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June 4, 2021

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 21 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

ADE - Elementary & Secondary Education – Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief	\$2,000,000
Educational Television – Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief	\$600,000
DFA – Disbursing Officer – Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	\$108,112,569
Department of Health – Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity for Prevention	\$90,894,777

Sincerely,

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

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Attachment(s)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: ADE - DESE Business Area Code: 0500  
Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP - ESSEF)  
Granting Organization: USDE CFDA #: 84.425U  
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 3/24/21 Ending: 6/30/2021

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation's students.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: EDUC Fund Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Funds Center Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_

	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: ARP Grant	2,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/23/23

<b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>	<b>Date</b>
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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Approved by: [Signature] 5/20/2021 [Signature] 6-3-21  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date  
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**ADE Division of Elementary and Secondary Education  
American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund  
(ARP - ESSER)**

- The purpose of the ARP ESSER funding is to assist state education agencies and local school districts to safely reopen and sustain safe operations of schools and to address the academic, social, emotional, and mental health impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on the nation's students.
- Arkansas will receive \$1.27 billion. 90% of funds go to local districts.
  - To date, US Dept. of Education has made \$835 million available to Arkansas
  - Of the \$835 million available, ADE is seeking appropriation for \$2 million for FY21 and \$500 million for FY22
  - ADE will seek additional appropriation periodically to meet state and district needs
- Requirements for local districts:
  - Funds can be used for continuity of operations, including budgetary shortfalls due to ADM decreases resulting from Covid-19. Because of this provision, districts dropped the pursuit of SB142 for "hold harmless".
  - Must dedicate at least 20% of funds to address the impact of lost instructional time or loss of learning.
  - Must be *reasonable and necessary* expense for preventing spread of or responding to Covid-19
  - Must develop a local ARP ESSER plan.
    - Meaningful engagement with stakeholders
    - Publish the Continuity of Service plan on the district's website
    - Must be tailored to meet the specific needs faced by students and schools within the district.
- Timeline

State Plan submitted to US Department of Education by June 7, 2021 - **Complete**  
US Department of Education requires allocations to LEAs by May 24, 2021 - **Extension requested**

State and LEAs must obligate funds by September 30, 2024

Part A: LEA Plan for Continuity of Services	April 15, 2021 (posted on district website and updated every six months)
Part B: LEA Signed Assurances	June 24, 2021 ( <b>attached</b> )
Part C: LEA plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds	August 15, 2021 ( <b>attached</b> )
- ADE is required to monitor expenses, but is not allowed to restrict district expenditures within the **allowable expense categories**
- The American Rescue Plan prescribes in broad categories how the state must use its 10% allocation
  - 5% - Carry out activities to address the academic impact of lost instructional time
    - Extend SmartData Dashboard for two additional years
    - Expansion of Professional Learning Communities and Inclusive Practices Pilot
    - Arkansas Tutoring Corp
    - Arkansas PBS Summer Programming
    - Accepting proposals for other evidence-based programs and interventions that meet requirements
  - 1% - Implementation of evidence-based summer programs
    - Partnership with Arkansas Out of School Network
  - 1% - Implementation of evidence-based comprehensive after school programs
    - Partnership with Arkansas Out of School Network
  - 3% - Needs determined by SEA
    - Emergency needs
    - Response to continuing stakeholder feedback

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Agency: Educational Television-AR PBS Business Area Code: 0516  
Program Title: American Rescue Plan Elementary & Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund  
Granting Organization: US DOE via AR DOE-DESE CFDA #: 84.425U  
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2021

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
Award will allow AR PBS, in cooperation with ADE-DESE, to create, produce and broadcast programming to help mitigate learning loss during the Summer because of COVID-19 closures and disruptions in school schedules. It is imperative that work begin immediately to allow sufficient PBS Kids programming to be curated and original programming featuring Arkansas Teachers of the Year and other partners to be created in order to have programming packaged for July broadcast.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: EDUC Fund Code: NEW  
Funds Center Code: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element F.0516.ARP Rise

	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: Learning Loss Initiative (CI: 46)	600,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 600,000

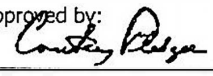
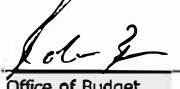
Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2021

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date  
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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
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Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer Business Area Code: 0620

Program Title: ARPA - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Granting Organization: US Treasury CFDA #: 21.019

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/21/2021 Ending: 6/30/2021

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provides substantial flexibility for each government to meet local needs—including support for households, small businesses, impacted industries, essential workers, and the communities hardest hit by the crisis. These funds can also be used to make necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Non-Entitlement Units (NEU) are governmental units with a populations of less than 50,000. Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are being distributed to the State for disbursement to those NEUs. This is for half (1/2) of the NEU designated Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: ADMN Fund Code: FRP6201  
Funds Center Code: Internal Order/WBS Element:

	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)	108112569
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 108,112,569

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2024

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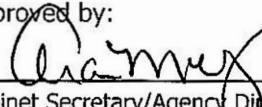
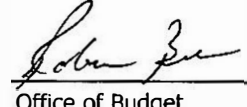
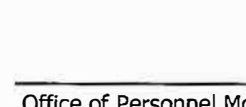
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\* unclassified positions only

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Agency: Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645

Program Title Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention

Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control CFDA # 6 NU50CK000538-02-05

Effective Date of Authorization Beginning: 07/01/2020 Ending 06/30/2021

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 under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide recipients the ability to support comprehensive screening testing for K-12 schools (public and private). This funding established screening testing programs in schools around the country in April 2021, extending through the end of the school year and into summer activities and subsequent school year, as funds allow.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: HHS Fund Code: NEW  
Funds Center Code: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element

	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: Misc. Commit 51	90,894,777
Other:	
Total	\$ 90,894,777

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date  
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