

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Suspension of the Rules Request
ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
Subcommittee
Monday, August 23, 2021
9:00 a.m. - Room A, MAC

- A. American Rescue Plan Act Requests
 - 1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - \$5,625,000
 - 2. Department of Commerce - \$68,125,013
 - 3. Department of Commerce-Broadband - \$81,587,675



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Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
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RE: Supplemental Items

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the items listed on the attached page. These items were 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,


Larry W. Walther
Secretary



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RE: FY 22 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (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.

- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Hospital COVID Surge Staff Funding \$5,625,000

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

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

Agency: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Business Area Code: 0150
 Program Title: AR ARPA Allocaton for Hospital COVID Surge Staff Funding
 Granting Organization: Department of Human Services CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 3/3/2021 Ending: 12/31/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences respectfully requests allotment of funds to address the staffing and bed shortages and additional costs providing COVID-19 treatment per the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 204ARPA Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D57 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	\$4,891,304.00
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	\$733,696.00
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 5,625,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2022

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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.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt 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: 
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

 8-20-21
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 8/20/21

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Amanda George, CPA, MHSA
Vice Chancellor for Finance &
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August 19, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
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RE: American Rescue Plan Act Allocation for Hospital COVID surge staff funding

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences respectfully requests allotment of funds to address the staffing and bed shortages and additional costs providing COVID-19 treatment per the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

Formula-Based Allotment to Attain and Retain Frontline Healthcare Workers

UAMS requests an amount equal to the full amount of the hospital's available formula-based funding totaling:

450 licensed Medicare beds times \$9,000 for a total request of **\$4,050,000**.

COVIDComm Receiving Hospital Add-on Payments

UAMS participated as a receiving hospital of COVID-19 positive patients and therefore is requesting funding under the COVIDComm receiving hospital transfer system totaling:

450 licensed Medicare beds times \$2,500 for a total request of **\$1,125,000**.

Monoclonal Antibody Administration Add-on Payments

UAMS administered monoclonal antibodies to COVID-19 positive patients and therefore is requesting funding under the MAB administration add-on payments totaling:

450 licensed Medicare beds times \$1,000 for a total request of **\$450,000**.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this supplemental appropriation request and spending plan. For any questions, please contact Kristy Walters, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance & Treasurer by email at walterskristy@uams.edu or by phone (501) 686-6836.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amanda George".

Amanda George
Vice Chancellor for Finance and CFO

ATTESTATION AND FUNDING REQUEST FROM AR ARPA ALLOCATION FOR
HOSPITAL COVID SURGE STAFF FUNDING

I, Stephen Mette MD, Senior Vice Chancellor for UAMS Health and CEO of UAMS Medical Center, on behalf of
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Provider # 04-0016 attest to the following:

Section 1. FORMULA-BASED ALLOTMENT: The hospital requests allotment of funds to address the staffing and bed shortages and additional costs of providing COVID-19 treatment in this third wave of COVID-19 infection currently caused primarily by the Delta Variant per the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021. The purpose of these formula-based payments is to assist hospitals to offset extraordinary costs related to retaining and acquiring frontline staff.

The hospital will submit the proper documentation of costs that are necessary expenditures to attain and retain frontline healthcare workers due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19. Acceptable documentation may include, but is not limited to, any documents or files sufficient to evidence actual obligation or expense of funds. DHS may request supplemental documentation, as needed. Examples of sufficient documentation include copies of purchase orders, contracts, receipts, payroll records, cancelled checks, and bank and credit statements.

The hospital requests the following amount of funding from the AR ARPA Formula-Based Allotment:
(CHECK ONE)



An amount equal to the full amount of my hospital's available formula-based funding, which is:

<u>450</u>	Number of licensed "Medicare beds" in my facility as of March 1, 2021
X \$9,000.00	
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<u>4,050,000</u> \$	TOTAL FORMULA-BASED ALLOTMENT REQUEST



The amount of \$ AN AMOUNT LESS THAN THE TOTAL FORMULA-BASED ALLOTMENT.

THE HOSPITAL ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT IT CANNOT SUBMIT AN ARPA FORMULA COST FORM REQUESTING FUNDING IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT INDICATED IN THIS SECTION 1 AND THAT ALL REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.

Section 2. COVIDComm RECEIVING HOSPITAL ADD-ON PAYMENTS: In addition to the formula-based allotment, the hospital attests that it: (CHECK ONE)



Used ONLY the COVIDComm system to transfer patients from my facility(ies) to other facility(ies) and therefore, is not entitled to COVIDComm Receiving Hospital Add-on Payments under the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

- ☒ Participated as a receiving hospital of COVID-19-positive patients in the Arkansas Department of Health's COVIDComm Transfer system as of August 20, 2021, and therefore, is entitled to COVIDComm Receiving Hospital Add-on Payments under the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

____450____	Number of licensed "Medicare beds" in my facility as of March 1, 2021
X \$2,500.00	
\$ _1,125,000____	TOTAL COVIDComm RECEIVING HOSPITAL ADD-ON PAYMENT REQUEST

- ☐ Did not participate as a receiving hospital of COVID-19-positive patients in the Arkansas Department of Health's COVIDComm Transfer system as of August 20, 2021, and therefore, is entitled to COVIDComm Receiving Hospital Add-on Payments under the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

Section 3. MONOCLONAL ANITBODY (MAB) ADMINISTRATION ADD-ON PAYMENTS: In addition to the formula payment, the hospital attests that it: (CHECK ONE)

- ☒ Administered monoclonal antibodies in an outpatient setting (including emergency department) to COVID-19-positive patients as reported by hospitals through August 20, 2021, and therefore, is entitled to Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) Administration Add-on Payments under the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

____450____	Number of licensed "Medicare beds" in my facility as of March 1, 2021
X \$1,000.00	
\$ _____	TOTAL MAB ADMINISTRATION ADD-ON PAYMENT REQUEST

- ☐ Did not administer monoclonal antibodies in an outpatient setting (including emergency department) to COVID-19-positive patients as reported by hospitals through August 20, 2021, and therefore, is not entitled to Monoclonal Antibody (MAB) Administration Add-on Payments under the AR ARPA Proposal approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council on August 9, 2021.

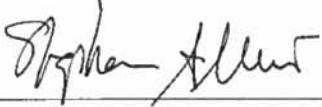
Section 4. FUNDING REQUIREMENTS: The hospital further attests that:

- (1) We are enrolled in the Arkansas Medicaid program as of March 1, 2021, and currently accepting Medicaid beneficiaries.
- (2) Each critical access hospital and acute care hospital operates and staffs, according to ADH rules, an emergency department 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Licensed distinct-part units within an acute care hospital will not be treated as separately licensed hospitals for purposes of this distribution.
- (3) These funds are necessary for payment of costs associated with hospital staff recruitment and retention during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- (4) We will maintain essential beds and appropriate levels of staffing according to Arkansas Department of Health rules.
- (5) We will be enrolled and maintain enrollment in both Medicare and Medicaid.
- (6) We will continuously operate during the declared emergency, including operating and staffing an emergency department 24 hours per day, seven days per week, if required by Arkansas Department of Health rules.
- (7) We have infection prevention policies and procedures in place and will report diseases, including COVID-19, as required under the Arkansas Department of Health's rules.

Total Funding Request:

\$ ____4,050,000__	TOTAL FORMULA-BASED ALLOTMENT REQUEST (SECTION 1)
\$ ____1,125,000__	TOTAL COVIDComm RECEIVING HOSPITAL ADD-ON PAYMENT REQUEST (SECTION 2)
\$ __450,000__	TOTAL MAB ADMINISTRATION ADD-ON PAYMENT REQUEST (SECTION 3)
\$ __5,625,000__	TOTAL FUNDING REQUEST

Signed and Agreed:

Hospital Name	University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Hospital Provider Number	04-0016
Hospital Number of licensed "Medicare beds" as of March 1, 2021	450
Printed Name of CEO	Stephen Mette, MD
CEO Email Address	SAMette@UAMS.edu
CEO Telephone Number	501-686-5662
<p>I hereby attest that all the all of the statements and facts above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; that I am an officer or agent of the facility named herein and I am authorized to submit this form on behalf of said facility; that the facility shall retain records sufficient to support any claims or statements made for no less than seven (7) years and make them available to the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), federal HHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG), and any other lawful federal or state authority, upon request; that the facility shall fully cooperate with any state or federal audit concerning ARPA payments; that the funds requested herein are requested for necessary expenditures to address the problems and needs described in this proposal caused by the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19 and that none of these funds are used to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duplicate or supplant funding from any other federal or state program. Payments or other reimbursement for direct patient care is not included as funding from a federal or state program; or• Pay any increase in management fees to administrative personnel.	
CEO Signature	
Date August 17, 2022	



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|---|-----------------------|
| • Department of Commerce – Broadband | \$65,625,013.17 |
| • Department of Commerce – Center for Toxicology and
Environmental Health, LLC (dba CTEH) Contract
Consulting | <u>\$2,500,000.00</u> |
| | \$68,125,013.17 |

The attachment reflects eighteen (18) completed projects. The remainder are under review.

Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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ARC Broadband Projects 8/19/2021

No.	ISP/Company	Project	Amount	Technology	Notes:
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