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December 8, 2014

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Re: Cash Letter – State Veterans' Home at Fayetteville / Overtime Cash Appropriation

**Business Area – 0385**  
**Fund Center – (2QD) – Fayetteville Veterans' Home**  
**Fund – NVA0000**  
**Commitment Item – (501:00:06) – Overtime**  
**Functional Area – HHS**  
**Amount - \$80,000**

Dear Mr. Sharp:

We respectfully request \$80,000 in cash appropriation to supplement the original overtime budget of \$40,000. \$34,169 of the original budget has been expended as of this date.

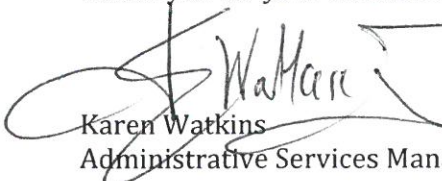
During FY14, ADVA received \$120,000 in supplemental overtime appropriation and expended a total of \$98,000 on overtime during the fiscal year.

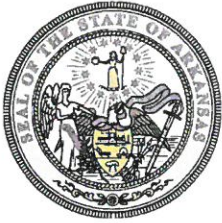
For FY15, we did not request an increase above the original \$40,000 overtime budget as we have been keeping a tight rein on staff scheduling. However, resident census has increased 20% this fiscal year and we have eliminated contract nursing expense.

During FY14, we expended approximately \$200,000 on contract nurse staffing at the Home in addition to \$98,000 in overtime expense. This fiscal year, we eliminated contract nursing expense while overtime expense is in line with FY14 – a significant year-over-year improvement in light of the census increase.

We respectfully request supplemental cash appropriation in commitment item 501:00:06 in order to continue to pay our staff for overtime hours worked.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
 Karen Watkins  
 Administrative Services Manager/CFO



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Re: Cash Letter – NLR Veterans Cemetery / (Major Building Project)

**Business Area – 0385**  
**Fund Center – (38S) – Veterans Cemetery**  
**Fund – NVA0200**  
**Commitment Item – (509:00:05) – Char 05**  
**Functional Area – HHS**  
**Amount - \$201,400**

Dear Mr. Sharp:

We respectfully request \$201,400 in supplemental cash appropriation for the NLR Cemetery Cash Fund (NVA0200), Character 05, to cover two items related the NLR Cemetery Expansion Project (FVV0500) for which there is insufficient Federal contingency funding available (Federal project# AR-10-05).

The contractor has excavated all burial sections per the construction documents and has come across an unforeseen condition with the excavated material that was intended to be used for crypt backfilling. The rock in the material has been deemed too large make it suitable for backfill. A geotechnical engineer was engaged to analyze the excavated material and has determined that the material is unsuitable in its current state. Two solutions were proposed: 1) import suitable backfill at an estimated additional cost of \$500,000 or 2) process the excavated material on-site via rock crushing process at an estimated additional cost of \$225,000.

The Federal project contingency is \$189,813, of which \$63,971 has been used. The remaining Federal contingency funds available total \$126,022, leaving a funding deficit of \$95,746 related to excavated material processing.

In addition, \$45,000 is required to move an existing overburden that was not included in the AR-10-05 project scope. Federal regulations prohibit changing the scope of an existing project. Completion of the AR-10-05 project work is conditioned upon the removal of this overburden.

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The project is 70% complete. The balance to finish is \$1,213,000 and we are required to maintain a 5% contingency for completion of the project. This amounts to \$60,650.

Of the \$201,400 cash appropriation requested, \$140,746 will be expended (\$95,746 + \$45,000). The balance of the appropriation is project contingency.

The current Treasury balance in NVA0200 is \$479,548 and the current available budget is \$433,693, leaving \$45,855 unbudgeted. Burial fee income for the NLR Cemetery averages \$28,000 per month. Burial revenue to be received/deposited on or before 6/30/2015 is projected at \$196,000, resulting in projected FY15 cash funds remaining of \$675,548 against remaining appropriation, with the current request included, of \$635,093.

We respectfully request supplemental cash appropriation in commitment item 509:00:05 in order to complete the NLR Cemetery Expansion project.

Thank you for your consideration,



Karen Watkins  
Administrative Services Manager/CFO



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Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
JBC-PEER/Review Subcommittee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY15 Budget Classification Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Budget Classification Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther  
Director

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Attachment(s)