

**0520 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES
(Including State Services for the Blind)
FISCAL YEAR 2025
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' (DOC - ARS) mission is to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities to work and lead productive and independent lives. ARS provides statewide vocational rehabilitation services to disabled persons so they can return to or enter employment. ARS carries out its responsibilities through a field program that reaches all 75 counties through 19 field offices, the Arkansas Career Development Center (formerly the Arkansas Training Institute - ACTI), Business Engagement services, Access and Accommodations Programs, Transition and Support Services, and the Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. In 2019 the State Services for the Blind, originally established to provide services to blind and severely visually impaired persons through a network of counselors and private service providers throughout the State, was transferred **from** the Department of Human Services **to** Rehabilitation Services.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025
		Authorized	Legislative
128	Rehab Services - Operations	\$58,466,801	\$58,203,364
1VB	Increase Capabilities Access Network	\$817,679	\$814,379
374	Statewide Disability Telecomm	\$502,305	\$500,325
743	People w/Disabilities	\$30,000	\$30,000
902	Tech Equipment - Treasury	\$532,085	\$532,085
903	Rehab Services - Treasury Pay	\$356,542	\$356,542
E81	World Services Blind Adult Ed	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Z84	Blind Services Operations	\$6,763,484	\$6,701,766
Z85	Blind Services Grants	\$4,646,768	\$4,646,768
Total		\$73,785,229	\$74,115,664

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	5.07
General Revenue	4000010	23.46
Federal Revenue	4000020	63.21
Special Revenue	4000030	0.78
Cash Fund	4000045	0.31
Rainy Day Fund	4000267	0.51
Investments	4000315	0.22
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	5.89
Other	4000370	0.45
Total Funds		100.00

NO CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 455 (Rehabilitation Services – 377, State Services for the Blind – 78)

Total Authorized Positions FY2024: 445 (Rehabilitation Services – 367, State Services for the Blind – 78)

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2025: 49 (Rehabilitation Services -19, State Services for the Blind – 30)

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

None.