



# Arkansas Department of Health

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Governor Asa Hutchinson  
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Larry Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> ST, Room 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Arkansas Department of Health  
Request for Appropriation for Supplemental CARES Act Funding - \$16,000,000.00

Dear Secretary Walter,

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) requests approval for \$16,000,000.00 in appropriation to expend supplemental funding awarded by the Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee under Section 38 of Act of 2020. The additional funding is for contact tracing and related services in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Initially, ADH anticipated the need for 350 contact tracers and was awarded \$22,400,000.00 toward this effort by the CARES Act Steering Committee in May 2020. Subsequently, due to an increase in positive COVID-19 cases, a second vendor is needed to employ and manage an additional 350 contract tracers. It is also possible that a third vendor will be needed in the fall. Case investigation activity including initial interviews with patients by clinical personnel will be included in the array of offered services.

The supplemental award of \$16,000,000.00 will be used for contract services and maintenance and operation costs.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Jo Thompson, Chief Financial Officer  
Arkansas Department of Health

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CC: Dr. Nathaniel Smith, Secretary of Health  
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