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July 30, 2020

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

RE: Rainy Day Fund Release Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

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

Sincerely,

Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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August 3, 2020

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council 315 State Capitol Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by A.C.A. §19-5-1262 (c)(2), to transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to the following fund or fund accounts authorized by the General Assembly, the following amount:

Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities

Developmental Disabilities Services Fund Account-\$178,678

These funds will be used to provide funding for the Special Olympics program which provides sports training and competitive opportunities to athlete who are developmentally challenged.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

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cc: Cindy Gillespie, Secretary Department of Human Services

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July 27, 2020

Larry Walther, Secretary Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration 1509 W. 7th St., Rm. 401 Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Walther:

On behalf of the Department of Human Services, I respectfully request a release of Rainy-Day Funds for the Special Olympics program. This program provides sports training and competitive opportunities throughout the year for athletes who are developmentally challenged. This program is a tremendous opportunity for adults and children with intellectual disabilities to be involved in their communities.

However, given the forecasts of lower state general revenue for next fiscal year, DHS has moved a number of programs, including Special Olympics, to the "B" category of state funding. This has been necessary to ensure continued and adequate funding for critically needed community-based services for our clients as well as funding to operate our human development centers. Because the program is not included in the "A" category of state funding, it may be several months into the fiscal year before DHS would be able to provide any funding to Special Olympics.

Recognizing the hardship that delayed funding would place on the ability of Special Olympics to continue operations throughout the fiscal year, the agency is requesting rainy-day funds in the amount of \$178,678 to cover the grant for Special Olympics.

Thank you for your assistance. Please feel free to call me if you need additional information to support this request.

Sincerely,

Cindy Gillespie, Secretary

Arkansas Department of Human Services

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