:Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	117,963
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	40,532
Operating Expenses	15,720
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	609,096
Other: Indirect Cost	32,016
Other:	
Total	\$ 815,327

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:4/29/2024

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Approved by:Robert Brech9/8/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

ADH Legislative Review Summary

Date Completed: 5/16/2022

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

Center or Office: CHP		Branch: Substance Misuse and Injury Prevention		Section/Unit/Program Name: Injury Prevention/Arkansas 988 Capacity Project	
Action to be Reviewed: Appropriation Request			If other, explain: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Vendor Name: Click or tap here to enter text.			Vendor Location: Click or tap here to enter text.		
Geographic Area(s) Served: Statewide					
Amount of this Action: \$815,327.00		Contract/Agreement #: H79SM086081		Purchase Order #: None	
Funding Source: Federal - ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act)			If other, explain:Click or tap here to enter text.		
Procurement Method: Notice of Funding Award/Opportunity					
Summary of Procurement Process (when conducted, # of responses, # of awards, etc.): Click or tap here to enter text.					
If Sole Source or Special Procurement, reason: N/A					
Term of Action: 4-30-2022 to 4-29-2024		Is this a renewal? No	Amendment #: NA	Is Contract/Sub-grant Renewable? No	If yes, # of renewals available? NA
Original Term: 4/30/2022 to 4/29/2024			Total Projected Cost: \$815,327.00		
Importance of Program/Contract/Sub-grant (Statement of Need): As of January 2021, the in-state call answer rate for Arkansas Lifeline call centers was 65% and therefore, too many Arkansans are facing extended wait times as their calls are transferred out of state to available call centers, which often lack knowledge of resources within the state. The culmination of this project will allow in-state call centers to join resources and work together on a unified front in the effort to reduce the number of Arkansans who die by suicide					
Overview of Request - Objectives, Scope, and Performance/Purpose of Amendment (For contracts, use same description from the Form SRV-1 or SRV-1A): These funds are to be used for salaries, supplies, subcontracts and outreach expenses that will allow the Arkansas Department of Health to work in collaboration between Arkansas 988/Lifeline call centers to decrease wait time and increase appropriate resource advisement for callers. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Answer 90% of all in-state calls by September 2023 and extend the response capacity of all call centers by using full-time, part-time, and volunteers.• Establish two Sub-grants with (1) Arkansas Crisis Center and (1) Western Arkansas Counseling to better equip each organization to answer calls and texts placed to 988. These are the only two, besides ADH, that are able to answer 988 calls/texts in the state.• Initiate an in-state chat and text response plan for all call centers to a 50% response rate by the end of the first year and 90% by the end of the project period.• Establish coordinated quality improvement plans for all in-state call centers to improve response time/quality and capability to respond to state or local impacting events. Prioritize consistent follow-up in all call centers and ensure employees are appropriately equipped and trained to provide resources over a broad range of topics from imminent risk, safety, and follow-ups.					
Method for Monitoring/Accountability: Sub-grants will be monitored with monthly reporting, invoice auditing					

Additional pertinent information about this action: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Primary Contact Name: Jacob Smith	Title: Substance Misuse Section Chief
Phone #: 501-671-1611	Email: Jacob.r.Smith@arkansas.gov
Secondary Contact Name: Mandy Thomas	Title: CHP ADMO
Phone #: 501-661-2251	Email: Amanda.Thomas@arkansas.gov

09.28.2021

Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) SET-NET

Granting Organization:Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)CFDA #:93.323

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Congress appropriated emergency supplemental funds to participate in optional surveillance data collection on COVID-19 during pregnancy through the Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET). The surveillance will be used to monitor the impact of COVID-19 to mothers and babies includes the collection of informtion about illness course, obstetric history, and pregnancy and birth outcomes among pregnant women and their infants. The critical information obtained will inform CDC clinical recommendations and public health guidance and messages.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:HHSFund Code:NewDirect Funding: x

Funds Center:NewInternal Order/WBS Element:Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	61,257
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	20,461
Operating Expenses	309,471
Conference & Travel Expenses	7,328
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other: IDC	16,507
Total	\$ 415,024

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:07/31/2024


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Approved by:8/20/22

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

SETNET (Project W) Summary

The Arkansas Department of Health is partnering with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help protect mothers and babies from the consequences of public health emergencies.

Pregnant and recently pregnant women are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 compared to nonpregnant women. Additionally, pregnant people with COVID-19 are at increased risk for preterm birth and might be at increased risk for other poor pregnancy outcomes. A small percentage of babies have tested positive for the virus shortly after birth despite no contact with their mother, raising concern for possible transmission during pregnancy or delivery. Therefore, when the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Arkansas used SET-NET to set up processes needed to understand its impact on pregnant people and their infants. Because of their experience with Zika, the Arkansas team responded to COVID-19 more easily. The relationships needed were already in place. Experts in birth defects, epidemiology, and medicine came together.

Our health department, in collaboration with CDC, is monitoring pregnant women who test positive for SARS-CoV-2 through the end of their pregnancy and monitoring their infants through at least 6 months of age. We report cases of COVID-19 to CDC as part of CDC's Surveillance for Emerging Threats to Mothers and Babies Network (SET-NET). Data collected as part of these efforts can help direct public health action and inform clinical guidance for the care of affected pregnant women and their infants.

Our key surveillance questions include the following:

Pregnancy

- What are the demographics and risk factors for disease in pregnant people with COVID-19?
- What is the timing for illness onset and presence of symptoms (e.g., trimester at infection, asymptomatic vs symptomatic)?
- What is the clinical course of COVID-19 in pregnant people?
- Complications (e.g., pneumonia, respiratory distress, abnormal chest X-ray)
- Severity (e.g., hospitalizations, ICU, intubation, ECMO)
- Treatments (e.g., antivirals, supportive treatments)
- Outcomes (e.g., mortality)
- Does illness severity vary by time period when genetic variants (e.g., Delta) were predominant compared to prior time periods?
- What is the frequency of reinfection among pregnant people?
- What is the frequency of infection by maternal vaccination status? What is the clinical course of COVID-19 by maternal vaccination status?

Birth outcomes/neonatal outcomes

- What is the frequency of different pregnancy outcomes (e.g., live birth, stillbirth, miscarriage) among pregnant people with COVID-19? Does this differ by time period when genetic variants were predominant? Does this differ by maternal vaccination status?

What is frequency of induction and type of delivery (e.g., vaginal, non-emergent c-section, emergent c-section)?

- What is the frequency and range of adverse birth outcomes (e.g., birth defects, preterm birth, low birth weight, small for gestational age [SGA], ICU admission, neonatal mortality) among neonates born to pregnant people with COVID-19 infections? Do these outcomes differ by timing and severity of maternal COVID-19 infection, or time period when genetic variants were predominant?
- What is the frequency of neonates diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Describe timing of neonates testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 (e.g., at birth, 24-48hrs, >48hrs)
- Describe the frequency based on maternal disease characteristics (e.g., GA at onset, severity of maternal illness, timing of infection to delivery, time period when genetic variants were predominant) or delivery characteristics (e.g., vaginal vs. c-section)
- Describe treatment administered (e.g., antivirals, supportive treatments)
- What is the frequency of breastmilk feeding among neonates born to people with COVID-19 during pregnancy? Do these feeding practices differ by infant testing results and maternal characteristics, such as timing of infection or severity of maternal infection?

Infant outcomes

- What is the frequency of post-natal SARS-CoV-2 infection among infants born to people with COVID-19 during pregnancy? Does this frequency differ by maternal characteristics that may influence passive immunity (e.g., trimester of infection, disease severity)? Does this differ by time period when genetic variants (e.g., Delta) were predominant compared to prior time periods? Does this differ by maternal vaccination status?
- Among infants with SARS-CoV-2 infection, what is the severity of post-natal infection, including need for hospitalization and mortality?
- What are the growth patterns seen among infants born to people with COVID-19 during pregnancy? Do growth patterns differ by infant characteristics (e.g., preterm, low birthweight, breastmilk feeding), infant testing results and maternal characteristics, such as timing of infection, severity of maternal infection, or hospital infection and control practices?
- What is the range and frequency of other adverse infant outcomes (e.g., failure to thrive, dehydration, jaundice, hospitalization) among infants born to people with COVID-19 during pregnancy? Do these outcomes differ by infant testing results and maternal characteristics, such as timing of infection, severity of maternal infection and/or hospital infection and control practices (e.g., maternal-infant separation)?
- Are infants born to people with COVID-19 during pregnancy receiving recommended in person outpatient follow-up and does this differ by maternal characteristics (e.g., demographics, socioeconomic indicators, and/or timing of maternal infection)?

SET-NET is a preparedness network that is ready to be adapted for the next threat to mothers and babies. SET-NET aims to ensure that the needs of pregnant people and their infants are met

during a public health emergency or any emerging threats that are deemed necessary to surveillance. This benefits the health of Arkansas as a whole, especially for mothers and babies.

Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:ELC Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases Detection & Mitigation of COVID in Confinement Facilities

Granting Organization:Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)CFDA #:93.323

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

The purpose of this funding is to provide support to confinement facilities (specifically defined as facilities that house incarcerated individuals) to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic through providing resources related to detection and mitigation of COVID-19 largely through testing, contact tracing, personal protective equipment, infection control, and data management. Confinement facilities are prioritized for specific COVID-19 funds due to the nature of transmission of COVID-19 and the high impact this can have in a congregate setting. Funds are intended to be utilized equally between prisons and jails. The Arkansas Department of Health received funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in partnership with the Department of Justice, for staff (an infection preventionist, microbiologist, and a health program specialist), laboratory testing supplies, point of care tests, and two large contracts to support improvement projects, as well as staffing to manage COVID-19 testing and results.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFund Code: NewDirect Funding: X

Funds Center: NewInternal Order/WBS Element:Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	598,554
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	192,687
Operating Expenses	5,608,925
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	750,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	2,000,000
Other:	
Other: IDC	159,834
Total	\$ 9,310,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:07/31/2024

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Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

Title: Detection & Mitigation of COVID-19 in Confinement Facilities

Funding Period: August 1st, 2021 – July 31, 2024 *Note award was approved in April 2022 **Previous Grant Award was CARES Act (Not ARP)**

Funding Amount: \$9,310,000

Executive Summary:

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has received federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with the Department of Justice, through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Cooperative Agreement to support detection and mitigation of COVID-19 in confinement facilities. Specifically, the funding is intended to provide testing and infection control resources to our State's prisons and jails to identify cases rapidly and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within these settings.

The ADH plans to utilize funds to directly support prisons and jails in the following ways: 1) provide funding directly to the Arkansas Department of Corrections through a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to support a variety of response activities (outlined below) based on the need of each individual facility; 2) solicit a subgrant for funds to be dispersed to city and county jails to support a variety of response activities (outlined below) based on the need of each individual facility; 3) purchase laboratory supplies for COVID-19 testing at the Arkansas State Public Health Laboratory; 4) purchase point of care testing materials to be distributed to prisons and jails; 5) solicit a professional services agreement to provide strike teams for collection and delivery of samples to the SPHL for testing; and 6) a small, dedicated staff to COVID-19 mitigation in confined settings at the Arkansas Department of Health.

These funds are to be used for a variety of response activities, determined by need, to detect and mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic. The ADH is required to ensure that funds are utilized to conduct the single required activity and can choose among optional activities to support response activities. ADH will guide prisons and jails on ensuring that funds are utilized within these parameters. Funds cannot be used to provide clinical services, general staffing, or purchase, storage, or administer vaccines. Allowable activities are as follows:

a. Required Activity:

1. Establish and implement diagnostic and screening testing programs for detainees/inmates, staff, and visitors. *Note: Laboratory diagnostic funds are available to be spent at the State Public Health Laboratory.

b. Optional Activities:

1. Conduct COVID-19 testing and contact tracing.
2. Implement recommended isolation and quarantine strategies including for confirmed and suspected cases and close contacts.
3. Implement distancing policies and training staff on maintaining distancing practices.
4. Develop staffing strategies that reduce the risk of virus transmission (e.g. organize staff assignments so that the same staff are assigned to the same areas of the facility over time).
5. Implement policies and practices that support transportation that are consistent with recommendations to reduce transmission.
6. Implement visitor policies consistent with recommendations to reduce virus risk.
7. Implement infection control practices inside facilities.

8. Develop and implement procedures and systems to improve confinement facility preparedness and response efforts.
9. Coordinate preparedness and response efforts with state, local, tribal, and territorial public health departments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19 within confinement facilities.
10. Enhance and/or improve the practices of confinement facilities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and to reduce the risk of virus transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards.
11. Purchase of additional supplies to sanitize and clean the confinement facilities. Funding must not supplant existing expenditures on such supplies and can only be used to support enhanced cleaning efforts.
12. Educate and train confinement facility staff and residents/detainees/inmates on sanitation and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases.
13. Implement COVID-19 mitigation practices to minimize potential opportunities for exposure including video conferencing technology and other measures for attorney/client purposes, court appearances, family visiting, and programming.

Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program

Granting Organization:Health Resourecs and Service Administration (HRSA)CFDA #:93.870

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

Request to reallocate the funding from Grants and Aids (CI:04) to Professional Fees (CI:10) HRSA is issuing American Rescue Plan (ARP) awards to current Maternal Infant Early Child Home Visiting (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 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. The Arkansas Department of Health (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: HHSFund Code: FRP6450Direct Funding: x

Funds Center: AN3Internal Order/WBS Element: RHVA0022Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	1,682,327
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	(1,682,327)
Other: 5900046 (Administatvie Cost)	
Other:	
Total	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:09/30/2024

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Date

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9/8/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

Office of Budget

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9/8/2022

Date

Date

**Arkansas Department of Health
Appropriation Request – Overview
\$1,869,252.00 Award from the
HRSA American Rescue Plan Act Funding for Home Visiting**

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:

- expansion of the Arkansas Home Visiting Network to include an additional 160 families

The effective period of the award is December 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024.

Purpose

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) in conjunction with the Arkansas Children's Hospital Home Visiting Network, will use the ARP funds to support home visiting activities that address the identified needs of families and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic

Goals

- Expansion of current Arkansas Home Visiting Network to include an additional 160 families.

Sustainability

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

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Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Homevisiting Grant Program

Granting Organization:Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA)CFDA #:93.870

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

Request to reallocate the funding from Grants and Aids (CI:04) to Professional Fees (CI:10) 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. The Arkansas Department of Health (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: HHSFund Code: FRP6450Direct Funding: x

Funds Center: AN3Internal Order/WBS Element: RHVA0021Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	681,907
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	(681,907)
Other: Lactation Counselor Certification 46	
Other: Administrative Cost 47	
Total	

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:09/30/2023

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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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:

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

8/30/22
Date

Robert Brech9/8/2022

Office of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date

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

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: AR Division of Higher EducationBusiness Area Code: 0700

Program Title: EngageAR

Granting Organization: Corporation for National and Community ServiceCFDA #: 94.003

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2022Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Funds have been allocated to State Commissions to assist with AmeriCorps sub-grantee management and program development addressing civic engagement.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EducFund Code:Steering Comm. Approved:Direct Funding: x

Funds Center:Internal Order/WBS Element:Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	65,000
Personal Services Matching	18,200
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	10,800
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	171,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 265,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2024

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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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:Robert Brech09/15/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

EngageAR ARP Funds

Funds have been allocated to State Commissions to assist with AmeriCorps sub-grantee management and program development addressing civic engagement.

Extra Help: EngageAR will be on-boarding an AmeriCorps Manager to focus specifically on identifying best practice program models able to be replicated in Arkansas, addressing critical areas of need. Once identified the position will be responsible for offering training and technical assistance to potential partners/applicants. The position will also focus on the implementation and growth of Public Health Corps, a newly launched national Corps addressing health. Programs initially funded at the national level will be moved to the EngageAR portfolio requiring training, technical assistance, and monitoring. Additional streams of funding have been released by the federal office. This position will allow for capacity building of EngageAR to leverage the federal funds. The funding for this position will be shifted to the traditional AmeriCorps federal funding streams once ARP funds have been exhausted.

Conference and Travel Expenses: Resources to support program development and training for new employee.

Grants & Aid: Increase need calls for utilization of funds to support municipalities in service events, leveraging the manpower of AmeriCorps, local volunteers and community based organizations.

Agency:Arkansas Department of Human ServicesBusiness Area Code:0710

Program Title:Home and Community Based Services American Rescue Plan

Granting Organization:Center for Medicaid and CHIP ServicesCFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
To draw down additional federal funds to develop a Statewide Crisis Continuum for all Medicaid recipients (Life 360 Home, PASSE, and the other Medicaid populations). A Community-Based Crisis Response system will create a coordinated network of first responders, social services professionals, and clinical staff to provide immediate services to children and adults in various stages of behavioral, emotional and/or mental crisis. Services would be provided to children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), mental health (MH) and/or substance use needs. Crisis response seeks to provide necessary interventions using a home and community-based model prior to the use of institutionalization which can be costly, disruptive to the individual and their family, and often produces poorer outcomes.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFund Code: FRP7177Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: AL9Internal Order/WBS Element: RA7P0021Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	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)	685,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 685,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:3/31/2024

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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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:

Robert Brech

9/13/2022

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9/12/2022

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date

8/24/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

Date

for Cindy Gillespie

Supplementing vs Supplanting



- ☐ States can claim 10% enhanced FMAP on baseline HCBS spending from April 2021-March 2022
- ☐ This assumption is based on other State's actions
- ☐ For Arkansas, we would utilize fee for service HCBS spend which was approximately \$354M
- ☐ If we amend our Spending Plan and include baseline FFS HCBS previously spent, we can draw an additional \$36 million in federal funds AND reimburse the previously invested state portion which was \$13,750,625



Supplementing vs Supplanting



Figure 1. New Option to Maximize Arkansas State Funds Investment

Phase	Current Spending Plan Uses New SGR to Leverage 10% Enhanced Match	New Option - Leverage Current Base line Spending for HCBS to Earn 10%
Earning Phase		
Total Computable Spending	112,250,000	354,000,000
Federal Share	98,499,375	0
State Share Match	13,750,625	0
Total HCBS Appendix B Expenditures	112,250,000	354,000,000
Federal Share Earned for Reinvestment (10%)	\$ 11,225,000	\$ 35,400,000
Amount Needing to Reinvest if all funds are maximized	39,455,185	188,343,318
Reinvestment Phase		
Cost of Reinvestment	39,455,185	39,455,185
		112,250,000
Total Cost of Reinvestment - No Change in AR Plan	\$ 39,455,185	\$ 151,705,185
Add Amount the State Can Spend on New Initiatives	\$ 0	\$ 36,638,132

Note: Total Computable Spending of the New Option does not include eligible HCBS paid through the PASSEs.



Phase 2 Initiatives



- ❑ Currently, the ARP Spending Plan allocates \$39.5 million for Phase 2 which is focused on Enabling Technology, Environmental Modifications, and Expanding placement options, specifically for those with complex care needs
- ❑ By claiming our FFS baseline HCBS spending from April 2021-March 2022, that total is approximately \$36 million
- ❑ This proposal request the approval to draw down additional federal funds to develop a Statewide Crisis Continuum for all Medicaid recipients (Life 360 Home, PASSE, and the other Medicaid populations)



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Agency: Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment, Division of Environmental Quality Business Area Code: 0930

Program Title: Section 103 Direct Award for Enhancing Continuous Monitoring of PM2.5 and Other NAAQS Air Pollutants

Granting Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.034

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/1/2022 Ending: 12/31/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
This award is intended to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting enhanced monitoring of particulate matter and five other air pollutants regulated by the national ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. This award provides for 100% of the cost to purchase 9 particulate monitors, 7 ozone analyzers, a trace carbon monoxide analyzer, and a trace sulfur dioxide analyzer. This is a direct grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. There is no cost-share requirement for the state.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: _____ Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	400,178
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 400,178

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/23

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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: [Signature] 9/1/22 Robert Brech 9/9/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Attachment 1 - Project Description

The purpose of this American Rescue Plan funded cooperative agreement is to advance enhanced monitoring of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) or other National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutants in and near communities with environmental justice concerns who face disproportionate exposure to these pollutants and health risks which are also associated with increased vulnerability to COVID-19. The purpose of this American Rescue Plan funded cooperative agreement is to advance enhanced monitoring of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) or other National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutants in and near communities with environmental justice concerns who face disproportionate exposure to these pollutants and health risks which are also associated with increased vulnerability to COVID-19.

These funds will be used to replace existing filter-based monitors or otherwise enhance existing monitors in and near those communities to provide 24/7, real-time reporting of air quality concentrations. Specifically, the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (ADEQ), will Review and compare EPA proposed equipment for purchase and determine if any adjustments need to be made on enhancements at various air monitoring sites based on current needs. Consult with EPA about proposed changes/updates; Prepare and initiate procurement request(s) for equipment purchase(s); Purchase equipment; Take delivery of equipment upon verification of functionality of equipment and move forward with payment of vendor invoices; Plan for timely set-up and installation of equipment consistent with the goal of enhancing air monitoring activities in EJ and underserved communities.

As a recipient of this EPA grant, Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment will:

1. Review and compare EPA proposed equipment for purchase and determine if any adjustments need to be made on enhancements at various air monitoring sites based on current needs. Consult with EPA about proposed changes/updates.
2. Prepare and initiate procurement request(s) for equipment purchase(s).
3. Purchase equipment.
4. Take delivery of equipment upon verification of functionality of equipment and move forward with payment of vendor invoices
5. Plan for timely set-up and installation of equipment consistent with the goal of enhancing air monitoring activities in EJ and underserved communities.

Please refer to Section 103 ARP PM2.5 and NAAQS spreadsheet for DEQ's estimated purchase and installation plan for new monitoring equipment

6. Submit quarterly progress reports electronically to EPA Project Officer within 30 days of end of quarterly reporting period. Reports are due as follows:

- November 30, 2022 (August 2022 – October 2022)
- February 28, 2023 (November 2022 – January 2023)

- May 30, 2023 (February 2023 – April 2023)
- August 30, 2023 (May 2023 – July 2023)
- November 30, 2023 (August 2023 – October 2023)
- February 28, 2024 (November 2023 – January 2024)
- May 30, 2024 (February 2024 – April 2024)
- August 30, 2024 (May 2024 – July 2024)

7. Submit final progress report electronically to EPA Project Officer within 120 days of project end date. Outputs/Milestones:

- Reporting of expenditures of ARP funds via completion of procurement or taking delivery of air monitoring equipment for enhancing ambient air monitoring activities of PM2.5 or other National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants consistent with stated goals and objectives for the use of American Rescue Plan funding.
- Reporting of status of setting up and installing of equipment to begin use of actual equipment as part air monitoring network sites.
- Reporting of draw down of federal funds upon delivery and acceptance of ARP funded equipment.

Outcomes:

- Operation of PM2.5 or other NAAQS pollutants air monitoring in accordance with all EPA requirements leading to collection of quality assured ambient air quality data to help ensure that more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards.

No subawards are included in this assistance agreement.

Administrative Conditions

National Administrative Terms and Conditions

General Terms and Conditions

The recipient agrees to comply with the current EPA general terms and conditions available at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-general-terms-and-conditions-effective-october-1-2021-or-later>.

These terms and conditions are in addition to the assurances and certifications made as a part of the award and the terms, conditions, or restrictions cited throughout the award.

The EPA repository for the general terms and conditions by year can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions#general>.

A. Correspondence Condition

The terms and conditions of this agreement require the submittal of reports, specific requests for approval, or notifications to EPA. Unless otherwise noted, all such correspondence should be sent to the following email addresses:

- Federal Financial Reports (SF-425): rtpfc-grants@epa.gov and R6_EPA_Grants_Programs@epa.gov
- MBE/WBE reports (EPA Form 5700-52A): Debora Bradford, DBE Coordinator bradford.debora@epa.gov and R6_EPA_Grants_Programs@epa.gov
- All other forms/certifications/assurances, Indirect Cost Rate Agreements, Requests for Extensions of the Budget and Project Period, Amendment Requests, Requests for other Prior Approvals, updates to recipient information (including email addresses, changes in contact information or changes in authorized representatives) and other notifications: R6_EPA_Grants_Programs@epa.gov
- Payment requests (if applicable): Terrie Wright, Project Officer wright.terrie@epa.gov and R6_EPA_Grants_Programs@epa.gov
- Quality Assurance documents, workplan revisions, equipment lists, programmatic reports and deliverables: Terrie Wright, Project Officer wright.terrie@epa.gov

Programmatic Conditions

Grant-Specific Programmatic Terms and Conditions

B. PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND FINAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

Performance Reports – Content

In accordance with 2 CFR 200.329, the recipient agrees to submit performance reports that

include brief information on each of the following areas: 1) A comparison of actual accomplishments to the outputs/outcomes established in the assistance agreement work plan for the period; 2) The reasons why established outputs/outcomes were not met; and 3) Additional pertinent information, including, when appropriate, analysis and explanation of cost overruns or high-unit costs.

Additionally, the recipient agrees to inform EPA as soon as problems, delays, or adverse conditions which will materially impair the ability to meet the outputs/outcomes specified in the assistance agreement work plan are known.

Performance Reports - Frequency

The recipient agrees to submit **quarterly** performance reports electronically to the EPA Project Officer within 30 days after the quarterly reporting period ends. The reporting periods are:

- November 30, 2022 (August 2022 – October 2022)
- February 28, 2023 (November 2022 – January 2023)
- May 30, 2023 (February 2023 – April 2023)
- August 30, 2023 (May 2023 – July 2023)
- November 30, 2023 (August 2023 – October 2023)
- February 28, 2024 (November 2023 – January 2024)
- May 30, 2024 (February 2024 – April 2024)
- August 30, 2024 (May 2024 – July 2024)

The recipient must submit the final performance report no later than 120 calendar days after the end date of the period of performance.

C. Cybersecurity Condition

State Grant Cybersecurity

1. The recipient agrees that when collecting and managing environmental data under this assistance agreement, it will protect the data by following all applicable State law cybersecurity requirements.
2. (1) EPA must ensure that any connections between the recipient's network or information system and EPA networks used by the recipient to transfer data under this agreement, are secure.

For purposes of this Section, a connection is defined as a dedicated persistent interface between an Agency IT system and an external IT system for the purpose of transferring information. Transitory, user-controlled connections such as website browsing are excluded from this definition.

If the recipient's connections as defined above do not go through the Environmental Information

Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange, the recipient agrees to contact the EPA

Project Officer (PO) and work with the designated Regional/Headquarters Information Security

Officer to ensure that the connections meet EPA security requirements, including entering into Interconnection Service Agreements as appropriate. This condition does not apply to manual entry of data by the recipient into systems operated and used by EPA's regulatory programs for the submission of reporting and/or compliance data.

(2) The recipient agrees that any subawards it makes under this agreement will require the subrecipient to comply with the requirements in (b)(1) if the subrecipient's network or information system is connected to EPA networks to transfer data to the Agency using systems other than the Environmental Information Exchange Network or EPA's Central Data Exchange.

The recipient will be in compliance with this condition: by including this requirement in subaward agreements; and during subrecipient monitoring deemed necessary by the recipient under 2 CFR 200.332(d), by inquiring whether the subrecipient has contacted the EPA Project Officer. Nothing in this condition requires the recipient to contact the EPA Project Officer on behalf of a subrecipient or to be involved in the negotiation of an Interconnection Service Agreement between the subrecipient and EPA.

D. DURC/iDURC

The recipient agrees to not initiate any life sciences research involving agents and toxins identified in Section 6.2.1 of the [*United States Government Policy for Institutional Oversight of Life Sciences Dual Use Research of Concern*](#) (iDURC Policy) until appropriate review and clearance by the recipient institution's Institutional Review Entity (IRE). The recipient also agrees to temporarily suspend life sciences research in the event that, during the course of the research project, the IRE determines that the life sciences research meets the definition of DURC in the iDURC Policy, and the recipient agrees to notify the EPA Institutional Contact for Dual Use Research (ICDUR) (DURC@epa.gov) of the institution's determination.

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Agency:Arkansas Game and Fish CommissionBusiness Area Code:0080

Program Title:Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building

Granting Organization:AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021CFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:07/01/2022Ending:06/30/23

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

This two-part project aims to significantly reduce the Lonoke Fish Hatchery's annual groundwater consumption through the construction of infrastructure that would allow the reuse of the water used for fish production instead of single-use. By developing water recirculating capabilities in the spawning building, the estimated impact on the Sparta aquifer would be a reduction of 141.9 million gallons of water annually based on the ability to reuse water with 90% efficiency. The estimated allowable project cost: \$2,000,000. In addition, upgrades to the outdoor hatchery ponds, including water reuse infrastructure and water storage capability, would further reduce our water use footprint by an estimated 430.1 million gallons annually pumped from the Sparta aquifer based on a reuse rate of 80% efficiency. The estimated Project cost: \$3,000,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:REC

Fund Code:

Direct Funding:

Funds Center:

Internal Order/WBS Element:

Steering Comm. Approved:08/18/2022

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	5,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 5,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:06/30/2024

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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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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Approved by:

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

8/19/22
Date


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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

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Director

August 18, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 W. 7th St. Suite 401
Little Rock AR, 72205

Dear Secretary Walther,

Pursuant to Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021, I am requesting the consideration of the attached appropriation requests for two ARPA-funded projects approved by the steering committee on August 18th. These projects include:

Bayou Meto WMA GTR Renovation

\$15,000,000 for the renovation of approximately 13,000 acres of Greentree reservoirs (GRT) in the Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area (WMA) that have been negatively impacted by prolonged flooding. This appropriation will be utilized for infrastructure renovations that will enhance water flow. These critical infrastructure renovations are essential to allow AGFC to manage water better and enhance drainage within the GTRs, particularly during the summer growing season, thus improving deteriorated forest health conditions to ensure the long-term sustainability of the world-renowned Greentree public land waterfowl hunting opportunities within the state. The long-term health and sustainability of these remnant bottomland hardwood forests are essential to sustaining public land waterfowl hunting opportunities for over 40,000 individuals annually, with an estimated financial benefit of \$70 million annually to local communities across Arkansas. In addition, these unique habitats support a host of other terrestrial and aquatic species, which provide significant wildlife viewing and other hunting opportunities beyond just waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building Water Reuse Project

\$5,000,000 to modernize how water is used, captured, and then reused at the Lonoke Fish Hatchery and would also increase the efficiency and capacity for fish production. By developing water recirculating capabilities in the spawning building, the estimated impact on the Sparta aquifer will be a reduction of 141.9 million gallons of water annually based on the ability to reuse water with 90% efficiency. This is equivalent to the water use of 3,698 "average" Arkansas water users. Upgrades to the outdoor hatchery ponds, including water reuse infrastructure and water storage capability, will further reduce our water use footprint by an estimated 430.1 million gallons annually pumped from the Sparta aquifer based on a reuse rate of 80% efficiency. This is equivalent to the average consumption of 11,117 Arkansans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Austin Booth
Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



Project Name: Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building Water Reuse Project

Project Status: Design phase underway

- Approved budget for design = \$350,000
- Current budget for construction = \$0

Project Description: The Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery located in Lonoke, AR is both the largest and the oldest facility in the AGFC fish culture system. This facility produces an average of 9-10 million fish annually, including catfish, Florida bass, and

baitfish. The proposed project includes the following: 1. Modernization of the 19,200 square foot indoor fish spawning/holding building including enhanced water reuse/recirculation capabilities. 2. Upgrades to the existing outdoor water supply/drain lines to include a water recapture/reuse system and a water storage pond for a 200-acre warm water culture facility.

Spawning building water reuse/recirculation project: This project consists of the construction of a 19,200 sq. ft. modernized indoor production facility that will provide for the complete re-use of water in this new facility. Currently, the groundwater used in two existing buildings for hatching, rearing, and holding fish is used in a one-pass system where the groundwater flows out of the building to the drainage ditches at the same rate that it is pumped in. The current designs for this new indoor facility include all the necessary components for a 100% water reuse system, including a settling basin, mechanical filtration system for the removal of solids, a sterilization system, and all the necessary piping so that each culture unit can drain into this system, go through the necessary treatments, and will then be available for additional use throughout the facility.

Outdoor hatchery water recapture/reuse project: This project consists of the construction of a water storage reservoir that many of the hatchery's 77 ponds will be able to drain into. The Lonoke Hatchery is solely dependent on groundwater for filling ponds and as those ponds are drained during harvest operations, that water flows off the hatchery through a series of underground piping into adjacent ditches. This renovation project will provide a system that will allow for ponds being drained to flow to an on-site storage reservoir. This captured surface water can then pass through a filtration system and a system of valves and pumps that will provide an alternative water source for filling all hatchery ponds and greatly reduce (80% reuse) the hatchery's dependence on groundwater.

Project Goals and Impacts: This project aims to increase the sustainability of the water use associated with fish production at the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's Lonoke Fish Hatchery. As a state conservation agency, it is important that we lead by example when it comes to water sustainability. In this case that includes reducing our impact on groundwater use by minimizing our withdrawals and maximizing our reuse of water on the facility to the extent possible. Currently, the hatchery utilizes groundwater brought to the surface through

wells. This water is used for fish production and then leaves the hatchery property through a system of ditches. The aim of this two-part project is to greatly reduce the annual consumption of groundwater through the construction of infrastructure that would allow the reuse of the water used for fish production instead of single-use.

The proposed project would modernize how water is used, captured, and then reused in the facility and would also increase the efficiency and capacity for fish production. Groundwater is an extremely critical resource to the state, and is relied upon by Arkansas for drinking water, agriculture, and aquaculture. By utilizing water recirculating capabilities in the spawning building, the estimated impact on the Sparta aquifer would be a reduction of 141.9 million gallons of water annually based on the ability to reuse water with 90% efficiency. This is equivalent to the water use of 3,698 “average” Arkansas water users. Upgrades to the outdoor hatchery ponds including water reuse infrastructure and water storage capability would further reduce our water use footprint by an estimated 430.1 million gallons annually pumped from the Sparta aquifer based on a reuse rate of 80% efficiency. This is equivalent to the average consumption of 11,117 Arkansans.

County: Lonoke

Congressional District: Rick Crawford (1)

AR Representative District Name and number: Roger D. Lynch (14)

AR Senate District Name and number: Jonathan Dismang (28)

Justification of project:

- a) Benefit to Arkansans - The surrounding Lonoke County and the city of Lonoke, AR, a socially disadvantaged rural community, draw their water from four wells that pump from the Sparta Sand Aquifer. They also purchase treated water from Grand Prairie Regional Water whose sources are five wells that pump from the Sparta Sand Aquifer to two water treatment facilities. Grand Prairie also purchased water from the City of Stuttgart, whose source for water is four wells that pump from the Quaternary System and Sparta Aquifers to two Water Treatment Plants.

AR Natural Resources Division states: “It is important to realize that groundwater levels continue to decline in areas with the highest water use for both the Mississippi River Valley alluvial aquifer and the Sparta aquifer. Arkansas is withdrawing groundwater from the alluvial and Sparta/Memphis aquifers in eastern and southern Arkansas at a rate far above that which is estimated to be sustainable. So long as water-use from these aquifers continues to exceed sustainable yield, this water resource will continue to be depleted.”

Lonoke County and surrounding cities will be positively impacted by the modernized water reuse capabilities of the Joe Hogan hatchery. Again, recirculation and reuse both indoor and outdoor will help decrease the water drawn from the Sparta Aquifer by a total of 572 million gallons annually.

- b) ARPA funding statutory and regulatory criteria - In the Treasury Department's Final Rule [31 CFR Part 35 RIN1505-AC77] on the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds it states that ARPA provides that SLRF funds may be used "[t]o make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure". The Treasury determined that the types of water and sewer projects that were authorized under the interim final rule by reference to existing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs would in all cases be necessary investments given the conditions applicable to such EPA Programs. This includes the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The Final Rule states that eligible uses of the CWSRF are eligible uses of SLFRF in the water and sewer infrastructure category. This includes a broad range of projects that improve drinking water infrastructure, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines. With respect to clean water and wastewater infrastructure, the interim final rule provided that recipients may use SLFRF funds to construct publicly owned treatment infrastructure, manage and treat stormwater or subsurface drainage water, and facilitate water reuse, among other uses. The document also references measures to conserve and reuse water including subsurface drainage water (groundwater) as a measure of green infrastructure investments and improvements to climate change resiliency.
- c) Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility - In order to help justify this project's potential positive impacts on the sustainability of groundwater use, its eligibility for inclusion in the Clean Water State Revolving fund guidelines from the EPA was consulted. This document states in the Groundwater Protection and Restoration section that, "Eligible groundwater projects include those that protect and restore the aquifers. This includes pump and treat projects, aquifer recharge projects, and projects that decrease aquifer withdrawals through rainwater harvesting, water conservation, or water reuse."

Total Eligible Project cost: \$5,000,000

Spawning Building Eligible Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Component Breakdown:

- 1) Design and Engineering: \$200,000
- 2) Construction: \$1,800,000

Hatchery Water Re-use Eligible Project Cost: \$3,000,000

Component Breakdown:

- 1) Design and Engineering: \$300,000

2) Construction: \$2,700,000

Estimated timeline of completion: 2022 - 2024.

-7/1/22-2/6/23 - Engineering and Design

-10/17/22-3/31/23 - Permitting

-2/6/23-4/3/23 - Request for Proposals

-4/4/23-5/2/23 - Contracting phase

-5/3/23-6/27/24 - Construction phase

-6/27/24 - Project Completion

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

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Agency: Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Business Area Code: 0080
 Program Title: Bayou Meto WMA GTR Renovation
 Granting Organization: AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 07/01/2022 Ending: 06/30/2023

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

The proposed project would renovate water control structures and the infrastructure needed to manage water in Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area's seven greentree reservoirs (GTRs). This will greatly benefit tree health and the regeneration of red oak species which are a key food resource for wintering waterfowl. Red oaks have been hit hard by the prolonged flooding and in turn are being replaced by less desirable tree species or habitat. Alterations to water control structures will be extensive and will need detailed engineering to determine the best alternative to renovate then GTRs. Additionally, the proposed work here will benefit the state's water resources by: 1) filtering and trapping nutrient loads, 2) reducing sediment and other non-point source pollution, 3) mitigating peak stormwater flows downstream, and 4) storing flood water.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: REC Fund Code: _____ Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: 8/1/8/2022
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	15,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 15,000,000

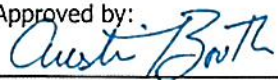
Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2029

DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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:  8/19/22  8-22-22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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August 18, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 W. 7th St. Suite 401
Little Rock AR, 72205

Dear Secretary Walther,

Pursuant to Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021, I am requesting the consideration of the attached appropriation requests for two ARPA-funded projects approved by the steering committee on August 18th. These projects include:

Bayou Meto WMA GTR Renovation

\$15,000,000 for the renovation of approximately 13,000 acres of Greentree reservoirs (GRT) in the Bayou Meto Wildlife Management Area (WMA) that have been negatively impacted by prolonged flooding. This appropriation will be utilized for infrastructure renovations that will enhance water flow. These critical infrastructure renovations are essential to allow AGFC to manage water better and enhance drainage within the GTRs, particularly during the summer growing season, thus improving deteriorated forest health conditions to ensure the long-term sustainability of the world-renowned Greentree public land waterfowl hunting opportunities within the state. The long-term health and sustainability of these remnant bottomland hardwood forests are essential to sustaining public land waterfowl hunting opportunities for over 40,000 individuals annually, with an estimated financial benefit of \$70 million annually to local communities across Arkansas. In addition, these unique habitats support a host of other terrestrial and aquatic species, which provide significant wildlife viewing and other hunting opportunities beyond just waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building Water Reuse Project

\$5,000,000 to modernize how water is used, captured, and then reused at the Lonoke Fish Hatchery and would also increase the efficiency and capacity for fish production. By developing water recirculating capabilities in the spawning building, the estimated impact on the Sparta aquifer will be a reduction of 141.9 million gallons of water annually based on the ability to reuse water with 90% efficiency. This is equivalent to the water use of 3,698 "average" Arkansas water users. Upgrades to the outdoor hatchery ponds, including water reuse infrastructure and water storage capability, will further reduce our water use footprint by an estimated 430.1 million gallons annually pumped from the Sparta aquifer based on a reuse rate of 80% efficiency. This is equivalent to the average consumption of 11,117 Arkansans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Austin Booth
Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



Project Name: Bayou Meto WMA GTR Renovation – Phase I

Project Status: Design phase underway

- Approved budget for design = \$350,000
- Budget for construction = \$0

Short Project Description: This 33,832-acre Wildlife Management Area (WMA) has approximately 13,000-acres within 7 greentree reservoirs (GTRs) to provide critical wintering waterfowl habitat and waterfowl hunting opportunities.

Prolonged flooding within this WMA throughout the year is resulting in significant impacts to forest health conditions, jeopardizing both the long-term sustainability of this valuable habitat and the sustainability of the recreational opportunities the WMA provides.

Project Need: Major infrastructure renovations are needed to enhance water flows through this WMA. Current rainfall events, coupled with stormwater runoff from Jacksonville, Sherwood and other communities into Bayou Meto is causing prolonged flooding. Current infrastructure is inadequate and cannot evacuate water leading to declining forest health conditions within this vitally important remnant bottomland hardwood forest. The bottomland hardwood forests (BLH) forests found at Bayou Meto WMA are in significant health decline morphologically indicated by basal swelling, extensive epicormic branching, crown dieback and even death. Renovations are needed to replumb water control structures allowing for increased drainage, specifically during the spring and summer. Levees will be altered allowing for additional water to flow off the WMA improving red oak regeneration within the forest complex.

Project Goals: The proposed project would renovate water control structures and the infrastructure needed to manage water in the GTRs. This will greatly benefit tree health and the regeneration of red oak species which are a key food resource for wintering waterfowl. Red oaks have been hit hard by the prolonged flooding and in turn are being replaced by less desirable tree species or scrub / shrub habitat. Alterations to water control structures will be extensive and will need detailed engineering to determine the best alternative to renovate the GTRs. Additionally, the proposed work here will benefit the state's water resources by: 1) filtering and trapping nutrient loads, 2) reducing sediment and other non-point source pollution, 3) mitigating peak stormwater flows downstream, *and* 4) storing flood water.

County: Arkansas and Jefferson

Congressional District: Rick Crawford (1)

AR Representative District Name and number: Roger Lynch (14) and Ken Ferguson (16)

AR Senate District Name and number: Stephanie Flowers (25)

Justification of project:

- a) Benefit to Arkansans - These critical infrastructure renovations are essential to allow AGFC to better manage water and enhance drainage within the GTRs particularly during the summer growing season thus improving deteriorated forest health conditions to ensure the long term sustainability of the world-renowned greentree public land waterfowl hunting opportunities within the state. The long-term health and sustainability of these remnant bottomland hardwood forests is essential to sustaining public land waterfowl hunting opportunities for over 40,000 individuals annually with an estimated financial benefit of \$70 million annually to local communities across Arkansas. In addition, these unique habitats support a host of other terrestrial and aquatic species which provide significant wildlife viewing and other hunting opportunities beyond just waterfowl hunting opportunities.
 - b) ARPA funding statutory criteria - This project will address declining forest conditions that are occurring in some of the most biodiverse forest ecosystems in Arkansas. Ecosystem services that are benefitted are - flood mitigation, sediment reduction, NPS pollution reduction and management of stormwater. The proposed project will promote climate resiliency in our bottomland hardwood forests. AGFC's system of wildlife management areas provide recreational opportunities that improve mental health for people by providing low-cost recreational opportunities such as hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, hiking, and camping.
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Project cost: \$15,000,000

Estimated timeline of completion: 2022 - 2029 complete.