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Senator Terry Rice, Chair
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Dear Co-Chairs:

Please arrange for the following item to be placed on the agenda for consideration at the January 28 meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

- American Rescue Plan Act Request(s)

The request is required to allow the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to utilize funds from the Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission to administer the Arkansas Rural Connect Program. This request was received after the January Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Committee meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Brech".

for Robert Brech
State Budget Administrator

Attachment(s)



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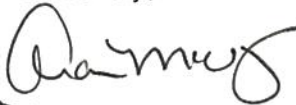
RE: FY 22 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (02) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Arkansas Rural Connect Program \$1,668,220

Sincerely,


for Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Business Area Code: BA 0150

Program Title: America Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Arkansas Rural Connect Program

Granting Organization: Arkansas Economic Development Commission CFDA #: _____

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
UAMS Institute for Digital Health & Innovation (IDHI) will review applications for the Arkansas Rural Connect grant program administered through the Economic Development Commission office. IDHI will review applications for two main purposes; (1) to determine whether the activities described in the grant application can provide the determined broadband (i.e. 25/3 or 100/100 symmetrical) to towns based on the technical details and network design and (2) to review and approve reimbursable expenses for each project. In addition, UAMS IDHI will engage in principal oversight of implementation of broadband infrastructure construction awards to ISPs and municipalities as designated by the Arkansas Department of Commerce. UAMS IDHI will strategically review guidelines for the ARC broadband implementation projects within each region and awarded ISP network, and report to the State of Arkansas Department of Commerce should projects fall into non-compliance.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 204ARPA Direct Funding: _____
Funds Center: D57 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	1,034,555
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	300,021
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	333,644
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,668,220

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: _____

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DFA 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.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	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: [Signature] 1-26-2022 [Signature] 1-26-22
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date