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September 2, 2022

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 23 C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 199 of 2022, Section 35, I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther  
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



Michael Preston  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Charisse Childers, Ph.D.  
DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES

August 8, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
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BA: 0810
Func. Area: COMM
Fund: TESCARE
FC: 2SD
CI: 501:00:00 \$ 90,000.00
CI: 501:00:03 \$ 35,000.00
CI: 502:00:02 \$ 875,000.00 MT

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) respectfully requests Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) approval of carryforward appropriation authorized under Section 35 of Act 997 of 2021, in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

In light of the continued needs of Arkansans still facing unemployment as a result of COVID-19, ADWS respectfully requests to carryforward CARES Steering Committee funding and equivalent appropriation for \$1,000,000.00 to meet this need: Implementation and provision of services for the Coronavirus Aid, relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) Program. The services and functionality provided by Protech shall be in accordance with the U.S Dept. of Labor, Unemployment Insurance program letter No. 15-20 and all applicable laws and regulations. Maximus Federal will continue to provide call center services and to assist in managing and processing unemployment claims. The call center call center services include receiving and processing any claims for unemployment assistance, including any claims for assistance as set out in sections 2101 through section 2116 of United states public Law 116-136. TESCARE should be lumped into Federal funding source for the UI System Project and Major Application sections in the FY22/23 IT Plan

Sincerely,

*Charisse Childers*  
Charisse Childers, Ph.D., Director

Request in compliance with approved IT plan on file DFA IGS State Technology Planning	
<i>Minghua Li</i>	<u>8/30/2022</u>
Signature	Date

Arkansas Division of Workforce Services

*Michael Preston*

8/9/2022

CABINET SECRETARY

Date

Michael Preston, Cabinet Secretary, Arkansas Department of Commerce

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