

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Suspension of the Rules Request
ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
Subcommittee
Tuesday, December 13, 2022
9:00 a.m. - Room A-MAC

A. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Arkansas ARP Steering Committee Awards

1. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Substance Abuse Treatment
2. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Sevier County Medical Center

B. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Majority Vote Set-aside Account

1. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education

C. Cash Appropriation Request

1. Department of Education – Arkansas PBS



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December 8, 2022

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RE: Supplemental Item

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the item on the attached pages. This item was received after the deadline for submission to your Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, but we are requesting inclusion in this month's review.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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RE: FY 23 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

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.

- Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services – Substance Abuse Prevention Plan \$30,150,000
- Department of Finance & Administration – Disbursing Officer – Sevier County Medical Center \$6,250,000

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

Agency: DHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710
Program Title: Substance Abuse Prevention Plan

Granting Organization: ARP Steering Committee CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)
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):
To use the American Rescue Plan State Fiscal Recovery Fund for the substance abuse prevention plan. This includes funding for the following: ARVAC, Inc \$708,787, Harbor House \$3,337,766, Natural State Recovery Centers \$4,000,000, and River Valley Medical Wellness \$2,500,000. The remaining amount of the \$19,453,447 will be available for grants for catchment regions for DHS-contracted substance abuse treatment service providers in regions not served by these four providers.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

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

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	150,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	30,000,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 30,150,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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.

* unclassified positions only

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)									
Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: [Signature] Date: 12-6-22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director
[Signature] 12/7/2022
Office of Budget Date: 12-7-22
[Signature] 12/7/2022
Office of Personnel Mgmt Date: _____



Substance Abuse Prevention Plan

Total Estimated Cost - \$ 30,000,000

Total Amount to be Funded (Administration – DHS) - \$150,000

Background: In just 12 months, the United States has suffered over 108,000 drug overdose deaths. The substance use epidemic that has followed the COVID-19 public health emergency has cost not only lives, but also had a serious impact on the social and economic status of Arkansans. It is imperative that every effort to stem the tide of substance misuse be employed in our State and that initiatives for prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance use disorder (SUD) be supported all across Arkansas. While there are tremendous efforts underway by providers across the spectrum of SUD services, more are needed if we are to turn the tide of drug misuse and curtail the negative impacts felt by both those ensnared in substance misuse and those who support them or are supported by them.

Overview: The Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, directed the use of funds to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic for Americans with mental illness and substance use disorders. The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated severe and pervasive health and social inequities in America, including the critical importance of supporting people with mental illness and substance use disorders. The SUD prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery support services continuum includes various evidence-based services and supports for individuals, families, and communities.

The following plan was developed in conjunction with the Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services.

We propose to utilize ARPA funding to enhance SUD services throughout Arkansas. This may be accomplished by one-time expenditures made to expand and/or improve access to existing services and development in underserved areas, enhance prevention and educational opportunities utilized by providers, improve physical plants / locations where services are offered and enable them to be used for community purposes related to recovery efforts, and mitigate the impact of COVID-19 through health improvement initiatives which will support greater utilization of SUD services.

Funding Level: A total of \$30 million is requested to be used across eight regions of Arkansas. These regions are based on existing catchment areas for DHS-contracted substance abuse treatment services. Applications will be prioritized by geographic coverage to ensure funding of at least one application within each region, ensuring maximum statewide coverage.

Region 1 Counties – Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Madison, Marion, Newton, Washington

Region 2 Counties – Cleburne, Searcy, Stone, Van Buren

Region 3 Counties – Clay, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Fulton, Greene, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Lawrence, Lee, Mississippi, Monroe, Phillips, Poinsett, Randolph, Sharp, St. Francis, White, Woodruff

Region 4 Counties – Crawford, Franklin, Logan, Polk, Scott, Sebastian

Region 5 Counties – Clark, Conway, Faulkner, Garland, Hot Springs, Johnson, Montgomery, Pope, Perry, Pike, Yell

Region 6 Counties – Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln

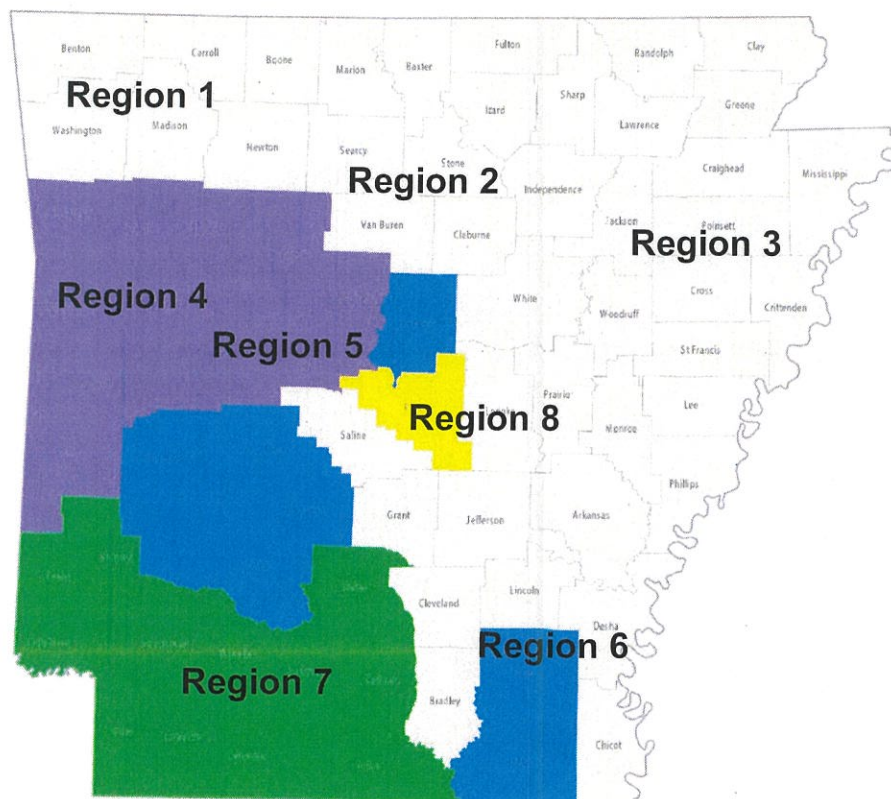
Region 7 Counties – Calhoun, Columbia, Dallas, Howard, Hempstead, Little River, Lafayette, Miller, Nevada, Ouachita, Sevier, Union



Region 8 Counties – Lonoke, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline

As identified on the map, DFA currently has proposals to cover certain areas of the State and these proposals will be forwarded to the Department of Human Services. These proposals will be grandfathered in and funded immediately upon approval of this plan by the Department of Human Services thus providing \$19,453,447 for regions not served by the proposals.

Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services Substance Abuse Treatment Services



Catchment Areas

-  Harbor House Coverage
-  Natural State Recovery Coverage
-  River Valley Medical Coverage
-  Harbor House, River Valley Medical, and ARVAC Coverage
-  No Coverage

Eligible Providers: In order to be eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must be licensed through the Department of Human Services as a substance abuse provider at the time of application submission.



Application Guidelines: DHS will select up to two applications for award in each region not currently served by the 4 current proposals. Applicants may submit applications and receive awards for more than one region. Organizations applying for ARPA funding must submit a completed application to DHS detailing their requested needs and proposed budget for expenses, the region(s) and counties to be covered by the proposal, and any other information DHS requests of applicants in order to select funding awardees. Funds are intended to expand services for SUD and may not be used to supplant other funding, including without limitation DHS contract funding for SUD services. Award amounts will be based on available funding. DHS will review submitted applications and score them based on demonstrated need, appropriateness of the proposed expenditures to meet the need, application quality, geographic coverage, and expected outcomes and impact of the proposed expenditures. Application awards will be prioritized by geographic coverage to ensure funding of at least one application within each region, ensuring maximum statewide coverage.

Services provided by awardees must be made available to any Arkansan, regardless of the county of origin.

Award Information: Review processes will begin as soon as applications are received. Those submitted more than 30 days after plan approval by Arkansas Legislative Council will not be accepted. Any funds not awarded in a region may be used in other regions depending on the number of applications received and the award amounts sought. All funds not obligated by the Department of Human Services within 30 days after the close of the application period will be forfeited. Funds must be used or distributed based on the organization's plan by December 31, 2024. Documentation of expenditure of funds will be subject to audit and review by DHS and must be submitted within fourteen (14) days of request by DHS and in no case after January 30, 2025. Any funding that is not supported by expense documentation will be recovered from the awardee.

Administration Request

Administration of Applications: The Department of Human Services has requested \$150,000 to be funded from American Rescue Plan Act for administrative expenses associated with the processing, reviewing, and auditing of the applications and supporting documentation.



Summary of Substance Abuse Prevention Proposal

Total Amount to be Funded - \$10,546,553

The four proposals below were received by the Department of Finance and Administration and will be grandfathered under the Substance Abuse Prevention Plan discussed. These plans will be funded immediately upon approval by Arkansas Legislative Council through the Department of Human Services.

ARVAC, Inc.

Proposal: Capacity Development for Lake Point Recovery and Wellness

Request: \$708,787

Recommended Allocation: \$708,787

- Expansion of services and capacity to support mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment within a 9-county service area covering: Conway, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Perry, Polk, Pope, Scott and Yell counties;
- Expansion of Women's Services Program to provide mental health, substance use disorder and behavioral health treatment to pregnant women and/or women and children within a 15-county service area covering: Boone, Marion, Baxter, Newton, Searcy, Stone, Izard, Sharp, Independence, Van Buren, Cleburne, Pope, Conway, Faulkner and Perry counties;
- Expansion of telemedicine treatment services provided to those within a 100-bed residential facility;
- Expansion of homeless shelter operations to be more inclusive to homeless women and children;
- Expansion of the Lake Point Recovery and Wellness facility to:
 - add 44 childcare slots
 - provide mental health and primary care screening
 - allow 80 additional beds for those seeking drug treatment
 - provide wrap around healthcare services for 100 individuals and children monthly
 - provide homeless shelter services for up to 40 individuals monthly

Harbor House

Proposal: Arkansas Drug Recovery Expansion Program

Request: \$5,074,416

Recommended Allocation: \$3,337,766

- Construction of Transitional Living housing facilities for outpatient clients in Fort Smith and Hot Springs to assist with continued post-residential treatment. This project will also allow for separation of the residential client living space from the space used by outpatient clients, minimizing exposure to outpatient clients as a COVID-19 protective measure;
- Renovation of existing Transitional Living housing to improve COVID-19 preventive and sanitation measures;
- Renovation of the men's residential facility in Fort Smith;
- Renovation of men's residential facility to include HVAC, ductwork and plumbing, and lavatory areas, workshops for the general public and improve COVID-19 prevention and improve sanitary conditions; and
- Renovation of the Specialized Women Services ("SWS") program sites by expanding visitation and babysitting areas for mothers and children in treatment.

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Natural State Recovery Centers

Proposal: Oak Grove Revitalization

Request: \$9,200,000

Recommended Allocation: \$4,000,000

- The project consists of three general components: renovation of existing facilities, renovation of the water system, and building of greenhouses and a small farm
 - the remaining buildings require various degrees of renovation, including HVAC repair/replacement, plumbing, electrical, improvements to conform to newer building codes, roof repair/replacement, and new flooring
 - the campus houses its own water-treatment facility, which is also shared with Oak Grove Elementary School. It requires updating to ensure it meets ongoing and greater demand in the future
 - building of greenhouses and a small farm with further the effort to education patients and provide ongoing help with monitoring physical health through good nutrition

River Valley Medical Wellness

Proposal: Substance Abuse Prevention & Healing in Arkansas

Request: \$4,976,651

Recommended Allocation: \$2,500,000

- Renovate primary facility in Russellville to include: Covid-related expenses of medical clinic to increase capacity and ensure safety of patient and perscnnel seeking care for or during COVID-19 crisis (includes acute medical care, mental health, substance use disorder interventions); HVAC systems, x-ray room upgrades for safety, physical barriers to decrease contamination, renovations to allow for social distancing and generator for facility to run and protect COVID vaccines;
- Renovate/expand Community Recovery and Education Center (Russellville annex and located on same property, but separate building): expenses related to community education / substance use disorder, workforce education, health education and training. Includes HVAC systems, electrical upgrades, ADA bathroom, facility and plumbing renovations, physical barriers/offices to allow for individual assessments and technology upgrades to ensure fiber-optic availability for individuals seeking access to reliable internet and training;
- Renovate and expand Hot Springs Center location to provide acute patient care, mental health and substance use disorder services, peer recovery services and internet accessibility to education and workforce development with multiple rooms, laboratory capabilities, x-ray room upgrades for safety;
- Capital to purchase 1 mobile medical unit for service to rural, underserved, and vulnerable populations with operational capability to diagnose and treat covid related or other acute medical illness/screening, mental health disorder and substance use disorder;
- Capital purchase of pre-grant award of Russellville clinic/annex location;
- Administration costs of grant allowed for by US Treasury Department in amount of 5% of total grant award.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing OfficerBusiness Area Code: 0620

Program Title: ARPA - Sevier County Medical Center

Granting Organization: US TreasuryCFDA #: 21.027

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 proposal is to address the lack of health care in the disproportionately impacted Arkansas community of Sevier County. Since 2018, Sevier County has been without an acute care hospital; the former hospital closed due to financial struggles. During the peak COVID pandemic months in 2020 through 2022, residents had to travel out-of-county to receive needed hospital care. County residents came together and approved a one cent sales tax to support construction and operation of a new hospital. The new 42,000 square-foot critical access hospital will have 15 inpatient beds, outpatient therapies, imaging, respiratory, outpatient behavioral health, 10-bed 24/7/365 emergency department and CLIA-waived laboratory. The new hospital will have single occupancy inpatient rooms and five negative pressure rooms to address any future highly infectious diseases issues in the community. Funds in the amount of \$6,250,000 will be used to lease and purchase medical equipment, including telemetry, monitoring, hospital beds, stretchers, wheelchairs, and other supplies to provide medical care and furnishings for the new hospital. Sevier County Medical Center (SCMC) will employ 105 people and will provide care for all, regardless of ability to pay. The hospital will accept Medicare, Medicaid, and other commercial insurance. SCMC will serve Sevier County and parts of Little River, Polk and Howard counties. These counties have communities in poverty, lacking health insurance, and low per capita incomes. Sevier County has a large aging population and Hispanic population (34.7%). Full Proposal and

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: ADMNFund Code: FRPDirect Funding: _____

Funds Center: _____Internal Order/WBS Element: _____Steering Comm. Approved: X

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)	6,250,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 6,250,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

12/7-22
Date


Office of Budget

12-7-22
Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date

From: [Admin](#)
To: [ARPA SteeringCommittee](#)
Subject: New submission from Request form
Date: Thursday, October 13, 2022 11:26:07 AM

Applicant Name

Sevier County Arkansas, Sevier County Medical Center

Applicant Address

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[Map It](#)

Point of Contact

Lori House

Authorized Person

Lori House

Phone

(870) 642-6420

Contact Email

lori.house@seviercountymedical.com

Amount of Request

6,250,000

Project Title

Equipping the New Sevier County Medical Center

Non-infrastructure

X

Executive Summary - High-level overview of the applicant's intended and actual uses of funding including, but not limited to an applicant's plan for use of funds to promote a response to the pandemic and economic recovery.

The purpose of this proposal is to address lack of health care in the disproportionately impacted Arkansas community of Sevier County. Since 2018, Sevier County has been without an acute care hospital; the former hospital closed due to financial struggles. During the peak COVID pandemic months in 2020 through 2022 residents had to travel out-of-county to receive needed hospital care. County residents came together and approved a one cent sale tax to support construction and operation of a new hospital. Due to rising costs as a result of the pandemic, the new hospital is needing additional financial help as it gets closer to opening. The new 42,000-square-foot critical access hospital, called Sevier County Medical Center, will have 15 inpatient beds, outpatient therapies, imaging, respiratory, outpatient behavioral health, 10-bed 24/7/365 emergency department and CLIA-waived laboratory. The new hospital will have single occupancy inpatient rooms and five negative pressure rooms to address any future highly infectious disease issues in the community. Funds in the amount of \$6,250,000 will be used to lease and purchase medical equipment and furnishings for the new hospital. Sevier County Medical Center will employ 105 people and will provide care for all, regardless of ability to pay. The Hospital will accept Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance too. SCMC will serve Sevier County and parts of Little River, Polk, and Howard counties. These counties have communities in poverty,

lacking health insurance, and low per capita incomes. Sevier County has a large aging population and Hispanic population (34.7 percent).

Strategies for effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes – Describe any strategies employed to maximize programmatic impact and effective, efficient, and equitable outcomes. Given the broad eligible uses of funds, please explain how the funds would support communities, populations, or individuals.

The purpose of this application is to request funding to support medical equipment and supply needs of the new Sevier County Medical Center. In 2018 the former De Queen Medical Center closed after months of financial issues. Sevier County and surrounding counties were left without a hospital and emergency medical care. This was especially critical during COVID high volume time periods. County residents came together and approved a one cent sale tax to support construction and operation of the new hospital. The new 42,000 square foot federally-designated critical access hospital will have 15 inpatient beds, outpatient physical, occupational therapy, speech pathology, imaging, respiratory, outpatient behavioral health, 10-bed 24/7/365 emergency department and CLIA-waived laboratory. During COVID-19 Sevier County and surrounding counties did not have a hospital. The new hospital will have single occupancy inpatient rooms and five negative pressure rooms to address any future highly infectious disease issues in the community. The new hospital will employ 105 people. Funds will be used to lease and purchase medical equipment and furnishings for the new hospital. The new Sevier County Medical Center will provide care for all, regardless of their ability to pay. The Hospital will accept Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance payments as well. Sevier County Medical Center will serve Sevier County and parts of Little River, Polk, and Howard counties. These counties have communities in poverty, lacking health insurance, and low per capita incomes. Sevier County has a large aging population and Hispanic population, 34.7 percent of the population.

a. Goals: Are there particular historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups that you intend to serve within your jurisdiction? How will you measure equity regarding the number served and equitable outcomes at the various stages of the program?

The primary goal of this project is to improve the overall health and well-being of an underserved population by providing funds to furnish, purchase or lease medical equipment for the newly-constructed Sevier County Medical Center that will serve all, regardless of the ability to pay.

Secondary goals are the following:

By the end of project funding, Sevier County Medical Center will have imaging equipment to provide medical care for the community.

By the end of project funding, Sevier County Medical Center will have telemetry, monitoring, hospital beds, stretchers, wheelchairs, and other supplies and furniture to provide medical care for the community.

By the end of project funding, Sevier County Medical Center will have electronic medical record to ensure accuracy and continuity of patient care.

By the end of project funding, Sevier County Medical Center will provide respiratory, laboratory, pharmacy, outpatient physical, occupational therapy, speech pathology services for the community.

By the end of project funding, Sevier County Medical Center will have additional equipment and supplies to operate a critical access hospital providing 24/7/365 behavioral and medical care for the community.

b. Awareness: How equal and practical is the ability for residents or businesses to become aware of the services funded by the SFRF? How will you measure the way in which residents or businesses became aware of the service funded at the various stages of the program?

Residents of Sevier County pledged funds to assist with construction and operations of the new hospital. The community will be aware of funding from the SFRF at the opening and continuing operation of the Hospital through commemorative markings throughout the hospital.

a. Are there differences in levels of access to benefits and services across groups?

Sevier County Medical Center will provide health and behavioral health care to all, regardless of the ability to pay.

b. Are there administrative requirements that result in disparities in ability to complete applications or

meet eligibility criteria?

Sevier County Medical Center has admission, intake, and registration staff who will assist patients and their families with completing forms for care. The Hospital has interpreter services available 24/7 for non-English speaking patients.

c. How do you intend to reach individuals without internet access?

Patients without Internet services are reached by radio and newspaper advertisements. Staff from the Hospital will also be present at community events to promote and explain the new Hospital.

d. Outcomes: Are intended outcomes focused on closing gaps, reaching universal levels of service, or disaggregating progress by race, ethnicity, and other equity dimensions where relevant for the policy objective?

Intended outcomes are designed to provide inpatient, outpatient medical care and outpatient behavioral healthcare to primarily Sevier County, Arkansas and portions of Polk, Howard, and Little River counties. Sevier County, in particular has a large population of Hispanics, 34.7 percent of the total population and 16.7 percent of the population below federal poverty level. The new hospital will accept Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial insurance as well as provide services regardless of ability to pay. Adjacent counties also have higher poverty levels than for the state: Polk County (18.1 percent), Howard County (16.7 percent), Little River County (16.2 percent) compared to a state of Arkansas rate of 15.2 percent. The U.S. Bureau of the Census (2022) also reports that three of the four counties have higher uninsured populations (under age 65) than for the State as a whole: Sevier County (17.2 percent), Polk County (16.1 percent), Howard county (11.2 percent), and Arkansas (10.2 percent). Intended outcomes will provide quality healthcare that has been locally absent since 2018 as described in its mission: Sevier County Medical Center will seek to perfect the entire health care experience while exhibiting professionalism, integrity, and compassion.

3. Other Funds -Will other federal recovery funds be required to cover a part of the cost of the proposal?

- No

4. Public Health – Please describe how these funds will be used to respond to COVID-19 and the broader health impacts of COVID-19 and the COVID-19 public health emergency.

During COVID-19 high volume months, Sevier County and surrounding counties did not have a hospital. The former hospital, De Queen Medical Center had closed in 2018. The new Sevier County Medical Center will have single room occupancy and five (5) negative pressure rooms to address any future high infectious disease issues.

Detailed budget of equipment and supplies to be covered by requested funds will be emailed to Steering Committee main email address.

5. Negative Economic Impacts – Please describe how these funds will be used to respond to the negative economic impacts of the Covid-19 public health emergency, including to household and small businesses.

These funds will be used to equip and furnish the new Sevier County Medical Center . The new hospital will have single occupancy rooms and five negative pressure rooms. During high volume COVID periods in 2020, 2021, and early 2022, Sevier and adjacent counties did not have a hospital and had to travel out-of-county for hospital care. Having a local hospital to serve local household and small businesses will address prior negative economic impacts of having to take multiple days off and travel for care.

6. Services to Disproportionately Impacted Communities – Please describe how funds are being used to provide services to communities disproportionately impacted by the Covid-19 public health emergency.

The proposed new Sevier County Medical Center will provide care regardless of the ability to pay. The Hospital will provide care through single occupancy rooms and five negative pressure rooms.

Communities disproportionately impacted by COVID include persons age 65 and older, individuals with co-morbidities or other presenting health issues, and minority populations. According to County Health Rankings (2022) Sevier County has higher than state rates for diabetes prevalence (13 percent), adult obesity (39 percent), physical inactivity (37 percent), self-reported poor or fair health days (29 percent), and income inequality (5.0). In rural Sevier County, transportation can be major barrier for underserved communities due to long distances, poor road conditions, and limited access to public transportation. The leading causes of death for Sevier County (2019) are heart disease (257.37 per 100,000); cancer (191.74 per 100,000); lung disease (71.82 per 100,000); stroke (55.29 per 100,000); and accidents (43.5 per 100,000).

7. Community Engagement - Please describe how your planned or current use of funds incorporates written, oral, and other forms of input that capture diverse feedback from constituents, community-based organizations, and the communities themselves. Where relevant, this description must include how funds will build the capacity of community organizations to serve people with significant barriers to services, including people of color, people with low incomes, limited English proficient populations, and other traditionally underserved groups.

Sevier County residents overwhelmingly support the new Hospital. In October 2019, Sevier County residents voted to approve a one-cent sales tax to help fund the construction and operation of the new hospital. Citizens, physicians, and nurse practitioners serving the community all support the new hospital. The hospital will also support small businesses and the agriculture community.

8. Premium Pay -Please describe the approach, goals, and sectors or occupations served in any premium pay program. Describe how your approach prioritized low-income workers. (if applicable)

Not Applicable

9. Water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure -Describe the approach, goals, and types of projects being pursued, if pursuing. (if applicable)

Not Applicable

Submitted by

Lori House

Date

10/13/2022



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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 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Majority Vcte Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 to various state agencies as follows:

- ADE – Division of Higher Education \$200,000
Various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property and facilities for all public four-year institutions, two-year institutions, and technical colleges

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



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Director

December 2, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
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Dear Mr. Walther,

ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Unallocated Restricted Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside to provide for the following Development and Enhancement Fund appropriation delineated in Act 74 of 2022:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

For various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities for all public four-year institutions, two-year institutions, and technical colleges - \$200,000

This funding release will support the establishment of a Student Success Center & Veterans Resource Center on the University of Central Arkansas campus.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Markham". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Maria Markham, Ph.D.
Director

Cc: Johnny Key, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Education



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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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Attachment(s)



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December 6, 2022

\$1,581,888
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Robert Brech, Administrator
 Department of Finance & Administration
 1509 W. 7th Street
 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Brech:

Arkansas PBS (Arkansas Educational Television Commission) requests placement on the December 13th PEER Committee Meeting Agenda to ask for an additional cash fund appropriation for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$597,500 as follows:

Business Area	0516
Fund	NET00C1
Fund Center	127
Commitment Item	502:00:02
Functional Area	EDUC

We received cash funds from the Arkansas Department of Education in August to pay LinkedIn \$597,500 for online access for participants in their "Ready for Life" initiative. We amended our existing LinkedIn contract to include this initiative. This contract amendment was approved by ALC - Review on October 17, 2022, and the vendor was paid for service.

Due to an oversight, we failed to ask for increased appropriation at that time. We have been operating without a CFO since August and we have now discovered the need for increased operating appropriation.

Our yearly dues to PBS are due very soon and we cannot pay them without the increase in appropriation, thus the urgency of this request, and our need to be on the agenda for the December 13th meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. If you need any further information, please contact our Controller, Jim Barksdale, at 501-412-7698.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Pledger".

Courtney Pledger
 Executive Director