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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)



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

Johnny Key Secretary

May 11, 2020

State Board of Education

Mr. Jake Bleed, Administrator

Department of Finance and Administration

Office of Budget

Diane Zook Melbourne Chair

1509 West 7th Street Little Rock, AR 72201

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Vice Chair

Dear Mr. Bleed:

Susan Chambers Bella Vista 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.

Dr. Fitz Hill Little Rock

AR Medicaid Adm Claims (4HF – 46 – NED0012)

\$13,250,000

Kathy McFetridge Springdale

Dr. Sarah Moore

Dr. Sarah Moore Stuttgart

Ouida Newton Poyen

Chad Pekron Bryant

R. Brett Williamson El Dorado

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.

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Sincerely,

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Johnny Key



May 27, 2020

Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Arkansas Economic
Development Commission

BA: 0790 Func. Area: COMM FC: U12 Fund: NST0901 Fund Balance as of 5/27/20: \$1,307,723.05

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.

Character Item 501:00:00 \$ 6,118.00

501:00:03 \$ 1,530.00 510:00:04 \$10,000.00 Total \$17,648.00

Thank you for your consideration and assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston

Secretary of Commerce

Executive Director, Arkansas Economic Development Commission