On March 12, 2020, Senator Cecile Bledsoe and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, and Senator Bruce Maloch and Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from Larry Walther, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting Emergency Review of a Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on March 12, 2020 the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review of the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to this request, and state herein that this request shall be filed as reviewed and reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the Pay Plan request that was given emergency review.

Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request – FY20
Arkansas Department of Health - $6,205,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Cecile Bledsoe
Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council

Bruce Maloch
Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
ALC PEER Subcommittee

Jeff Wardlaw
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council

DeAnn Vaught
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
ALC PEER Subcommittee
March 12, 2020

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Emergency Action Procedures Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there is an item for Legislative Council review that requires your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of this item, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an expedited review.

This item is a Miscellaneous Federal Grant request. The request is required to allow the Arkansas Department of Health to access additional federal funds to support response efforts to COVID-19.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther
Secretary

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**MISCELLANEOUS FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST**

A.C.A. §19-7-501 ET SEQ.

**Date:** 03/12/2020  
**Grant ID:**  
**Legislative Review Date:**  

**Agency:** Arkansas Department of Health  
**Program Title:** Infectious Disease  

**Granting Organization:** CDC  
**Grant #:** TBD  

**Effective Date of Authorization:**  
**Beginning:** 07/01/2019  
**Ending:** 06/30/2020  

**Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change:** (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Arkansas Department of Health has estimated costs associated with COVID-19. This is based on a prolonged scenario of up to one year. The estimate covers epidemiology surveillance and data management, public health laboratory testing, quarantine expenses, medical response, EMS providers, and a coordinated education campaign involving media and outreach. Expenses are also expected for staffing, tracking cases, responding to the public, and providing assistance to healthcare facilities.

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### Type of Federal Grant

- WIA
- Non-WIA
- ARRA

### Anticipated(Duration) of Federal Funds

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- *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:**

- Agency Director: 03/12/20  
- Office of Budget:  
- Office of Personnel Mgmt:  

Revised: 06/17/2019