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January 14, 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.

- University of Arkansas at Little Rock – To ensure Arkansas small business owners have access to technical assistance and business advisory services \$1,075,000
- University of Central Arkansas – Emergency grants for Spring and Summer sessions \$6,450,200
- Black River Technical College – Operating Expenses, Lost Revenue and Indirect Costs \$1,088,877
- Arkansas Tech University – Reallocation of stipends, funds for student labor and benefits to Regular Salaries and Operating Expenses \$0
- Department of Veterans Affairs – Funding operational costs for Veterans Home in Fayetteville \$827,472
- Department of Veterans Affairs - Funding operational costs for Veterans Home in North Little Rock \$1,182,103
- Development Finance Authority – HOME ARP Program \$1,877,350.50

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.

- Economic Development Commission – Replacement of lost CARES funding to support administrative costs \$0



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Sincerely,

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

Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

**AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: University of Arkansas at Little Rock Business Area Code: 0145
 Program Title: Community Navigator Pilot Program
 Granting Organization: US Small Business Administration CFDA #: 59.077
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 11/1/2021* Ending: 06/30/2022
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The focus of this program is to reach, and support underserved small businesses, including micro and rural businesses, with emphasis on those owned by women, veterans and socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. To better reach these small businesses, SBA is launching the Community Navigator Pilot Program that will strengthen outreach to underserved businesses by partnering with organizations with established relationships and experience within their communities. The Community Navigator Pilot Program is designed to provide high quality technical assistance with pandemic relief programs and recovery services to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Recovery services can include financial assistance, access to capital, contracting and procurement assistance, marketing, operations, and business development, export and industry specific training, among other areas of technical assistance to aid businesses in stabilization and expansion.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 201ARPA Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D56 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	296,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	60,000
Operating Expenses	42,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	2,000
Professional Fees	75,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	500,000
Other: Indirect Cost/F&A	100,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,075,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 11/30/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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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 *

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 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
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**OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR
UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**

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December 1, 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:

Pursuant to Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock respectfully requests review of the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act. UA Little Rock has received a notice of award from the US Small Business Administration to conduct a project under the Community Navigator Pilot Program which is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act.

The overall goal of the project is to ensure Arkansas small business owners have access to technical assistance and business advisory services. The project places a special focus on businesses and individuals that have had difficulty accessing the federal, state, local, and private COVID-19 relief programs. Specifically, the program will target underserved populations (rural, minority, women, veterans, etc.).

The conduct of the project will include the hiring of five additional staff to oversee and implement the project. The project will include six sub awardees: Arkansas State Chamber; East Arkansas Enterprise Community; Phoenix Youth and Family Services; Arkansas Human Development Corporation; Central Arkansas Library System; and UA Cooperative Extension. The appropriation request includes amounts in Grants and Aid for the sub award agreements.

UA Little Rock will provide support and structure for the program including providing subject matter expertise, access to tools and resources, as well as administration, outreach, and reporting. The appropriation request includes amounts in Professional Services, Regular Salaries, and Personal Services Matching.

The appropriation request will also require additional operating and travel expenses necessary to conduct required oversight and administration of the project.

The award dated December 1, 2021 allows for pre-award costs beginning on November 1, 2021. UA Little Rock requests a review and consideration for a retroactive appropriation beginning on

November 1, 2021 to allow for recapture of pre-award and other costs. Please find attached forms and documentation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this appropriation request and spending proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me by email or phone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina S. Drale', written in a cursive style.

Christina S. Drale, Chancellor
University of Arkansas at Little Rock

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

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):

The University is requesting appropriation of \$6,450,200 of the University's ARPA institutional allocation to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Spring 2022 and Summer I, II, and III 2022 sessions. This includes \$6,000,000 for the Spring 2022 semester, and \$450,200 for the Summer I, II, and III 2022 sessions.

The University is also requesting to utilize \$299,800 in unspent appropriations/funds previously approved by ALC for the Fall 2021 semester (\$200,000) and Summer II and III 2021 sessions (\$99,800) to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Summer I, II, and III sessions.

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	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	6,450,200
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 6,450,200

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 05/20/22

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

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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:  12/9/21
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

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 Office of Budget Date

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December 8, 2021

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

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 emergency grants to students in accordance with guidance per the U.S. Department of Education.

The total funding to be distributed from the university's ARPA funding is \$6,450,200 for this request. More information may be found on the following pages.

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



UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS ARPA APPROPRIATION REQUEST – JANUARY 2022

The University is requesting additional appropriation of **\$6,450,200** in ARPA funding to provide emergency student grants. Below is more information on the uses of these funds.

Student Grant Appropriation Request

1. We are requesting **\$6,000,000** to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Spring 2022 semester.
 - a. The University plans to award students a fixed amount with Pell grant recipients receiving a higher amount consistent with Department of Education guidance.
2. We are requesting **\$450,200** to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Summer I, Summer II and Summer III sessions.

The University is also requesting to utilize **\$299,800** in unspent appropriations/funds previously approved by ALC for the Fall 2021 semester (\$200,000) and Summer II and III 2021 sessions (\$99,800) to provide emergency grants to students enrolled in the Summer I, II, and III sessions.

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

Agency:Black River Technical CollegeBusiness Area Code:0675

Program Title:Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III - American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Granting Organization:US Department of EducationCFDA #:84.425E, 84.425F

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:5/11/2021Ending:5/10/2022

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 Act (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. Additional information regarding this appropriation request to allow the expenditure of a portion of the grant funds is attached.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:TCOLFund Code:275ARPAInternal Order/WBS Element:Direct Funding:X

Funds Center:413270D73Steering Comm. Approved:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	167,489
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Lost Revenue	750,000
Other: Indirect Costs	171,388
Total	\$1,088,877

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:5/10/2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
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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:


Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDate

Robert Brech01/12/22

Office of BudgetDate

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Office of Personnel MgmtDate



December 10, 2021

Mr. Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
P.O. Box 3275
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

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

Dear Secretary Walther:

Black River Technical College respectfully requests review of appropriation request and detail plan for additional expenditures of the institutional funds granted to the institution through the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, to (1) provide direct grants to students for emergency relief under the provisions provided by the US Department of Education, (2) to reimburse BRTC for COVID-19 related operating expenses as allowed for by the federal regulations, (3) to continue to implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines, and (4) to continue to conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances.

Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students – BRTC Award	\$2,581,859
Previously Appropriated	2,581,859
Expended	2,581.859
Remaining	0

Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Formula Grants –	
Institutional Funds – BRTC Award	\$2,463,877
Previously Appropriated	1,375,000
Expended or Encumbered	375,256
Remaining	1,088,877
Current Appropriation Request	1,088,877

For the institutional portion, BRTC plans to use the funds for purposes outlined in the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The following list outlines our additional request and intended purposes.

- **Operating Expenses** **\$ 167,489**
 - Continue CDC protocols for disinfecting and sanitizing as necessary
 - Continue assistance with online learning and student services through software licensing and other services
 - Install touchless water fountain/bottle fillers to repress the transmission of viruses

- Install touchless toilet flushers and faucets to repress the transmission of viruses
- Purchasing and installing other features to ensure a healthy working and learning environment for students, faculty, and staff
- Continue to expand wireless access points, hotspots, and laptop availability to students
- Purchase instructional equipment as needed to avoid students sharing to repress the transmission of viruses.
- Reduce the transmission of viruses by updating HVAC systems to improve air quality controls and monitoring

- **Lost Revenue** **\$ 750,000**

- Lost revenue associated with enrollment declines, cancelled events, cancelled camps, disrupted food service, bookstore revenue, and other operating revenue

- **Indirect Costs** **\$ 171,388**

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TOTAL FOR THIS APPROPRIATION REQUEST **\$ 1,088,877**

Thank you for your consideration of this appropriation request and continued spending plan.

Sincerely,



Martin Eggensperger, PhD
President

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 the purchase of faculty and staff equipment association with distance learning. Our request is to change the purpose of funds in the amount of \$173,000 from a previous software expenditure to this equipment purchase. The University respectfully request reallocation of stipend funds of \$443,000, student labor funds of \$40,500, and benefits of \$78,770 to distribute over salary and operations to funds additional hybrid, online, hyflex equipment, supplies, and services.

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	129,343
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	605,927
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Discharge Student's unpaid debt	
Other: Benefits	(78,770)
Other: Stipends	(443,000)
Other: Student Labor	(40,500)
Other: Health Record Management Software	(173,000)
Total	\$0.00

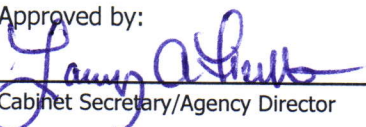
Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6-30-2022

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Approved by:  12/10/2021 Robert Brech 01/12/22

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

TM 12/14/2021

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 \$0 for an expenditure of “institutional” ARP funds that will be spent as follows:

A. Institutional Funds – Faculty and Staff Laptops and associated Equipment

This request is to reclassify previously requested expense categories and not a request for new funding. The \$173,000 original category was to purchase medical records software to assist with COVID related medical records. Due to contract period coverage falling outside of the grant period, we are respectfully requesting reallocation of these funds to facilitate purchases of laptops and associated equipment for support of distance learning and remote work environments.

\$173,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to purchase faculty and staff laptops and associated equipment. These equipment purchases will allow for quick set up of distance education migration of institutional faculty and staff. During COVID natural cycles of remote work versus in person work, the transition for teaching and operational functions (teaching and the staff support) will have flexibility and reliable equipment to support a distance education online environment and remote work environment.

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 21 specifically addresses practices to monitor and suppress COVID-19 as follows:

21. Question: What are allowable uses of funds for institutional uses?

Answer: Under the ARP, similar to the CRRSAA, allowable uses under the HEERF III (a)(1) Institutional Portion awards include:

- Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, **technology costs associated with a transition to distance education**, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll); and
- Making additional emergency financial aid grants to students.⁴

B. Institutional Funds – HYBRID, ONLINE, HYFLEX

This request is to reclassify previously requested expense categories and not a request for new funding. The \$1,171,527 original categories were to provide stipends to faculty designing of online course work. Due to payroll system requirements, we are respectfully requesting reallocation of stipend funds to distribute over salary and benefits and the difference to go to operations to fund additional hybrid, online, hyflex equipment, supplies, and services.

\$1,171,527 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to provide specialized training and support for hybrid, online, and Hyflex course delivery. These professional development trainings are appropriate for faculty at all levels of technological experience and will provide support as they develop their abilities in

the online instructional environment. These expenses will support a hybrid flexible, or Hyflex course delivery model. A HyFlex course allows students the flexibility to choose their preferred method of learning based on their preferences, needs, or immediate circumstances. In sum, it is an approach that combines face-to-face and online learning. The funds requested will cover salary and benefits, student labor, and classroom instructional technology upgrades for a hybrid online/Hyflex modality. These items would defray expenses associated with the coronavirus by providing online teaching modalities in the event of having to social distance or go to online learning environment. 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 21 specifically addresses practices to defray expenses associated with coronavirus as follows:

21. Question: What are the allowable uses of funds for institutional uses?

Answer: Under the ARP, similar to the CRRSAA, allowable uses under the HEERF III (a)(1) Institutional Portion awards include:

- Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, **technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll**); and
- Making additional emergency financial aid grants to students.⁴

As described in Question 42, grant expenses may be incurred back to March 13, 2020, the date of the declaration of the national emergency due to the coronavirus.

Additionally, as mentioned in Question 1, the ARP has added two new required uses of HEERF III institutional portion grant funds for public and private nonprofit institutions. Namely, a portion of their institutional funds must:

- (a) implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines; and
- (b) conduct direct outreach to financial aid applicants about the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment due to the recent unemployment of a family member or independent student, or other circumstances, described in section 479A of the HEA.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs Business Area Code: 0385
Program Title: Department of Veterans Affairs - State Home Per Diem Program
Granting Organization: Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) CFDA #: 64.015
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 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by the President on March 11, 2021. The act provided the federal Department of Veterans Affairs \$250 Million dollars to distribute a one-time payment to existing State Extended Care Facilities for Veterans for operational needs per Public Law 117-2 Section 8004 for State Veteran Homes. Payments were made in proportion to each State's share of the total Veteran resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act. The purpose of this ARPA funding is to support State Veteran Home facilities and ensure care for veterans during the pandemic. This request is for the Arkansas State Veterans Home at Fayetteville.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP3852 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: New Internal Order/WBS Element: Steering Comm. Approved:

Table with 2 columns: Category, Program Funding Amount. Rows include Regular Salaries (205,000), Extra Help, Personal Services Matching (71,750), Operating Expenses (480,722), Conference & Travel Expenses, Professional Fees, Capital Outlay (70,000), Data Processing, Grants and Aid (CI: 04), Other, and Total (\$827,472).

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2023

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Positions to be established: (list each position separately) * unclassified positions only

Table with 10 columns: Org Unit, Pers Area, Pers SubArea, Cost Center, Position Number, Cmmt Item, Position Title, Class Code, Grade, Line Item Maximum *. The table is currently empty.

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Approved by: [Signature] 12/10/21 Robert Brech 01/12/22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
R. Stokes 12/17/2021

**Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
American Rescue Plan Act Funding
Plan of Execution**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by the President Joe Biden. The act provided the federal Department of Veterans Affairs \$250 Million dollars to distribute a one-time payment to existing State Extended Care Facilities for Veterans for operational needs per Public Law 117-2 Section 8004 for State Veteran Homes. Payments were made in proportion to each State's share of the total Veteran resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act. The purpose of this ARPA funding is to support State Veteran Home facilities and ensure care for veterans during the pandemic. The Arkansas State Veterans Home at Fayetteville (ASVH-F) received \$827,472.00 and the Arkansas State Veterans Home at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR) received \$1,182,103.00.

Budget Commitment Item	ASVH-F	ASVH-NLR
Regular Salaries	205,000.00	295,000.00
Personal Services Matching	71,750.00	103,250.00
Operating Expenses	480,722.00	653,853.00
Capital Outlay	70,000.00	130,000.00
Total	\$ 827,472.00	\$ 1,182,103.00

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at Fayetteville (ASVH-F)

- The Arkansas State Veterans Home will utilize funding to help pay for salaries and fringe benefits for its employees.
- Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but is not limited to the following: facility rent, drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and temporary nursing staffing needs. In addition to general operating expenses of the facility, specific items that will be purchased with this funding include:
 - Nursing Vital Sign Machines \$20,000
 - Medication Carts \$12,000
 - Patient Lifts \$9,000
- Capital item is for ASVH-F replacement of one vehicle for resident transport to appointments.

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR)

- The Arkansas State Veterans Home will utilize funding to help pay for salaries and fringe benefits for its employees.
- Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but is not limited to the following: drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and temporary nursing staffing needs. In addition to general operating expenses of the facility, specific items that will be purchased with this funding include:
 - Nursing Equipment: Patient Lifts, Scale Lifts, wheelchairs. \$26,837
 - Vital Sign Machines \$8,000
 - KERi Manikin for training Nurses \$2,500
- Capital outlay items are operating equipment needs for the facility, specific items which include:
 - Transit van for resident transport \$60,000
 - Kiosks for Resident Point of Care \$24,000
 - Golf cart for nursing and activities use on nursing home grounds \$16,000
 - Fence for building \$11,000
 - Projector for Community Building for Resident Activities \$8,000

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs Business Area Code: 0385

Program Title: Department of Veterans Affairs - State Home Per Diem Program

Granting Organization: Department of Veterans Affairs (USDVA) CFDA #: 64.015

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):
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American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP3854 Direct Funding: X

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

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	295,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	103,250
Operating Expenses	653,853
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	130,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,182,103

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
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Approved by: [Signature] 12/17/2021 Robert Brech 01/12/22

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

R. Stokes 12/17/2021

**Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs
American Rescue Plan Act Funding
Plan of Execution**

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 was signed into law by the President Joe Biden. The act provided the federal Department of Veterans Affairs \$250 Million dollars to distribute a one-time payment to existing State Extended Care Facilities for Veterans for operational needs per Public Law 117-2 Section 8004 for State Veteran Homes. Payments were made in proportion to each State's share of the total Veteran resident capacity in such facilities as of the date of enactment of this Act. The purpose of this ARPA funding is to support State Veteran Home facilities and ensure care for veterans during the pandemic. The Arkansas State Veterans Home at Fayetteville (ASVH-F) received \$827,472.00 and the Arkansas State Veterans Home at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR) received \$1,182,103.00.

Budget Commitment Item	ASVH-F	ASVH-NLR
Regular Salaries	205,000.00	295,000.00
Personal Services Matching	71,750.00	103,250.00
Operating Expenses	480,722.00	653,853.00
Capital Outlay	70,000.00	130,000.00
Total	\$ 827,472.00	\$ 1,182,103.00

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at Fayetteville (ASVH-F)

- The Arkansas State Veterans Home will utilize funding to help pay for salaries and fringe benefits for its employees.
- Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but is not limited to the following: facility rent, drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and temporary nursing staffing needs. In addition to general operating expenses of the facility, specific items that will be purchased with this funding include:
 - Nursing Vital Sign Machines \$20,000
 - Medication Carts \$12,000
 - Patient Lifts \$9,000
- Capital item is for ASVH-F replacement of one vehicle for resident transport to appointments.

Arkansas State Veterans Homes at North Little Rock (ASVH-NLR)

- The Arkansas State Veterans Home will utilize funding to help pay for salaries and fringe benefits for its employees.
- Funding will be used to pay for general operating expenses which include but is not limited to the following: drugs and medicine for residents, therapy, health care supplies, and temporary nursing staffing needs. In addition to general operating expenses of the facility, specific items that will be purchased with this funding include:
 - Nursing Equipment: Patient Lifts, Scale Lifts, wheelchairs. \$26,837
 - Vital Sign Machines \$8,000
 - KERi Manikin for training Nurses \$2,500
- Capital outlay items are operating equipment needs for the facility, specific items which include:
 - Transit van for resident transport \$60,000
 - Kiosks for Resident Point of Care \$24,000
 - Golf cart for nursing and activities use on nursing home grounds \$16,000
 - Fence for building \$11,000
 - Projector for Community Building for Resident Activities \$8,000

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

Agency: ACOM - Ar. Development Finance Authority Business Area Code: 0395
 Program Title: HOME - ARP
 Granting Organization: HUD - Department of Housing & Urban Development CFDA #: 14.239
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 12/01/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

See attached documentation

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: NEW 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: 590:00:46	\$1,877,350.50
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,877,350.50 -



Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2030

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:  11/15/21 Date _____
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director
 Mark Keith Turner Date _____
 Office of Budget
 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date _____

**HOME-American Rescue Plan (ARP)
Fact Sheet 10/12/2021**

General:

- ADFA received the HOME-ARP Grant Agreement on 9/22/2021 for \$37,547,010 with a total of \$31,914,958.50 for eligible activities and \$5,632,051.50 for ADFA administration.
- HUD Grant Agreement was delivered to the Governor's office on 9/23/2021 to obtain his signature.
- After submission of the HUD Grant Agreement, HUD will allow ADFA to utilize \$1,877,350.50 (5% of the grant award) for administration and planning costs.
- The remaining administration dollars of \$3,754,701 will be made available after HUD approval of the allocation action plan.
- ADFA will need to submit a HOME ARP allocation plan to HUD. The funding of \$31,914,958.50 (balance of Formula Funds) will be available upon HUD approval of the allocation plan.

HOME-ARP dollars can only be used for qualifying populations and eligible activities.

Qualifying populations are Individuals and families who are:

- Homeless.
- At risk of homelessness.
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.
- Dating violence.
- Sexual assault.
- Stalking.
- Human trafficking.
- Other households requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness. but do not otherwise qualify under the other categories

Eligible Activities:

- Rental Housing.
- Non-Profit Operating and Capacity Building Assistance.
- Non-Congregate Shelter (New Activity).
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance.
- Supportive Services (New Activity).
 - Housing counseling and homeless prevention services.

Ineligible Activities:

- Homeownership and owner-occupied activities.

Affordability:

- New Construction- 15 years.
- Rehabilitation- 10 years.
- Acquisition only- 10 years.

Eligible Costs:

- HOME-ARP funds may pay for up to 100% of the following eligible costs associated with HOME-ARP units:
 - Development hard cost
 - Construction and rehabilitating housing to meet property standards.
 - Site improvements.
 - Utility connections.
 - Acquisition costs of improved or unimproved real property.
 - Development soft cost
 - Reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the project owner associated with financing, development, acquisition, or rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing.
 - Relocation cost.
 - Operating cost assistance.
 - Through a capitalized operating reserve or ongoing operating cost payments, for HOME-ARP units restricted for occupancy by qualifying households.

Next Steps:

- ADFA must consult with agencies and service providers whose clientele include the HOME-ARP qualifying populations.
 - Continuum of Care (CoC's).
 - Homeless and Domestic violence Service Providers.
 - Veterans Groups.
 - Public Housing Agencies (PHAs).
 - Public Agencies that address the needs of the qualifying populations.
 - Public or private organizations that address fair housing, civil rights and needs of persons with disabilities.
- Public Participation
 - ADFA must provide for and encourage citizen participation in the development of the HOME-ARP plan.
- Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis
 - ADFA must evaluate the size and demographic composition of its qualifying populations and assess the unmet needs.
- Finalize HOME-ARP allocation plan for Submission to HUD
 - Describe how ADFA will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs including the method for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers and subrecipients.
 - Indicate the amount of HOME-ARP planned for each eligible activity.

- Demonstrate that planned funding for nonprofit organization operating assistance is within HOME-ARP limits.
- Include narrative about how the characteristics of its shelter and housing inventory and the needs identified in the ADFA's gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities.
- Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the ADFA will produce.
- Identify preferences if the ADFA intends to give preference to one or more of the qualifying populations.
- If allowing for refinancing of existing debt, ADFA must state refinancing guidelines.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
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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: FRP7900 Direct Funding: 0
 FC: AI3 Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0790.ARPRRESCUEPL21 Steering Comm. Approved: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	35,600
Extra Help	25,000
Personal Services Matching	21,180
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	1,668,220
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	(1,750,000)
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2022

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)

* unclassified positions only

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Approved by:

 11/09/2021
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date 
Michael Preston, Arkansas Department of Commerce

Robert Brech 01/12/22

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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.