

Please note that all sections must be completed, or this form will be returned to you, which will delay the processing of your claim.

**1. Claimant's Legal Counsel -  (If representing yourself (Pro Se) please check this box and proceed to section 2)**

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*If not licensed to practice law in Arkansas, please contact the Claims Commission for more information.*

**2. Claimant**

Crawford-Sebastian County Development Council

(title/last name/first name or company)	(email)			
1617 Zero Street	Fort Smith	AR	72901	479.785.2303
(address)	(city)	(state)	(zip)	(primary phone)

**3. State Agency Involved: (must be an Arkansas state agency. The Arkansas Claims Commission has no jurisdiction over county, city, or other municipalities)**

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

(state agency involved)

**4. Incident Date**

June 16, 2020

**5. Claim Type**

Please provide a brief explanation of your claim. If additional space is required please attach additional statements to this form.

CSCDC is a community action agency that provides low income assistance, including Low-Income Home Energy Assistance such as home weatherization. CSCDC receives reimbursement pursuant to a grant/assistance award from the Arkansas Energy Office, a division of ADEQ. CSCDC made a claim for reimbursement on June 16, 2020, which was for February 20, 2020 expenses. AEO incorrectly believed that the February 20, 2020, invoiced expenses were part of a mistaken double payment involving other expenses, which caused the February 2020 expenses to be canceled. When CSCDC discovered the error, it notified AEO in December of 2021 and requested payment. However, payment was never reissued. AEO has acknowledged that the payment is outstanding but has asserted the necessity to file a claim because the fiscal year for which the funds were owed has expired.

**5a. Check here if this claim involves damage to a motor vehicle.**

**5b. Check here if this claim involves damage to property other than a motor vehicle.**

**All property damage claims require a copy of your insurance declarations covering the property or motor vehicle at the time of damage.**

I did not have insurance covering my property/motor vehicle at the time of damage.

**All property damage claims require ONE of the following (please attach):**

- 1. Invoice(s) documenting repair costs, OR**
- 2. Three (3) estimates for repair of the damaged property, OR**
- 3. An explanation why repair bill(s) or estimate(s) cannot be provided.**

6. Was a state vehicle involved? (If Yes, please complete the following section)

(type of state vehicle involved)

(license number)

(driver)

7. Check here if this claim involves personal injury.

All personal injury claims require a copy of your medical insurance information and relevant medical bills in place at the time of the incident.

I do not have health insurance

8. Amount Sought: \$98,382.45

The undersigned certifies that to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, this claim is not being presented for any improper purpose; this claim is warranted by existing law or by a non-frivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law or for establishing new law; and the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
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Claimant

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

State of Arkansas  
County of Pulaski

On this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 2022, before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Daniel Jones known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

*[Handwritten Signature: Deanna Lantz]*  
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Signature of Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2/25/2025



**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION**

**CRAWFORD-SEBASTIAN  
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT  
COUNCIL**

**CLAIMANT**

**V.**

**CLAIM NO. 230450**

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**RESPONDENT**

**ORDER**

This claim was filed by Crawford-Sebastian County Development Council (the “Claimant”) against the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (the “Respondent”) for an unpaid bill in the amount of \$98,382.45.

Respondent filed an answer on November 2, 2022, admitting liability in full

The Arkansas State Claims Commission (the “Claims Commission”) unanimously allows this claim in the amount of \$98,382.45 and refers this claim to the General Assembly for review and placement on an appropriation bill pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION  
Courtney Baird



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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION  
Paul Morris, Chair



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ARKANSAS STATE CLAIMS COMMISSION  
Sylvester Smith

DATE: November 17, 2022

**Notice(s) which may apply to your claim**

- (1) A party has forty (40) days from the date of this Order to file a Motion for Reconsideration or a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1). If a Motion for Reconsideration is denied, that party then has twenty (20) days from the date of the denial of the Motion for Reconsideration to file a Notice of Appeal with the Claims Commission. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(1)(B)(ii). A decision of the Claims Commission may only be appealed to the General Assembly. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a)(3).
- (2) If a Claimant is awarded less than \$15,000.00 by the Claims Commission at hearing, that claim is held forty (40) days from the date of disposition before payment will be processed. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-211(a). Note: This does not apply to agency admissions of liability and negotiated settlement agreements.
- (3) Awards or negotiated settlement agreements of \$15,000.00 or more are referred to the General Assembly for approval and authorization to pay. Ark. Code Ann. § 19-10-215(b).