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June 3, 2022

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:

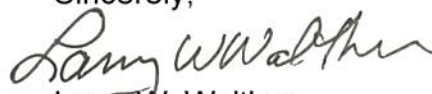
Pursuant to Section 38 (01) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- University of Arkansas at Monticello – Emergency support for students and institution \$2,559,680
- Department of Education – School for the Deaf – High-quality summer learning activities \$19,162
- Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Non-Entitlement Units Local Recovery Funds \$108,112,569

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 – Division of Workforce Services – Unemployment Insurance \$2,459,000

Sincerely,

  
 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**

FY22

Agency: University of Arkansas at Monticello Business Area Code: 0155  
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)  
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/25/2020 Ending: 6/30/2022  
 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: 203ARPA Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: D58 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)	2,559,680
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,559,680

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/23

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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	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: Reggy Boss 5-23-22  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 5/25/22  
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 5/23/22



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS  
AT MONTICELLO

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May 13, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance & Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding – (Act 997 of 2021 & Act 199 of 2022)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM) respectfully requests review of the appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 and Section 37 of Act 199 of 2022 to reimburse for lost tuition, housing, and meal plan revenue as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. UAM has opted to use the three-year average calculation for lost tuition revenue, as outlined in the lost revenue FAQs for HEERF funds published on March 19, 2021. This request will exhaust all remaining HEERF III funds for UAM.

The total FY22 funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for the University of Arkansas at Monticello is \$2,559,680.

The total FY23 funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for the University of Arkansas at Monticello is \$2,727,256.

Please find attached the forms and documentation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.  
Sincerely,

Peggy M. Doss, Ed.D.  
Chancellor



# UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT MONTICELLO

## American Rescue Plan Act - Institutional & SIP

GRANT AWARD		Total ARP funds	
P425F201868 - 20B HEERF Institutional Portion Section 18004(a)(1)		\$	4,940,507.00
P425M200882 HEERF - 1004(a)(2) - Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP)		\$	432,189.00
TOTAL AWARDED		\$	5,372,696.00
AMOUNT PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED / AUTHORIZED IN FY 2022		\$	85,760.00
REQUEST PURPOSE		Total Requested	
To reimburse for lost revenues in tuition and auxiliary services in FY2022		\$	2,559,680.00
To reimburse for lost revenues in tuition and auxiliary services in FY2023		\$	2,727,256.00
TOTAL REQUESTED		\$	5,286,936.00
TOTAL REMAINING		\$	-
BREAKDOWN OF NEW REQUESTS			
Lost revenue from FY 2022 Fall/Spring tuition		\$	2,420,424.00
Lost revenue from FY 2022 Fall / Spring housing		\$	139,256.00
Total request for FY 2022 Fall / Spring lost revenue		\$	2,559,680.00
Estimated lost revenue for FY 2023 tuition		\$	2,600,000.00
Estimated lost revenue for FY 2023 housing		\$	150,000.00
*Exceeds amount remaining. Request limited to \$2,727,256		\$	2,750,000.00

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

FY22

Agency: ADE: Arkansas School for the DeafBusiness Area Code: 0513

Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP - ESSER)

Granting Organization: Arkansas State University/Out of School NetworkCFDA #: 84.425U

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 5/15/2022Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
This funding will be used for high-quality summer learning activities, including literacy, STEM, academic support and skill building, social emotional learning, health and wellness, and enrichment.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUCFund Code: FRP5130Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: AH9Internal 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: 590:00:46	19,162
Other:	
Total	\$ 19,162

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/22

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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)

\* 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:  
  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

5/18/2022  
Date

Robert Brech5/25/22

Office of BudgetDate

MPK 5/18/22

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date



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

Agency: DFA Disbursing Officer Business Area Code: 0620
Program Title: ARPA - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Granting Organization: US Treasury CFDA #: 21.027
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 6/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

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

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: ADMN Fund Code: FRP6201 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: E67 Internal Order/WBS Element: F.0620.ARPLFR22-E Steering Comm. Approved:

Table with 2 columns: Category (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) and Program Funding Amount (108,112,569, 108,112,569).

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2025
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.

Table with 10 columns: Org Unit, Pers Area, Pers SubArea, Cost Center, Position Number, Cmmt Item, Position Title, Class Code, Grade, Line Item Maximum. Includes header 'Positions to be established: (list each position separately)' and a note '\* unclassified positions only'.

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] 5/24/22 Robert Brech 5/25/22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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## American Rescue Plan (ARP)

### Non-entitlement units of local government (Cities – non-metropolitans)

There is a total of \$130.2 billion available for local governments which include Metropolitan Cities, Non-entitlement funds, and Counties.

- **Metropolitan cities.** The \$45.57 billion earmarked for metro cities follows the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement formula, substituting “all metropolitan cities” for “all metropolitan areas” in the formula’s application.
- **Non-entitlement funds.** The \$19.53 billion for non-entitlement local governments will be paid to states based on each state’s relative share of the non-entitlement population of all states.
- **Direct county payments.** The final \$65.1 billion is paid directly to counties, allocated by relative population, with a hold-harmless provision for urban counties to ensure they receive at least as much as they would under the CDBG formula. For counties that are not units of general local government, funds will go to the state, which will distribute them to the local governments in the county based on relative population. The District of Columbia receives an allocation from this portion of funding.

### Information regarding Non-Entitlement Unit of Local Government

- City must certify needs for funding and agree to use from related to COVID-19
- Local governments are prohibited from using funds for:
  - pension contributions or to
  - directly or indirectly offset a reduction in the net tax revenue
- The City has a population of less than 50K
- Population determined using the most recent data from the Bureau of Census
- The funding is required to flow through the State Government – DFA
- Feds will disburse an initial payment of 50% of the allotment
- Feds will disburse remaining 50% no sooner than 12 months after the first payment
- State has 30 days to disburse to Cities
- State’s payment to city is limited to 75% of City’s budget as of 1/27/2020
  - Amount more than 75% of City’s budget must be returned to Feds by State
- Expenditures for funding are eligible through December 31, 2024
- State is responsible for calculating 75% of budget
- State is responsible for return of funding
  - More than 75% of budget

The 1<sup>st</sup> tranche was issued to the cities on July 22, 2021. There were subsequent disbursements as documentation was received.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche will be issued within 30 days of receipt of funds from the US Treasury. This tranche will be based upon the original calculations with no further documentation needed.

The cities are responsible for reporting to the Federal Government on how the money is being utilized via a portal created by the Federal Government.



**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Department of Commerce Division of Workforce Services Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance

Granting Organization: United States Department of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 09/01/21 Ending: 06/30/22

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
American Rescue Plan - Fraud Detection and Prevention - used to support innovate strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants; 2) entrance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) increase cybersecurity; and 5) expand overpayment recovery efforts.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: COMM  
Funds Cen.: New

Fund Code: New  
Internal Order/WBS Element: New

Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	\$	1,178,346
Extra Help		
Personal Services Matching	\$	353,504
Operating Expenses		
Conference & Travel Expenses		
Professional Fees		
Capital Outlay		
Data Processing		
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)		
Other: Overtime	\$	142,076
Other: Miscellaneous CI:46	\$	785,074
Total	\$	2,459,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 08/31/2023

**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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

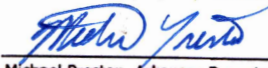
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Approved by:  08/23/22  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 5/25/22

Office of Budget Date  
5/24/22 MT 5/26/22

Office of Personnel Management Date

  
Michael Preston, Arkansas Department of Commerce Date



## UI Fraud -ARPA-Detailed Plan

### **Purpose:**

The funds will be used to support innovative strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants; 2) enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) increase cybersecurity; and 5) expand overpayment recovery efforts.

### **Project Details:**

The funding will be used for eligibility fraud which generally occurs when benefits or services are acquired because of false information with the intent to receive benefits for which an individual or individuals would not otherwise be qualified and identity fraud when one person acquires and uses the identifying information of another person in order to illegally receive benefits. The fraud can happen either at the time of UI application submission, or by changing key user data like bank account information after a claim has been established. The Division of Workforce Services Efforts are to implement National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)-Compliant identity proofing, specifically IAL2 and AAL2, before claimants start filing out the UI claims application and for re-accessing their account.

Funding will also be used to strengthen identity verification of UI claimants, enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies, improve data management and analytic capabilities, increase cybersecurity, and expand overpayment recovery efforts in all UC programs. Using the funds to Procuring, implementing, and paying reoccurring subscription costs and/or ongoing maintenance costs of identity verification and fraud detection solutions; implementing or enhancing data analytics capabilities to understand the nature and prevalence of fraud and the impact of fraud mitigation efforts; implementing cross-matching to detect suspicious activity, including synthetic or false identities, and identification of other patterns of fraudulent behavior; implementing or enhancing cybersecurity perimeter defense for the websites and web applications responsible for initial application steps and regular certification; Assessing and mitigating disproportionate impact of fraud measures on vulnerable communities such as communities of color, communities with disabilities, limited English proficient and immigrant communities, and certain geographic communities; assessing and mitigating security vulnerabilities; hiring staff or obtaining contract services to conduct fraud investigations, other eligibility fraud and identity fraud detection-related activities, and support overpayment recovery efforts; administrative expenses incurred by the state to gather business requirements, program computer systems, or otherwise implement tools, strategies, or solutions to strengthen fraud detection, prevention, and recovery efforts.

### **Justification:**

Nationally, Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs have been inundated with fraudulent claims. In Arkansas, fraudulent claims have affected both the State UI Trust Fund and the Federal CARES Act funding. The Division of Workforce Services (DWS) has flagged over 73,000

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims as potentially fraudulent in addition to the approximately 40,000 traditional UI claims and PUA claims that have been reported as fraudulent due to identity theft. If those claims had not been stopped, the potential for loss would have been immense. Additional fraud detection measures have been implemented as quickly as possible to sufficiently mitigate this threat to the programs.

We need to increase the capacity of our dedicated resources to investigate all of these claims on a case-by-case basis; however, the full investigation process takes a substantial amount of time to complete due to the complexities involved in the various fraud schemes. We previously developed a plan with all of the departments within DWS and in conjunction with the NASWA Integrity Data Hub, Arkansas Department of Inspector General Office of Internal Audit, United States Secret Service, and the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

DWS is committed to continuing to combat the high volume of fraudulent unemployment insurance claims in order to maintain the integrity of the program. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 22-21 provides an opportunity for states to combat fraud in the UI program, including supporting innovative strategies and solutions to assist with identity verification and combatting identity fraud and to strengthen fraud detection and prevention efforts.

The fraud strategies and solutions funded with the sources available above will enable us to analyze the results in a timelier manner. Due to the statute of limitations, fraud solutions must continue to be implemented as quickly as possible to recover the overpayments and ensure the proper resolution of the perpetrators of the fraud.

The Division or Workforce Services contractors to provide technical expertise and preventing and discovering fraud.

Total IT Budget	Total IA Fraud	Total BPC	Total Budget
\$742,943.56	\$1,087,394.18	\$625,662.26	\$2,456,000.00