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February 12, 2021

Senator Ricky Hill, Co-Chair
Representative Monte Hodges, Co-Chair
PEER/Review Subcommittee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY21 Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Arkansas Department of Health

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Governor Asa Hutchinson
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Jake Bleed, Administrator
Office of Budget
AR Department of Finance and Administration
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Dear Mr. Bleed:

This letter is to request additional operating fund appropriate for the Arkansas Department of Health Dietetics Licensing Board 2021 budget. The details of this request are below:

Business Area: 0270	Fund: NDL0000
Functional Area: PROF	Commitment Item: 502:00:02
Fund Center: 4KR	Amount: \$3,000

The duties of the Board include the licensure and regulation of individuals qualified to engage in the practice of dietetics and other nutrition care services. There is one full time employee that works with the Board to facilitate the needed operational needs.

During the month of December 2020, the Board incurred unexpected expenses to repair a broken printer and to purchase office supplies. These expenses caused the appropriation balance in maintenance and operations (Commitment Item 02) to be almost completely depleted. ADH Finance has work worked with the Board to assess the spending needs for the remainder of the fiscal year and have derived at the requested amount of \$3,000. The Board has sufficient funds to support the requested appropriation.

Your consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Thompson".

Jo Thompson, Chief Financial Officer
AR Department of Health

Cc: Stephanie Williams, ADH Chief of Staff
Matt Gilmore, ADH Boards and Commissions Coordinator



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January 7, 2021

Mr. Jake Bleed, Administrator
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
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RE: FY21 Cash Letter – Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs

Business Area – 0385
Funds Center – 2QD
Fund –NVA0000 & NVA0900
Functional Area – HHS
Commitment Item –

501:00:06 Overtime	\$40,000.00
502:00:02 Maintenance and Operations	<u>\$1,200,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,240,000.00

Dear Mr. Bleed:

We respectfully request \$1,240,000.00 in FY21 cash appropriation for the Arkansas State Veterans Homes to cover operational costs related to staffing and Residents’ needs.

The Agency uses all available staffing methods which include full time staff, part time staff, extra help staff, overtime and contract labor to ensure staffing guidelines set by the Office of Long-Term Care and Veterans’ Administration are met. The variety of acuity levels of Residents has increased the utilization in the areas of medical supplies, medications, and foods. This request will also fulfill appropriation exhausted and expected from elevated expenses due to COVID-19.

Fees are collected from the Resident, Medicaid, Medicare, Veterans’ Administration, 3rd party companies, and CARES Act funding to cover the cost of these needs.

Your favorable review is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Austin Booth
CFO/Chief of Staff