

**0810 - DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
FISCAL YEAR 2025  
LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATION**

The primary responsibilities of the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services (DWS) are to promote employment security by increasing opportunities for employment placement and to provide, through the accumulation of funds from employer contribution taxes, for the payment of benefits to individuals who are involuntarily unemployed. In 2019 the following programs were transferred to the Division from the Department of Career Education: Adult Education, Adult Basic Education, Federal Adult Basic Education, Governor's Commission on Adult Literacy, Adult Basic and General Education, and GED Testing. **Per Act 832 of 2023, the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program was transferred from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services to the Department of Human Services.**

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025
		Authorized	Legislative
2RF	Annual Assessments	\$26,000	\$26,000
2SC	Excess Unemployment Benefits/ Expenses	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
2SD	Operations	\$84,431,300	\$74,673,373
2SE	Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
2SF	UI Trust Fund Loan Interest	\$3,000,001	\$3,000,001
35Q	DWS Training Trust Fund	\$3,256,577	\$3,256,577
35R	DWS Unemployment Insurance Fund	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
4KQ	New Hire Registry	\$43,814,962	\$250,000
C27	Unemployment Benefits & Expenses - Cash	\$8,150,001	\$8,150,001
C28	Federal Employees Benefit-Cash	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
C29	U I Benefits - Taxable Employers - Cash	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
C30	U I Benefits - Reimbursement Employers - Cash	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
C31	Building Improvement/Land-Reed Act	\$1	\$1
C56	Loans to Local Workforce Development Boards	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
N48	DWS Federal Grants	\$0	\$4,500,000
V97	UI Benefits & Expenses - Cash in Treasury	\$7,850,000	\$7,850,000
X88	TAA Supportive Services	\$100,000	\$100,000
X89	RTA/ATAA Payments	\$100,000	\$100,000
Z01	Adult Education State Operations	\$1,296,653	\$1,306,218
Z02	Adult Basic Education - State	\$588,480	\$593,226
Z03	Adult Basic Education - Federal	\$11,179,068	\$11,183,966
Z04	Governor's Commission on Adult Literacy	\$1,096,027	\$1,096,283
Z05	Adult Basic & General Education	\$22,770,569	\$22,770,569
Z06	GED Testing	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,265,509,639</b>	<b>\$2,216,706,215</b>

## FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		%
Fund Balance	4000005	11.96
General Revenue	4000010	3.84
Federal Revenue	4000020	74.32
Stabilization Tax	4000033	9.44
Employer Penalties & Interest	4000225	0.92
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	2.30
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	-2.11
Miscellaneous Adjustments	4000345	0.04
Other	4000370	0.32
Transfer to DHS-DCO	4000612	-1.03
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>100.00</b>

## CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

### Operations (Appropriation 2SD)

Commitment Item		2023-2024	2024-2025	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$40,346,124	\$33,058,661	(\$7,287,463)
5010001	Extra Help	\$3,850,222	\$3,748,866	(\$101,356)
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$16,133,773	\$13,764,665	(\$2,369,108)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$84,431,300</b>	<b>\$74,673,373</b>	<b>(\$9,757,927)</b>

- Decrease due to the transfer of TANF program staff from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services to the Department of Human Services per Act 832 of 2023.

### TANF Block Grant Paying/New Hire Registry (Appropriation 4KQ)

Commitment Item		2023-2024	2024-2025	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	TANF Block Grant Paying/ New Hire Registry	\$43,814,962	\$250,000	(\$43,564,962)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$43,814,962</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>(\$43,564,962)</b>

- Decrease due to the transfer of the TANF program from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services to the Department of Human Services per Act 832 of 2023.

### DWS Federal Grants (Appropriation N48)

Commitment Item		2023-2024	2024-2025	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	Workforce Development Grant	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>

- Increase due receipt of direct ARPA federal award of \$4,562,000 via the Unemployment Equity Grant to improve Claimant Communications, Service Delivery and Customer Service.

## **POSITIONS**

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 782

Total Authorized Positions FY2024: 987

Increase / (Decrease): (205)

Extra Help Positions FY2025: 426

## **SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS**

- **DELETED:** Language regarding the annual \$3,640,650 Inter-Agency Transfer of State General Revenue for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Programs to DHS-Division of County Operations due to the TANF program being removed from Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services per Act 832 of 2023.
- **DELETED:** Language regarding the annual \$7,500,000 transfer of TANF Block Grant funds from the State's federal TANF block grant to the Department of Education's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used for the Arkansas Better Change Program, due to the TANF program being removed from Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services per Act 832 of 2023.
- **DELETED:** Language regarding Restrictions on Financial Assistance under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program, due to the TANF program being removed from Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services per Act 832 of 2023.