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February 2, 2024

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 24 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023 (3), as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission – Game and Fish Grants Set-Aside \$6,500,000
- Department of Public Safety – Various General Discretionary Majority Set-Aside \$200,000
- Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities – Human Development Center Master Plan Upgrade Set-Aside \$8,000,000
- Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Various General Discretionary Majority Set-Aside \$4,229,000

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JLH', is written over a horizontal line.

James L. Hudson  
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



**Chris Racey**  
Chief of Staff

**Ben Batten**  
Deputy Director

**Brad Carner**  
Deputy Director

**Spencer Griffith**  
Deputy Director

## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

**Austin Booth**  
Director

January 16, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

BA: 0080  
Func. Area: REC  
FC: 259  
Fund: SDG0000  
Request: \$6,500,000  
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Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is requesting a transfer of \$6,500,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund Game and Fish Grants Set-Aside authorized in Section 3(20) of Act 561 of 2023. This funding will be used to both accelerate several projects across the state and maximize federal funding, including the following:

- **\$1,000,000 for Lake Wilhelmina renovations.** Lake Wilhelmina is a legacy fishery in an underserved portion of the state.
- **\$2,000,000 for the Glaise Creek Green Tree Reservoir restoration project.** Glaise Creek has been the Commission's first-ever Green Tree Reservoir restoration project and is scheduled to be completed at the end of FY2024 or the beginning of FY2025.
- **\$2,000,000 for Centerton Hatchery** to increase capacity at the hatchery while reducing our toll on the watershed. AGFC will leverage this funding with Federal Community Directed Federal Funds to complete the project.
- **\$1,500,000 for Lake Conway** to accelerate boat lane work to the summer of 2024 and aim for earlier project completion.

AGFC's completion of these projects will have a lasting impact on the conservation of the Natural State and provide hunting and fishing opportunities for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Austin Booth  
Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



**COL. MIKE A. HAGAR**  
Secretary

State of Arkansas  
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

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BA: 0950  
FC: BX5  
Fund: NLT0200

January 23, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety is requesting \$200,000 of Restricted Reserve funding authorized under Section 3(a)(18) of Act 561 of 2023. These funds will allow the Department of Public Safety –Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training to provide Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) to law enforcement personnel around the State. Request provides for necessary equipment and program training costs.

If there are any questions, please contact Karen Perry at (501) 618-8333.

Business Area: 0950  
Functional Area: SFTY  
Funds Center: BX5  
Fund: NLT0200

Sincerely,

Karen Perry  
Chief Fiscal Officer



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**DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam  
Office of the Secretary**

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January 25, 2023

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

BA: 0710  
FC: NEW  
Fund: NEW  
CI: 509:00:05  
FA: HHS

Dear Secretary Hudson:

On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), I respectfully request a release of Restricted Reserve Fund as set out in Section 3 (b)(8) of Act 561 of 2023 of the 94<sup>th</sup> General Assembly for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services - Human Development Center (HDC) Master Plan Upgrade Set Aside.

DHS is requesting the release of restricted reserve set aside funds in the amount of \$8,000,000 to pay for the construction Phase I and a portion of Phase II of the master plan at Jonesboro Human Development Center (JHDC). Phase I of the JHDC master plan involves the construction of a health center/clinic to serve as an anchor building around which new beneficiary residences will be constructed as part of Phase II (as funding is available). It is anticipated that the \$8,000,000 in restricted reserve funding will cover the cost of constructing the new health center/clinic to complete Phase I, and then also the construction of one new residence as a start to Phase II. DHS will deposit the proceeds into a newly created paying account for tracking and reporting.

Thank you for your assistance. If you need additional information, please contact Misty Eubanks, DHS Deputy Secretary for Operations & Budget and Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO), at 501-320-6327.

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Human Services

KP:mbe

cc: Robert Brech, Administrator  
DFA – Office of Budget



**Department of Transformation and Shared Services**

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Secretary Leslie Fiskén

January 30, 2024

BA: 9914

Fund: New

Fund Center: New

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Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Restricted Reserve Fund Request - Act 561 of 2023 - Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Department of Transformation and Shared Services, respectfully requests \$4,229,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to hire a consultant that will conduct the following efficiency reviews: organizational strategic alignment, personnel, procurement, real estate, vehicle fleet management, and IT. This review will be used to modernize and update both internal and external processes to provide the most efficient operations, eliminate cumbersome processes and, where applicable, better utilize technological resources.

The requested funds would provide the data and analysis needed to improve efficiencies and modernize how the State of Arkansas operates.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Leslie Fiskén