May 1, 2020

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 2 of 2020, Section 38, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation 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)
Secretary Larry W. Walther  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201  

RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation under Act 2 of 2020, Sec. 36  

Dear Secretary Walther,  

I respectfully request your approval for a new appropriation within the Department of Human Services – Secretary’s Office/DHS Administration utilizing the C.A.R.E.S Appropriation as authorized under Act 2 of 2020. This appropriation will be necessary to expend funds allocated by the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee to help respond to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The requested appropriation will support the (3) items listed below:  
- COVID-19 Care Continuity Emergency Response Reimbursement Payments: $23,425,000  
- Fund Payments to Nursing Facilities Due to COVID-19 Emergency: $45,000,000  
- Fund Continuity of Care Payments for Hospital & Health Care Facility Workers: $80,000,000  

Total Appropriation Requested  
Grants and Aid (510:00:04)  
$148,425,000  

Sincerely,  

Cindy Gillespie  
Secretary