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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 24 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services –  
Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States  
\$628,878

Pursuant to Section 36 (02) of Act 796 of 2023, 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 Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to  
Hospitals \$2,463,449

Sincerely,

  
Larry W. Walther  
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Department of Human Services, Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710  
 Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States

Granting Organization: Department of Health & Human Services Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.044

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 To recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: 999043 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: FRP7113 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	628,878
Other:	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 628,878</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2024

**\*FA 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.  
 \* unclassified positions only

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

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comit Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grad	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: *Kristi Putnam*  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
 Kristi Putnam Digitally signed by Kristi Putnam Date: 2023.07.14 12:19:49 -0500  
 Patient Secretary Date

Robert Brech 08/02/23  
 Office of Budget Date  
 jmoore 7/17/2023

Office of Personnel Mgt Date

# American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

## Arkansas Plan for Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Aging Network for States

Arkansas will be using these funds through the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's) to recruit, hire, and train public health workers to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and prepare for future public health challenges. These funds will be used to offset costs of hiring a range of public health professionals, including but not limited to social support professionals, community health workers, communication and policy experts and "other positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19....

Professionals funded through this program will provide a wide range of public health services and supports, including culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible information, assistance with accessing vaccines (including boosters) and connecting to other services, transition and diversion from high-risk congregate settings to community living, health and wellness programs, activities that address social isolation and social determinants of health, and other activities that support the public health and wellbeing of older adults and people with disabilities.

Our plan will be to distribute the funds to the Area Agencies on Aging utilizing the Arkansas Older Americans Act Intrastate funding formula (IFFJ with no administrative cost deducted. Allocated amounts are as follows:

Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas	1	\$105,630.00
White River Area Agency on Aging	2	\$56,478.00
East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging	3	\$86,911.00
Area Agency on Aging of Southeast Arkansas	4	\$57,763.00
Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging	5	\$131,421.00
Area Agency of Aging of West Central AR-The Senior Specialist	6	\$71,316.00
Area Agency on Aging of Southwest Arkansas	7	\$63,246.00
Area Agency on Aging of Western Arkansas	8	\$56,113.00
		<b>628,878.00</b>