June 5, 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: FY20 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)
May 11, 2020

Dear Mr. Bleed:

The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requests an increase in cash fund appropriation for the Arkansas Medicaid Claiming Fund for FY20.

AR Medicaid Adm Claims (4HF - 46 – NED0012) $13,250,000

ARMAC allows school districts and public charter schools to receive reimbursement for costs associated with certain administrative activities that directly support the Arkansas Medicaid program.

In August 2019, DESE upgraded the random sampling software used to determine services at a specific time. The new system is improving the efficiency and operation of the ARMAC program. For example, the previous system could generate a time when students were not in school because it was afterhours, the weekend or a holiday. The new system recognizes these events and only captures data when school is in session. Changes such as this resulted in a forty percent increase to overall quarterly claims. Additional appropriation is needed as a result.

Typically, DESE pays for Quarters 3 and 4 of the prior fiscal year and Quarters 1 and 2 of the current. In FY20 DESE is working with DHS to also include quarter 3 of the current year.

Please contact Greg Rogers at 501-682-4256 if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

Johnny Key

Secretary
May 27, 2020

Mr. Jake Bleed
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203

RE: FY20 Cash Appropriation Request for AEDC Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

Dear Mr. Bleed:

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) was recently awarded a federal award from The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program to assist manufacturers to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. The focus is to assist small and medium sized manufacturers and rural manufacturers and will not require matching funds. Such assistance will include services that directly support manufacturers’ ability to respond to the coronavirus through, for example, accelerated production of personal protective equipment and services that support manufacturers’ ability to improve their competitiveness as the marketplace adapts to the coronavirus disruption.

This grant provides funding on a reimbursement basis; therefore, we will initially disburse from a cash account and request federal reimbursement to replenish.

AEDC would like to request the following appropriation for FY20, fund NST0901, fund center U12.

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston
Secretary of Commerce
Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission