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September 2, 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 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.

- Arkansas State University – Mountain Home – Student Relief Grants, Online and Virtual Course Development, Technology Purchases
\$1,113,120
- Arkansas State University – Newport – Emergency Student and Institution Support
\$900,000
- Arkansas Tech University – Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students
\$932,805
- University of Central Arkansas – Improvements for Air Quality, Filtration and Ventilation Systems in Instructional Buildings, Residence Halls and other areas
\$7,700,000
- National Park College – Emergency Student and Institution Support and Positions
\$5,846,299
- South Arkansas Community College – Purchase of Laptops, Desktop and Computer Stations to Allow for Remote Work and Enhanced Communications
\$234,851



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- Department of Education – Elementary & Secondary Education Division – Helping Safely Reopen and Sustain Safe Operations of Schools, Address Impact of Coronavirus on Students for Special Education School Age \$26,548,710
- Department of Education – Elementary & Secondary Education Division - Helping Safely Reopen and Sustain Safe Operations of Schools, Address Impact of Coronavirus on Students for Special Education Preschool \$2,732,045
- Department of Education – School for the Blind – Reading Specialist Position to Help Address Learning Loss \$0
- Department of Health – Rural Health and Primary Care Grants to Rural Hospitals \$9,043,160
- Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \$1,996,463
- Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism – Arkansas Arts Council – Sub-grants to Nonprofit Arts Organizations for Salary Support, Fees/Stipends for Contract Personnel, Facilities Costs, Costs for Health and Safety Supplies for Staff and Visitors \$784,700

Pursuant to Section 38 (02) 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.

- Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – Arkansas Rural Connect Program \$4,000,000

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 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: Arkansas State University Mountain Home Business Area Code: 0128

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E & 84.425F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/24/2020 Ending: 2/18/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 282ARPA Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D53 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	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)	93,120
Other: Reimbursement for online course development & virtual textbook adoptions	330,000
-Reimbursement for technology purchases	430,000
-Reimbursement for virtual instruction & advising personal services	120,000
-Reimbursement for virtual lab equipment upgrade	90,000
-Reimbursement for virtual studio for instructional training laboratory	50,000
Total	\$ 1,113,120

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 02/18/2022

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)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *
NA									

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: [Signature] 8/12/21 [Signature] 9-2-21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date



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August 12, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding –(Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas State University System respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 39 of Act 997 of 2021 for student relief grants, technology purchases and expenditures related to virtual course instruction on the ASU Mountain Home campus. The total funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for Arkansas State University (ASU) Mountain Home is \$1,113,120. Please find attached the forms and documentation.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Welch".

Charles L. Welch
President



Arkansas State University System

American Rescue Plan Act - Student Relief Portion Plans

Institution	Total Student Grants
ASU Mountain Home	\$1,833,078

Purpose: To distribute relief grants to full-time and part-time students prioritizing students with exceptional need.

ASU Jonesboro

Estimated Distribution Schedule	Amount Estimated to Distribute	Amount Remaining to Distribute
Sep-21	\$ 93,120.00	\$1,739,958

Category	Number of Students	Award Amount	Total
UG with 9-11 hours No Pell	1	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
UG with 6-8 hours Pell with 0/EFC	23	\$ 810.00	\$ 18,630.00
UG with 6-8 hours Pell with <3800 EFC	6	\$ 610.00	\$ 3,660.00
UG with 6-8 hours No Pell	20	\$ 425.00	\$ 8,500.00
UG with 1-5 hours 0/EFC	48	\$ 600.00	\$ 28,800.00
UG with 1-5 hours <3800 EFC	16	\$ 450.00	\$ 7,200.00
UG with 1-5 hours No Pell	82	\$ 315.00	\$ 25,830.00

*EFC - Estimated Family Contribution

TOTAL REMAINING	\$1,739,958
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Arkansas State University System

American Rescue Plan Act - Institutional

Institution	Total Institutional Grants
ASU Mountain Home	\$1,667,293

Request Purpose	Total Requested
Reimbursement for online course development & virtual textbook adoptions	\$330,000
Reimbursement for technology purchases	\$430,000
Reimbursement for virtual instruction & advising personal services	\$120,000
Reimbursement for virtual lab equipment upgrade	\$90,000
Reimbursement for virtual studio for instructional training laboratory	\$50,000
TOTAL	\$1,020,000

TOTAL REMAINING	\$647,293
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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: Arkansas State University Newport Business Area Code: 0129

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.25E & 84.25F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/24/2020 Ending: 2/18/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 229ARPA Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: D54 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	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)	900,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 900,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 02/18/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
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* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *
NA									

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Approved by: [Signature] 08-16-2021 [Signature] 9-2-21

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date



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August 16, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
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1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding –(Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas State University System respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 39 of Act 997 of 2021 to provide direct grants to students for emergency relief under the provisions provided by the US Department of Education.

The total funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for Arkansas State University (ASU) Newport is \$900,000. Please find attached the forms and documentation.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Charles L. Welch, written in a cursive style.

Charles L. Welch
President



HEERF III Propose Allocation Plan for Fall 2021

Date Prepared: August 13, 2021

Term	Enrollment Status			
	Less than Half Time (1-5 hours)	Half Time (6-8 hours)	Three Quarter Time (9-11 hours)	Full Time (12 + hours)
Fall 2021				
Pell Eligible	\$300*	\$500*	\$700*	\$1,000*
Non-Pell Eligible	\$150*	\$250*	\$350*	\$500*

**Up to the amount listed*

Student Portion of Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) allocation for Fall 2021:

Student Portion Requested: \$900,000

Number of eligible students:

Number of Students: TBD

Additional Information

Allocations and eligibility determinations were made using the United States Department of Education's [HEERF III FAQs](#).

Contact Information

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Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

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(870) 512-7812 (office)

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

Agency: Arkansas Tech University Business Area Code: 0130

Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E & 84.25F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 6/30/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (Include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Supplemental appropriation request to allow expenditure of a portion of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 grant funds for Covid-19 testing and supplies, mental health management and medical record software, and a HVAC project for our ATU Ozark campus.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 210ARPA Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D80 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	56,415
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	55,000
Capital Outlay	645,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Health Record Management Software	173,000
Other: Mental Health Management Tool	3,390
Total	\$ 932,805

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6-30-2022

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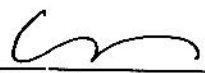
DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Emnt 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 _____


Office of Budget Date _____

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date _____

For Robert Brecht

Arkansas Tech University has received funding from U.S. Department of Education as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. \$11,702,936 is the “student” portion, and \$10,900,582 is the “institutional” portion.

For consideration by the September 2021 meeting of the Peer Committee and the Legislative Council, Arkansas Tech University is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$932,805 for an expenditure of “institutional” ARP funds that will be spent as follows:

A. Institutional Funds – COVID Testing Kits

\$41,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to purchase COVID testing kits. These kits will be utilized to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 28 specifically addresses practices to monitor and suppress COVID-19 as follows:

28. Question: What does the requirement to spend HEERF grant funds to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines” mean?

Answer: This provision of ARP requires institutions to use some of their ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds to help fight the spread and transmission of COVID-19 on their campuses and among their student, faculty, and staff community members. This provision also applies to future ARP awards the Department will make under (a)(2) and (a)(3).

It is critical that institutions take steps to prevent and mitigate the spread of coronavirus on their campuses and local communities.

Congress did not prescribe any specific practices, strategies, or methods that institutions must use to implement this required activity, and institutions have flexibility to carry out activities tailored to their unique needs and circumstances that are evidence-based and in accordance with public health guidelines. Congress also did not set a specific threshold or amount of an institution’s ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds that must be used to implement this provision. Please see Question 35, below, for more information on determining an appropriate expenditure level.

Some examples of allowable expenditures and activities include, but are not limited to, costs associated with the following:

Testing:

- **Establishing a diagnostic or screening testing strategy, such as setting up a testing site, purchasing tests, or hiring additional personnel to administer tests.**
- **Hiring personnel to support contact tracing efforts in collaboration with local public health authorities.**

Prevention:

- Setting up vaccination sites on or off campus to bring the vaccine to students, faculty, and staff, including costs of bringing sites to rural and satellite locations and costs associated with building awareness and confidence of the vaccine among students.
- Providing masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to students, faculty, and staff.
- Supporting clean and sanitary campus environments, including purchasing hand sanitizer and handwashing stations that can be placed throughout the campus.
- Cleaning and disinfection.
- Enhancing ventilation in classrooms or common areas.
- Using mask campaigns to increase mask compliance on campus.
- Implementing physical distancing guidelines, such as modified layouts.
- Costs associated with vaccination efforts.
- Redesigning food service facilities.
- Developing training and communication systems to communicate with students.

Cost associated with campus and local outreach on the benefits of vaccination as a virus-mitigation strategy.

Reducing Barriers to Vaccination:

- Paying for time off for staff to get the vaccine.
- Providing sick leave to employees to get vaccinated.
- Spreading awareness and building confidence in getting vaccinated, including setting up clinics for students to receive vaccinations or other confidence and awareness building efforts.

Supporting Students:

- Procuring additional space both on or off campus to house students and supporting other costs associated with meeting the basic needs of students in isolation and quarantine.
- Providing academic support services and mental health services for students in isolation or quarantine.
- Supporting coping and resilience for students.

Additionally, the CDC has developed some COVID-19-focused resources tailored to institutions of higher education here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html>. This site includes “Considerations for Institutions of Higher Education” available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/considerations.html>. Also relevant are those activities found on the [Department’s Best Practices Clearinghouse](#).

B. Institutional Funds – Vaccination Clinic Supplies

\$5,415 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to purchase vaccination clinic supplies. These supplies will be utilized to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 28 specifically addresses practices to monitor and suppress COVID-19 as follows:

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Testing:

- Establishing a diagnostic or screening testing strategy, such as setting up a testing site, purchasing tests, or hiring additional personnel to administer tests.
- Hiring personnel to support contact tracing efforts in collaboration with local public health authorities.

Prevention:

- **Setting up vaccination sites on or off campus to bring the vaccine to students, faculty, and staff, including costs of bringing sites to rural and satellite locations and costs associated with building awareness and confidence of the vaccine among students.**
- Providing masks and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to students, faculty, and staff.
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C. Institutional Funds – Mental Health Management Tool

\$3,390 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to expand purchase a student mental health management by allowing the purchase of software to support the mental health of University students. This amount requested will be used in the “retention” of students. On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 27 specifically addresses practices to retain students as follows:

#27 Question: What efforts to reengage students are allowable, and would not be classified as impermissible “marketing and recruitment”?

Answer: The Department recognizes the personal and communal loss that can occur when students are forced to delay or entirely forgo their postsecondary education. While direct “marketing and recruitment” activities are an impermissible use of HEERF funds, efforts to engage or reengage students who would otherwise be at risk of not completing their college degrees as a result of coronavirus is a permissible use of HEERF funds that can have a positive impact for students, institutions, and their local communities.

For example, HEERF institutional funds may be used for:

- **Retention:** To support additional academic or mental health support systems that will help students to overcome additional barriers that have arisen as a result of coronavirus that may otherwise prevent them from completing their education.

- **Reengagement:** Institutions can discharge the complete balance of a student’s institutional debt as lost revenue and reimburse themselves through their HEERF institutional grants, including

associated fees and penalties, so students can re-enroll, continue their education, or obtain their official transcript to transfer and/or secure employment.

However, as noted, HEERF funds may not be used to pay for the costs of advertising (for example, paid media, commercial advertising, and recruitment services) to students. Moreover, no portion of HEERF funds may be used to directly fund staff or contractor salaries who are engaged in marketing and recruitment.

D. Institutional Funds – Financial Aid Communication

\$10,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to expand financial aid communication avenues. This communication dollar amount requested will be used to develop “outreach to financial aid applicants.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 31 specifically addresses practices enhance this outreach to financial aid applicants as follows:

31. Question: What does “direct outreach” for this required activity mean?

Answer: “Direct outreach” requires an institution to actively engage financial aid applicants and recipients regarding the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment. Such outreach should be more than a passive notification of the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment, such as posting this opportunity on the institution’s website. Direct outreach is not considered advertising or recruiting.

Direct outreach could include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Email to students who receive financial aid,
- Mail to students who receive financial aid,
- Phone or voice communication,
- Webinar invitations, and
- In-person interviews or meetings.

Please note that direct outreach does not require in-person interaction to financial aid applicants. Additionally, grantees are reminded that marketing is an impermissible use of HEERF III funds. Please see Question 27 for more information.

E. Institutional Funds – Medical Records Software

\$173,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to purchase medical record software to help track and support stronger medical services to the student population. This amount requested will be used to support the continuation of the medical services to students to “to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 28 specifically addresses practices to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.”

28. Question: What does the requirement to spend HEERF grant funds to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines” mean?

Answer: This provision of ARP requires institutions to use some of their ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds to help fight the spread and transmission of COVID-19 on their campuses and among their student, faculty, and staff community members. This provision also applies to future ARP awards the Department will make under (a)(2) and (a)(3).

It is critical that institutions take steps to prevent and mitigate the spread of coronavirus on their campuses and local communities.

Congress did not prescribe any specific practices, strategies, or methods that institutions must use to implement this required activity, and institutions have flexibility to carry out activities tailored to their unique needs and circumstances that are evidence-based and in accordance with public health guidelines. Congress also did not set a specific threshold or amount of an institution’s ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds that must be used to implement this provision. Please see Question 35, below, for more information on determining an appropriate expenditure level.

F. Institutional Funds – HVAC Ozark Campus

\$700,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to replacement/renovate HVAC systems for three major buildings on Ozark campus – Technology & Academic Support Building, Student Center Conference Center, and Collegiate Center. On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 24 from that guidance specifically addresses use of institutional funds for HVAC expenditures, as follows:

24. Question: What are some examples of permissible “minor remodeling” that HEERF grant funds may support under the definition in [34 CFR § 77.1](#)?

Answer: Minor remodeling means minor alterations in a previously completed building, for purposes associated with the coronavirus. The term also includes the extension of utility lines, such as water and electricity, from points beyond the confines of the space in which the minor remodeling is undertaken but within the confines of the previously completed building. The term does not include permanent building construction, structural alterations to buildings, building maintenance, or repairs.

Some examples of permissible minor remodeling may include, but are not limited to:

- The installation or renovation of an HVAC system, to help with air filtration to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- The purchase or lease of temporary trailer classroom units to increase social distancing.
- The purchase or costs of the installation of “room dividers” within a previously completed building to increase social distancing.

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

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Agency: University of Central Arkansas Business Area Code: 0165

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III)

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/21/2021 Ending: 5/20/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

Requesting appropriation of \$7,700,000 of the University's ARPA institutional allocation to make improvements to air quality, filtration, and ventilation systems in several campus facilities and therefore reduce and/or prevent the transmission of COVID-19. This is an approved use of ARPA institutional funds according to the Department of Education and will assist in satisfying the requirement that a portion of ARPA institutional funding be used to implement best practices intended to monitor and suppress COVID-19.

The appropriation is intended to cover improvements on the following buildings:

Instructional/ERG: Bernard Hall (offices), Mashburn Hall, McAlister Hall, Meadors Hall, Old Main, Schichtl Hall, Snow Fine Arts Center, Marion Hall, and the Communication, Speech, and Hearing Building

Residence Halls: Brandon Hall, Bernard Hall, Short/Denney Hall

Other Auxiliary: Farris Center

Professional services are estimated: The initial energy audit estimated cost is \$94,000, plus architect fees of 6.5% on the remaining project (\$164,000 architect / \$7,142,000 capital outlay).

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: 0165 Fund Code: 207ARPA Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D60 Internal Order/WBS Element: N/A Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	558,000
Capital Outlay	7,142,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 7,700,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 05/20/22

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)

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Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 9-9-21
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 9/9/21



August 10, 2021

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RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 997 of 2021

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Act 997 of 2021, the University of Central Arkansas is requesting review of the attached appropriation request from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to make improvements to air quality systems in multiple campus facilities to provide for enhanced ventilation and air filtration and, therefore, assist with preventing or reducing the transmission of COVID-19 on campus. This is an approved use of funds as outlined by the Department of Education, and it will assist in satisfying the requirement that a portion of ARPA institutional funding be used to implement best practices intended to monitor and/or suppress COVID-19.

The total funding to be distributed or reimbursed from the university's ARPA funding for this request is \$7,700,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this appropriation request. Please contact me should there be any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Davis", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Houston D. Davis
President
University of Central Arkansas
hdavis@uca.edu

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

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Agency: National Park College Business Area Code: 0175
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E, 84.425F, and 84.425M
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/24/2020 Ending: 5/11/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of Higher Education to serve students and ensure continuity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: 212ARPA Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D64 Internal Order/WBS Element: CC:148450 Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	545,000
Extra Help	200,000
Personal Services Matching	160,600
Operating Expenses	1,172,351
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	200,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	683,346
Other: Indirect Cost 506:00:10	885,002
Other: Lost Revenue	2,000,000
Total	\$ 5,846,299

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 08/05/2022

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	Unit Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *
			D64			Registered Nurse	L0380	C120	69,283
			D64			Registered Nurse	L0380	C120	69,283

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Approved by: [Signature] 8/19/21
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 9-2-21
 Office of Budget Date

[Signature] 8/19/21
 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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August 13, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

National Park College (NPC) respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of 997 of 2021 to: (1) provide direct grants to students for emergency relief under the provisions provided by the US Department of Education, (2) reimburse NPC for lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees, (3) reimburse NPC for incurred technology-related expenses and COVID operational expenses, (4) to reimburse NPC for salaries and fringe for COVID related operations, and (5) to reimburse NPC for allowable Indirect Cost .

This request is for FY2022. The total funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization (American Rescue Plan) for National Park College is \$5,846,299. Please find attached the forms and documentation.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request as NPC desires to distribute student emergency relief checks as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Bruce Hankins
Chief Financial Officer



National Park College

American Rescue Plan Act - Student Relief Portion Plans

Available Funds \$4,268,499.00

Purpose: To distribute relief grants to full-time and part-time students prioritizing students with exceptional need.

Request	Estimated Distribution Schedule	Amount Estimated to Distribute	Amount Remaining to Distribute
1	June 2021	\$4,485,153	-\$216,654
2	FY 22	-\$216,654	\$0
	Total	<u>\$4,268,499</u>	

Category	Number of Students	Award Amount	Total
Fall	1914	\$42	\$80,388
Spring	1670	\$42	\$70,140
Summer	452	\$42	\$18,971

Total \$169,499



National Park College

CARES Act HEERF - SIP

Institution

Available

Total Grant

\$365,695.00

Purpose: To defray expenses for institutional costs associated with the transition to distance education, faculty and staff training, and payroll due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Estimated Distribution Schedule	Amount Estimated to Distribute	Amount Remaining to Distribute
FY 22	\$365,095	\$0

Request Purpose	Total Requested
Salaries - Health Safety Office	\$195,000
Fringe - Health Safety Office	\$62,000
Indirect Cost	\$36,569
Distance Education Equipment	\$71,526
TOTAL	\$365,095

TOTAL REMAINING	\$0
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National Park College

American Rescue Plan Act - Institutional

Institution	Total Institutional Grants
Available	\$8,484,328

	Estimated Distribution Schedule	Amount Estimated to Distribute	Amount Remaining to Distribute
Request 1	June 2021	\$2,787,070	\$5,697,258
2	FY 22	\$5,697,258	\$0
	Total	\$8,484,328	

Request Purpose	Total Requested
To reimburse for lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees	\$2,000,000
To reimburse for Salaries related to COVID support.	\$350,000
To reimburse for Fringe Benefits pertaining to the Salaries related to COVID Support.	\$98,000
To provide funds for Extra Help cost for COVID Screening and testing Personnel	\$200,000
To reimburse for technology costs incurred and related to COVID-19	\$750,000
To reimburse for cleaning and operational supplies for COVID prevention	\$350,825
Capital Outlay	\$200,000
Student Account Balances	\$730,501
Indirect Cost	\$848,433
Direct Student Grants	\$169,499
TOTAL	\$5,697,258

TOTAL REMAINING	\$0
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NPC**Appropriation Request #2 Summary****American Rescue Plan**

CFDA#	84.425E	84.425F	84.425M	
Name of Grant	Student	Institutional	SIP	Total
Regular Salaries		\$ 350,000.00	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 545,000.00
Extra Help		200,000.00		200,000.00
Personal Services Matching		98,000.00	62,600.00	160,600.00
Operating Expenses		1,100,825.00	71,526.00	1,172,351.00
Conference and Travel				-
Professional Fees				-
Capital Outlay		200,000.00		200,000.00
Data Processing				-
Grants and Aid	\$ (216,654.00)	900,000.00		683,346.00
Other:				-
Indirect Cost		848,433.00	36,569.00	885,002.00
Lost Revenue		2,000,000.00		2,000,000.00
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Total	\$ (216,654.00)	5,697,258.00	\$ 365,695.00	\$ 5,846,299.00

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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Agency: South Arkansas Community College Business Area Code: 0193

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E & 84.425F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

See attached letter.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: 221ARPA Direct Funding: x
Funds Center: D70 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	234,851
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 234,851

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/22

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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	Crnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

[Signature] 8/14/21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 8-2-21
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

South Arkansas Community College

P.O. Box 7010 El Dorado, AR 71731 1-800-955-2289

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT



August 12, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

South Arkansas Community College (SouthArk) respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 to (1) purchase computers with enhanced portability features that are essential during periods of remote work brought on by pandemics or other health emergencies, and (2) purchase desktop and classroom computer stations with enhanced communication features to allow for synchronous deliver of course content in-person and online.

This request is for FY2022. The total funding to be dispersed from the American Rescue Plan portion of the Education Stabilization Fund for this request for SouthArk is \$234,851. Please find the attached support documentation for this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bentley Wallace', written over a horizontal line.

Bentley Wallace, President
South Arkansas Community College

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Agency: ADE - DESE Business Area Code: 0500
Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Special Education School Age
Granting Organization: USDE CFDA #: 84.027
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Funds are provided to State educational agencies for 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. Funds are allocated based on the IDEA formula and may be used for all allowable purposes under Part B of IDEA.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: _____ Direct Funding: x
Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	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	26,548,710
Other:	
Total	\$ 26,548,710

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/22

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) * unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: [Signature] 9/1/2021 [Signature] 9.2.21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

ADE – DESE Special Education Grants under ARPA

Section 2014(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provided more than \$3 billion in supplemental funding for Fiscal Year 2021 for the three IDEA formula grant programs for IDEA Part B Grants to States (Section 611 – School Age) and \$200,000,000 for IDEA Part B Preschool Grants (Section 619 – Early Childhood). As supplemental funding to regular federal programs, these additional funds may be used for all allowable purposes under Part B of IDEA and are subject to all requirements and provisions that apply to IDEA funds, including requirements and provisions under IDEA, EDGAR, and the OMB Uniform Guidance.

All supplemental funds for both IDEA Part B programs will be completely allocated to LEAs via the regular formulas used to calculate district funding. No funds were retained at the state level for other activities or administration.

School district allocations were published with regular preliminary 2021-22 funds on the agency website in August 2021. (<https://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/Offices/fiscal-and-administrative-services/school-funding/allocations>). All funds must be obligated by September 30, 2023 and liquidated within 120 days thereafter.

Arkansas Grant Award Amounts:

ARP IDEA Part B Grants to State (Section 611) – \$26,548,710.00

ARP IDEA Part B Preschool Grants (Section 619) - \$2,732,045.00

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Agency: ADE - DESE Business Area Code: 0500

Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Special Education Preschool

Granting Organization: USDE CFDA #: 84.173

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Funds are provided to State educational agencies for 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. Funds are allocated based on the IDEA formula and may be used for all allowable purposes under Part B of IDEA.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: _____ Direct Funding: x

Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	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	2,732,045
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,732,045

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/22

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) * unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  9/1/2021 Date

 9.2.21 Date

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Office of Budget Office of Personnel Mgmt

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ADE – DESE Special Education Grants under ARPA

Section 2014(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) provided more than \$3 billion in supplemental funding for Fiscal Year 2021 for the three IDEA formula grant programs for IDEA Part B Grants to States (Section 611 – School Age) and \$200,000,000 for IDEA Part B Preschool Grants (Section 619 – Early Childhood). As supplemental funding to regular federal programs, these additional funds may be used for all allowable purposes under Part B of IDEA and are subject to all requirements and provisions that apply to IDEA funds, including requirements and provisions under IDEA, EDGAR, and the OMB Uniform Guidance.

All supplemental funds for both IDEA Part B programs will be completely allocated to LEAs via the regular formulas used to calculate district funding. No funds were retained at the state level for other activities or administration.

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ARP IDEA Part B Preschool Grants (Section 619) - \$2,732,045.00

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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Agency: ADE: Arkansas School for the Blind Business Area Code: 0510
Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP - ESSER)
Granting Organization: USDE via Arkansas Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425U
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 3/24/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Appropriation for this grant was previously approved. The Arkansas School for the Blind would like to request a position to be used as a Reading Specialist to help address learning loss. More details are attached.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: FRP5100 Direct Funding: x
Funds Center: AH8 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	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:	
Other:	
Total	\$ _____

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2022

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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *
22170777	BL01	NEL3	351238		5010000	Educational Specialist	E025C	GS09	

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Approved by: John Key 8/17/2021 Rob P 8-2-21 Kay Bannell
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
MPK 8/17/21 8-4-21 8/2/2021

**American Rescue Plan Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
(ARP ESSER)
LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds, ARP Section 2001(e)**

District Information

District Name	Arkansas School for the Blind
District LEA#	609100
City	Little Rock
Superintendent Name	James Caton
URL access to the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds posted on the district website	asbvi.ade.arkansas.gov
Date posted	08/14/2021

Directions: The LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds requires planning the full allocation. The template below will assist in the development of the district plan. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to provide the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district. The plan may be revised by notifying the DESE and uploading the revised plans in Indistar and on the district website (please include the revision date on all documents).

1. **Creating Safe and Healthy Learning Environments:** Determine if ARP funds will be used to implement prevention and mitigation strategies that are, to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with the most recent CDC guidance on reopening school, in order to continuously and safely open and operate schools for in-person learning. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

Program Code	Practice	Description	Projected Amount
186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 192	Systemic Procedures	<p>Actions or systems implemented to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.</p> <p>Meeting the nutritional needs of underserved students.</p>	

		Supporting student mental health needs. Locating absent students and reengaging disconnected youth. Providing safe and inclusive learning environments. Providing healthy learning environments.	
196, 197	Facilities	School facility repairs and improvements to enable operation of schools to reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission and exposure to environmental health hazards, and to support student health needs.	32,608.82
198	Transportation	Transportation costs to reduce the spread of COVID-19.	

2. **Addressing Lost Instructional Time or Loss of Learning:** Describe how the LEA will use the funds it reserves under Section 2001 (e) (1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of **evidence-based interventions**. The district must spend a minimum of 20% of ARP ESSER funds. The full implementation of the evidence-based interventions include the personnel, materials, equipment, professional development, and expenses needed to meet the needs of students. Other evidence based practices may be utilized if the intervention meets one of the four tiers of evidence. Evidence based practices resources may be found on page 7 of Empowering Schools for Success Using Effective Evidence Based Practices to Impact Student Outcomes. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

ARP ESSER total allocation \$ 217,941.02 minimum 20% set-aside \$ 43,588.20

Program Code	Evidence-based interventions	Description	Projected Amount
170, 180, 184	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	In-school acceleration: Licensed educators provide needed support for students within the context of grade-level work and within the classroom; using high-quality assessments, and instruction on essential learning (effect size .60-.88, Tier 3). -High Quality Instructional Materials	141,744.00
170, 180, 182, 184	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	Tutoring programs: High-dosage tutoring provided consistently by well-trained tutors or educators at least three days per week for at least 30 minutes at a time in groups of five or fewer students (effect size 1.29, Tier 3).	43,588.82
170, 180, 182, 184	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	Out-of-school time programs: Educators target students needing additional support before, and after the regular school day, as well as on weekends and during school breaks programs, to deliver academic instruction (effect size .40-.60, Tier 3).	
170, 180, 184	Accelerating learning through instructional approaches.	Summer learning and enrichment: Summer learning programs, camps, community partnerships, work-based learning or community service that provide high-quality instruction and are designed to meet the social and emotional needs of students through engaging and enriching experiences (effect size .53-.58, Tier 3).	
170, 180	Supporting equitable access and effective use of technology	Engage family in digital learning training and effectively using technology and platforms provided by the school (effect size .50, Tier 3).	
180, 181, 182	Using data about students' opportunity to learning to help target resources and support	Utilize data to understand where and how resources should be allocated to address student access to opportunity to learn (OTL) indicators (effect size .75-1.29, Tier 3).	
170, 180, 182, 183, 184, 185	Addressing resource inequities	Ensure students have equitable access to a well-rounded education. (based on subgroup data) (effect size 1.29, Tier 3) -Advanced Coursework opportunities -Inclusive Practices -Well-prepared educators	

180, 182	Addressing resource inequities	Provide wrap around services for students (effect size .44-.77, Tier 3)	
170, 180, 182, 183, 184, 185	Addressing resource inequities	Evidence-based practices that maximize students' social, emotional, and academic benefits. -Professional Learning Communities (Tier 2)	

2.A. Process for Monitoring Implementation: Describe how the LEA will ensure that the interventions it implements, including but not limited to the interventions implemented under Section 2001 (e) (1) of the ARP Act to address the academic impact of lost instruction time, will respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students, and particularly those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, including students from low-income families, students of color, English learners, children with disabilities, students experiencing homelessness, children in foster care, and migratory students.

Description: The Arkansas School for the Blind's student population is comprised 100% of students with disabilities. Through administrative oversight interventions will be monitored to ensure that they effectively respond to the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students served and effectively address learning loss.

2.B. Process for Evaluating Implementation: Please describe how the LEA will evaluate the effectiveness of these interventions.

Evaluation: Implementation of interventions will be evaluated each nine weeks through review of student data and observation to determine ongoing effectiveness and need for revisions. Effectiveness overall will be determined by student progress and improvement academically, socially, emotionally and mentally.

3. Supporting Educator and Staff Stability and Well-Being: Determine if ARP funds will be used to support educator and staff stability and well-being consistent with Section 2001 (e) (2) of the ARP Act. Districts may select evidence-based practices (pre-filled below) included in the LEA Plan for Use of ARP ESSER Funds or add additional rows to describe the practice and evidence that will be utilized by the district.

Program Code	Practice	Description	Projected Amount
185	Technology	Technology that supports learning and enables students to learn anywhere and for teachers to teach essential standards.	
160, 180	Additional pay	COVID-19 related expenditures related to preventing disruptions and closures. Recruitment and retention of a diverse and	

		qualified educator workforce.	
191	Maintenance of Equity	Continue operations without disruption including employment, programs and addressing budget shortfalls.	

James Caton <i>J. Caton</i>	August 14, 2021
SUPERINTENDENT NAME (printed) and SIGNATURE	DATE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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Agency Arkansas Department of Health Business Area 0645
Code: Program Title: Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program COVID Testing and Mitigation
Granting Organization: DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration CFDA #: 93.155
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2021 Ending: 06/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Office of Rural Health and Primary Care was awarded a \$9,043,160.00 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration for the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Plan (SHIP). This one-time funding is intended to support COVID-19 activities.
The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care will make sub-awards to 35 SHIP-eligible rural hospitals of \$257,732 per hospital, or a total of \$9,020,620. Eligibility is determined by a small rural hospital having 49 or fewer beds. These funds will be used to increase COVID-19 testing efforts, expand access to testing in rural communities, and expand the range of mitigation activities to meet community need. The period of performance is July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding Direct Funding

Functional Area Code: HHS Fund Code: PHD0000
Funds Center Code: New Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	\$ 9,039.00
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	\$ 3,594.00
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,355.00
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	\$ 9,020,620.00
Other: Indirect Cost	\$ 2,552.00
Other:	
Total	\$ 9,043,160.00

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/01/2021 - 12/31/2022

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	Cmnt 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: Joan R. Brown 8.13.21 [Signature] 9-2-21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health

American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request – Overview \$9,043,160 Award from the

Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration American Rescue Plan COVID-19 Testing and Mitigation SHIP Funding

Background

Targeted support is necessary for rural communities to overcome barriers towards achieving and maintaining high COVID-19 testing rates. From the provider perspective, these barriers include limited financial and personnel resources to support ongoing testing efforts. Providers have limited staff and physical resources and COVID-19 testing activities must be balanced against COVID-19 vaccinations and other health care services. From the patient perspective, these barriers include hesitancy and challenges with health care access. The Health and Human Services Administration (HRSA) awarded the Arkansas Department of Health \$9,043,160 to distribute to SHIP-eligible hospitals to increase COVID-19 testing to rural populations ensuring an equitable distribution across the country. Long-standing systemic health and social inequities have put some rural residents at increased risk of getting COVID-19 or having severe illness. This includes the 10 million rural residents who identify as Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian American/Pacific Islander (AA/PI), or mixed race. One in five rural residents belongs to one or more of these groups. The effective period of the award is July 1, 2021 - December 31, 2022.

Purpose

The Office of Rural Health and Primary Care will make subgrants to 35 eligible small rural hospitals, in the amount of \$257,732 per hospital to increase COVID-19 testing efforts, expand access to testing in rural communities, and expand the range of mitigation activities to meet community needs.

Efforts to reduce COVID-19 health disparities will be addressed through the five strategies outlined by HRSA. These strategies are:

1. Testing education
2. Establishment of alternative testing sites
3. Test result processing
4. Arranging for the processing of test results
5. Engaging in other activities within the CDC Community Mitigation Framework to address COVID-19 in rural communities

Goals

Utilizing the strategies listed above, the ORPHC will provide administrative oversight of the funds and technical assistance to ensure that the activities align with the allowable costs outlined by HRSA. The intended outcomes of the sub-grants and the associated activities as outlined by HRSA are to:

- Reduce COVID-19-related health disparities, and
- Improve & increase testing among populations that are at higher risk & are underserved, including racial & ethnic minority groups & people living in rural communities.

Sustainability

The overarching goal is to ensure that the majority of this one-time allocation is dispensed to SHIP-eligible hospitals. Therefore, the ORHPC has limited the FTE supported by this grant. The ORHPC

plans to utilize 2.25 full-time employees to meet the goals outlined above. Only 0.25 FTE will be charged to this grant. Other grant programs that support SHIP-eligible hospitals will fund the other 2.0 FTE.

Geographic Coverage

This funding is limited to Arkansas' 35 SHIP-eligible hospitals covering **Arkansas, Ashley, Benton, Bradley, Carroll, Chicot, Clark, Clay, Cleburne, Conway, Cross, Dallas, Desha, Franklin, Fulton, Howard, Izard, Lawrence, Little River, Logan, Mississippi, Scott, Sevier, Stone, Van Buren, and Yell County.**

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Agency: DHS - Division of County Operations Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Funding Organization: USDA - Food and Nutrition Service CFDA #: 10.561

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Division request appropriation for any expenses associated with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and will comply with the requirements of Act 997 of 2021 and all Terms and Conditions of the Federal Awarding Agency. Appropriation will be transferred between commitment line items as necessary once additional guidance is received from grantor agency. Section 1101(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides additional appropriated funds for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) administrative expenses to assist State agencies in carrying out legislative provisions and administering SNAP. Arkansas has been awarded \$1,996,463.37.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X

Inds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	359,363
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	66,500
Data Processing	1,570,600
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,996,463

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2021

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8/17/2021

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)

* unclassified positions only

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: Cindy Hillier 08/06/2021 John R. ... 8-2-21

Assistant Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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**Arkansas DHS Division of County Operations (DHS-DCO)
American Rescue Plan – USDA Food and Nutrition Services
SNAP State Administrative Expenditures Grant**

Section 1101(b) of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides funds for SNAP administrative expenses to assist State agencies in administering SNAP.

- Arkansas is eligible to receive \$1,996,463.37. These funds must be obligated by September 30, 2021 and expended by December 31, 2021.
 - This funding is intended to provide an opportunity for State agencies to make investments into their business processes, including technology, that will increase access and improve operations.
- DHS-DCO will use these funds in the following categories:
 - Enhanced operational capability during disasters and emergencies – Approximately 69% will be spent on laptops, docking stations, web cams, and headsets to enhance the division's ability to pivot to remote work if needed. Funds in this category will also be used to purchase high volume scanners to open a second scanning operations center in existing space in one of our county offices. DHS-DCO currently operates one main scanning center operation in Jefferson County. A second location will help ensure continuity of operations in the event of a disaster or equipment failure in one of the locations.
 - Upgrades to support IT infrastructure in county offices – Approximately 13% will be spent to replace servers and scanners that support DHS-DCO operations in county offices.
 - Postage – Approximately 13% will be spent on postage to support increased mail costs to operate the SNAP program.
 - Call Center Technology – Approximately 5% will be spent to prepare for an innovative outbound call center to conduct required eligibility interviews for applicants for the SNAP Program that will be housed in existing space in the Little Rock Central Office. These funds will be used to purchase furniture and equipment for the call center. DHS-DCO plans to offer extended hours for clients who need interviews before or after normal business hours. The center will be staffed with existing positions.
- Meeting December 31 Deadline:
 - The Department's contracted vendors for each of these items have advised that the December 31 timeline can be met.

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Agency: ADPHT-Arkansas Arts Council Business Area Code: 870

Program Title: NEA- American Rescue Plan

Granting Organization: National Endowment for the Arts CFDA #: 1863366-61-20

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

Subgrants to 501c3 nonprofit arts organizations for the following: *Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions. *Fees/stipends for contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities. Jobs or positions supported through ARP may be existing or new. *Facilities costs such as rent and utilities, e.g., electric, phone, gas bills. Not to include upgrades to HVAC/ventilation systems. Note: Costs related to home offices are unallowable. *Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.). *Costs associated with marketing, promotion, and applicant/grantee technical assistance.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: REC Fund Code: New Direct Funding: ☒
 Funds Center: New Internal Order/WBS Element: Steering Comm. Approved:

	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)	\$	784,700.00
Other:		
Other:		
Total	\$	784,700

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: July 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: [Signature] 8-12-21 [Signature] 8-2-21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date
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Office of Personnel Mgmt Date **42**



ARKANSAS HERITAGE



August 17, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding-(Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Arts Council respectfully requests review of its request for \$784,700 in appropriation from the American Rescue Plan, as authorized in Section 39 of Act 997 of 2021. These funds, allocated to the Arts Council from the National Endowment for the Arts, will be used entirely to make subgrants of up to \$15,000 in assistance for Arkansas non-profit 501(c)(3) arts organizations experiencing financial hardships or loss of program capacity due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. A narrative summary of this plan for distribution is attached.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick Ralston
Director, Arkansas Arts Council

ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL- 2021 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ALLOCATION. On April 29, 2021, the National Endowment for the Arts notified the Arkansas Arts Council that it was eligible to receive \$784,700 from NEA's portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

On July 28, 2021 the National Endowment for the Arts amended the Arkansas Arts Council's annual FY21 State Partnership Grant, to include the following changes:

- Extension of the project period by an additional year, to end September 30, 2022.
- An increase in available funding of \$784,700, comprised of NEA allocation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

PURPOSE OF GRANT. The Arkansas Arts Council will wholly distribute the additional \$784,700 in ARP funds in the form of subgrants of up to \$15,000 in assistance for Arkansas non-profit 501(c)(3) arts organizations experiencing financial hardships or loss of program capacity due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Consistent with NEA guidance, the Arkansas Arts Council will incorporate principles of equity, access, and inclusion in its implementation of the American Rescue Plan. To do this, the agency will welcome applications from smaller arts organizations and eligible local arts communities, offering flexibility through grants of general operating support. For application purposes, an arts organization is defined as such by its mission statement, and by its devoting at least 51% or more of its programming budget to arts activities, events, exhibitions, or performances.

ALLOWABLE COSTS FOR SUBGRANTS. Per NEA guidelines for ARP subgrants, funds are intended to support day-to-day business expenses/operating costs. Subgranting support is limited to any or all of the following:

- Salary support, full or partial, for one or more staff positions.
- Fees/stipends for artists and/or contractual personnel to support the services they provide for specific activities.
- Facilities costs such as rent and utilities, e.g., electric, phone, gas bills. (Not to include upgrades to HVAC/ventilation systems or other renovation/construction costs.) Note: Costs related to home offices are unallowable.
- Costs associated with health and safety supplies for staff and/or visitors/audiences (e.g., personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, etc.).
- Marketing and promotion costs.

EVALUATION CRITERIA. Applications will be reviewed and scored by a panel of two outside reviewers and one Arkansas Arts Advisory Council member serving as panel chair, using the following criteria:

- Quality of the arts organization.
- Potential to have a significant and immediate impact on the arts workforce.
- Significance to the arts mission and core work of the organization.
- Ability to carry out an arts proposal, including the appropriateness of the budget, the resources involved, and the personnel.
- Extent to which the arts organization serves underserved populations such as those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability.

APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION: Final recommendations will be reviewed for accuracy by AAC staff and reported to the Director of the Division of Arkansas Heritage and Secretary of the Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism for approval. Once approved, awards will be reviewed by the Arts Advisory Council and administered by the Arkansas Arts Council. All grants of \$10,000 or more must be reviewed by the Arkansas Legislative Council.

PROJECT CONTACT: Patrick Ralston, Director, Arkansas Arts Council. patrick.ralston@arkansas.gov, 501-324-9770.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ACTION

National Endowment for the Arts

Action Taken: Funding Amendment **Date of Action:** 8/4/2021 **Award Date:** 7/15/2020

FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION	
Federal Award ID Number (FAIN)	1863366-61-20
Award Recipient	Arkansas Arts Council
Award Recipient Unique Entity Identifier	081393428
Period of Performance	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022
Budget Period	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2022
Assistance Listing Number/Title	45.025 Promotion of the Arts Partnership Agreements
Does the award support Research & Development?	No
Award Description	To support arts programs, services, and activities associated with carrying out the agency's National Endowment for the Arts-approved strategic plan, and subgranting to the nonprofit arts sector in order to preserve jobs and maintain operations to fuel the recovery of the nation's arts sector from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Grant Program and Office	Partnerships (State & Regional), State & Regional

AWARD AMOUNTS

Amount of Federal Funds Obligated by this Action	\$784,700.00
Total Amount of Federal Funds Obligated	\$1,474,100.00
Total Amount of the Federal Award	\$1,474,100.00

RECIPIENT CONTACTS

Role	Name
Authorizing Official	Mr. Patrick Ralston (User Name - PRalston) patrick.ralston@arkansas.gov
Grant Administrator	Brazier Watts (User Name - BWatts) brazier.watts@arkansas.gov
Project Director	Mr. Patrick Ralston (User Name - PRalston) patrick.ralston@arkansas.gov

REMARKS

Amendment #1

Your Partnership Agreement has been amended with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, or ARP.

Amount: The grant amount has been increased by "\$784,700" to "\$1,474,100."

Cost Share: These additional funds are provided on a non-matching basis. No cost share is required.

- Total Amount of Federal Award: \$1,474,100
- Total Approved Cost Share as Required by 20 USC 954(e): \$689,400
- Total Amount of Federal Project including Approved Cost Share: \$2,163,500

The additional "\$784,700" is to support "subgranting to the nonprofit arts sector in order to preserve jobs and maintain operations to fuel the recovery of the nation's arts sector from the devastating economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Budget: ARP funding amendment budget dated July 28, 2021 is approved.

Time: The period of performance has been extended to September 30, 2022.

Carefully review the **Additional Guidance** regarding ARP Act funds in the Documents Tab in REACH.

PAYMENTS:

To request your ARP Act funds, you must submit (via REACH) a separate Payment Request from your regular Partnership Agreement funds. See the **Additional Guidance** on the Documents Tab. Do not combine requests. Indicate in the Progress Report field that the request is for ARP Act funds only.

In addition, it is a term of this award that the first time you request ARP funds to be used for a subaward


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program, you must provide a short summary providing information about that subaward program. See the *Additional Guidance* document for detailed information on this requirement.

All other provisions of the award remain in effect, including the requirements of 2 CFR 200, the National Endowment for the Arts Legislation, and all other terms and conditions of the award.

AWARDING OFFICIAL



Leslie Liberato
Supervisory Grants Management Specialist (Deputy Director)

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Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Business Area Code: 0790
Program Title: America Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Arkansas Rural Connect Program
Granting Organization: 117th Congress of the United States CFDA #: _____
Effective Date of Authorization Beginning: 07/01/2021 Ending: 06/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

To utilize funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for continuation of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's rural broadband program, grant awards, operations, purchase of equipment and construction expenses necessary to assist in the deployment or improvement of broadband infrastructure into unserved or improvement to unserved communities in Arkansas; cost of infrastructure equipment required to provide broadband network service; regular salaries and personal services matching for staff; fees for management consultants and strategic program design advisory services, including customizable software services and program management support; engineering costs for project design; legal costs related to the acquisition of real estate rights or easements; costs of media, electronics, cabling, and communications equipment; make ready costs for utility pole attachments; boring and splicing cost for infrastructure construction; educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll for extra help staff or contract labor; to ensure timely and proper implementation of network construction, related equipment and material installation necessary to expand the broadband footprint in Arkansas. These funds will support essential infrastructure improvements that will allow Arkansans to compete in today's digital economy, enhance healthcare outcomes through telemedicine, and improve access to education.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP7901 Direct Funding: _____
FC: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	4,000,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	
Other:	
Total	\$ 4,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2022

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Approved by:

Michael Preston 08/30/2021
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date
Michael Preston, Arkansas Department of Commerce

Rob Z 8-2-21
Office of Budget Date
ey 8/31/21

Office of Personnel Management Date



August 31, 2021

The Arkansas Department of Commerce, in collaboration with the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), and the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism (ADPHT), has been tasked with obtaining a broadband consulting firm to formulate a comprehensive master plan for broadband implementation in the State of Arkansas.

- The statewide broadband master plan for the Arkansas Department of Commerce Broadband Office will provide short-term and long-term goals and strategies, including a proposed broadband implementation plan, with the result being increased connectivity across Arkansas, especially in underserved areas and in rural communities
- The planned comprehensive report will also compile all assessment findings and recommendations into a single written statewide broadband master plan
- Report specifics include:
 - Data collection and analysis of current broadband availability by technology type
 - Recommendations for the deployment of broadband throughout the State of Arkansas that includes analysis of current efforts in the public and private sectors, including current broadband programs, the Arkansas Rural Connect program, the Rural Broadband ID program, the Rural Opportunity Fund, USDA's ReConnect program, and others
 - Detailed technology, equipment type, staffing and program administration recommendations, and a proposed community outreach plan that could be utilized in the deployment of broadband
 - Recommendations to increase affordability of internet service for citizens and guidance on a reasonable timeline for deployment
 - Recommendations that can be implemented and funded with the use of federal funds from the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and any future federal funds dedicated to national infrastructure investment.