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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 22 C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 997 of 2021, Section 35, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation 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)



Department of Transformation and Shared Services

**Governor Asa Hutchinson
Secretary Amy Fecher**

BA: 0470
FY: 2022
Fund Center: New
Fund: New
Commitment Item: 590:00:46
Amount: \$33,448,200
DY 5/25/21

May 18, 2021

Mr. Larry Walther, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Pursuant to Act 997 of 2021 Section 35, the Department of Transformation and Shared Services (TSS) - Division of Information Systems (DIS) requests to continue C.A.R.E.S. appropriation in the amount of \$33,448,200 for the Cyber Security Data Center Modernization Proposal as approved by the C.A.R.E.S. Steering Committee. Funding will be utilized to upgrade information technology infrastructure and engage third party vendors to the extent necessary to improve cybersecurity, modernize infrastructure and ensure continuity of operations for all state Departments.

Please let me know if you need further information.

Sincerely,

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Amy Fecher

Request in compliance with approved IT plan on file DFA IGS State Technology
Planning

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Signature

5/25/2021

Date

Office of the Secretary

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FY22
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May 14, 2021

Secretary Larry Walther
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation

Dear Secretary Walther:

Arkansas PBS made a request to the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee for funding to help complete the expansion of the broadcast footprint of our signal to reach 99.5% of available homes in Arkansas. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that AR PBS is vital as a source of high-quality educational material as displayed during the public school closures last Spring and our broadcast of "Arkansas AMI", and the forthcoming summer learning initiative "Rise & Shine" designed to combat learning loss. Because of the rural nature of Arkansas and the lack of broadband access to many areas of the State, broadcast is the most efficient means of reaching this population.

The Steering Committee approved our request for additional funding in FY 2021 and appropriation was approved to expend the awarded funds to continue our response to the educational needs of Arkansas students because of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, due to extended delays in approval from the U.S. Forest Service to utilize certain tower locations in Western Arkansas, delays in bidding for required tower structural repairs and supply chain delays in equipment delivery, the project will not be fully completed by 6/30/21. We now ask that the remaining appropriation from FY 2021 be re-appropriated into FY 2022 to allow completion of the project.

The total amount of appropriation requested for FY 2022 is \$3,220,000 and we ask that it be added to the following Fund, Fund Center and Commitment Item:

- Fund FHCCARE, Fund Center Z89
- Commitment Item 590:00:47 Broadcast Area Expansion

At this date we have one transmitter site fully operational, and several microwave relays installed in preparation for the other transmitters to be commissioned once tower structural repairs and other site work projects are completed. The requested appropriation will be utilized well within the CARES Act spending period.

Please let me know if you have questions or need any additional information at (501) 682-4125 or fwiedower@myarkansaspbs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred H. Wiedower". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "W".

Fred Wiedower

Deputy Director, Finance & Administration (CFO)



Asa Hutchinson
GOVERNOR

Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

May 12, 2021

State Budget Administrator
Department of Finance and Administration
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BA: 0790
Func. Area: COMM
Fund: HOACARE
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RE: Request to Continue CARES Act Temporary Appropriation for State Fiscal Year 2022,
Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) Grant Program, Administrative Expenses

I respectfully request review and approval for temporary appropriation only in the amount of \$4,000,000 to provide continued administrative support for the deployment of high-speed broadband service in rural Arkansas communities. Funding is through existing, extended CARES Act funds that will end September 30, 2021.

Administrative support includes one temporary, part-time extra help position (approximately 7% of budget) and professional fees (approximately 90% of budget) for contracted technical support to review proposed deployment plans and to monitor and confirm completed facilities meet required specifications for service quality to customers.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Michael Preston
Cabinet Secretary
Arkansas Department of Commerce

cc: Betty Anderson, COMM COS
Jim Hudson, COMM COO
Judge Steven Porch, COMM Chief Legal Counsel and ARC Administrator
Tammy Williams, AEDC CFO
David L. Bell, COMM CFO



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May 12, 2021

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RE: Request to Continue CARES Act Temporary Appropriation for State Fiscal Year 2022,
Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) Grant Program, Facility Construction Grants

I respectfully request review and approval for temporary appropriation only in the amount of \$1,000,000 to complete final funding for any remaining high-speed broadband construction projects in rural Arkansas communities. Funding is through existing, extended CARES Act funds that will end September 30, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Michael Preston
Cabinet Secretary
Arkansas Department of Commerce

cc: Betty Anderson, COMM COS
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Tammy Williams, AEDC CFO
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Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR,
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

May 10, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) respectfully requests Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) approval of carry forward appropriation authorized under Section 35 of Act 997 of 2021, in the amount of \$25,000,000.

In light of the continued needs of Arkansans still facing unemployment as a result of COVID-19, ADWS respectfully requests to carryforward CARES Steering Committee funding and equivalent appropriation for \$25,000,000 to meet this need: Implementation and provision of services for the Coronavirus Aid, relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program. The services and functionality provided by Protech shall be in accordance with the U.S Dept. of Labor, Unemployment Insurance program letter No. 15-20 and all applicable laws and regulations. Maximus Federal will continue to provide call center services and to assist in managing and processing unemployment claims. The call center call center services include receiving and processing any claims for unemployment assistance, including any claims for assistance as set out in sections 2101 through section 2116 of United States Public Law 116-136.

Sincerely,

Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director
Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

CABINET SECRETARY

Michael Preston, Cabinet Secretary, Arkansas Department of Commerce

Date

5/11/21

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