

**REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
AND EXPENDITURE REVIEW (PEER)
OF THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

December 16, 2022

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted. Subcommittee rules were suspended to take up items on the supplemental agenda. Items from the supplemental agenda will be noted with an asterisk (*).

Items Approved

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests

1. Southern Arkansas University Tech – \$482,000
2. Department of Correction – Division of Correction – \$1,000,000
3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$300,000
4. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – \$5,000,000
HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee
5. Game and Fish Commission – \$20,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. South Arkansas Community College – \$380,960
2. Department of Human Services – Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education – \$3,700,000

Arkansas ARP Steering Committee Awards

3. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – **Revised request to 14 projects totaling \$93,892,885**
4. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$20,000,000
5. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$9,900,000
HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee
6. Game and Fish Commission – Lonoke Fish Hatchery – \$5,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
7. Game and Fish Commission – Bayou Meto – \$15,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
8. Arkansas Tech University – \$3,200,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
9. University of Arkansas at Monticello – \$6,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**

10. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – \$3,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 11. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Northwest Technical Institute – \$5,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 12. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Philander Smith College – \$5,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 13. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Arkansas Rural Health Partnership – \$10,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 14. Black River Technical College – \$4,622,857 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 15. Southeast Arkansas College – \$3,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 16. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Vaccination Testing Reimbursement – \$25,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 17. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – \$10,000,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 18. *Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health – Substance Abuse Prevention Plan – \$30,150,000 **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 19. *Department of Finance and Administration–Disbursing Officer – Sevier County Medical Center – \$6,250,000
- C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests
1. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$306,936
- D. Department of Transportation Request for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation – \$215,000,000
- E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests
1. Department of Correction – Division of Correction – \$75,000,000 from the Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set-aside
 2. Department of Finance and Administration – \$1,323,655 from the EBD or Contingency 3/5 Vote Set-aside
 3. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – \$5,000,000 from the Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set-aside **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 4. Game and Fish Commission – \$20,000,000 from the EBD or Contingency 3/5 Vote Set-aside **HELD and referred to JBC/PEER–Review Subcommittee**
 5. *Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$200,000 from the Majority Vote Set-aside

Items for Review

F. Cash Appropriation Requests

1. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$1,000,000
2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$300,000
3. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$1,323,655
4. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$87,500
5. *Department of Education – Arkansas PBS – \$597,500

G. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Office of Prosecutor Coordinator – Student Loan Repayment Program – \$77,442
2. Office of Prosecutor Coordinator – Student Loan Repayment Program II – \$350
3. Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education – \$450,000
4. Department of Health – \$70,777
5. Department of Human Services – Division of Youth Services – \$1,423,353
6. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Opioid Response – \$10,882,752
7. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Mental Health – \$64,221 – 1 Position
8. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Senior Medicare Patrol – \$64,221 – 1 Position
9. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Older Americans Act – \$79,949 – 1 Position
10. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – Substance Abuse Prevention – \$441,843 – 6 Positions
11. Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities Services – \$2,000,000
12. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training – \$2,105,849 – 2 Positions
13. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training II – \$872,046
14. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Nutrition Education – \$2,593,193
15. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Outreach – \$142,003
16. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Workfare – \$20,537
17. Department of Commerce – Arkansas Economic Development Commission – \$31,667
18. Department of Public Safety – \$1,000,000 – 1 Position

H. Performance Fund/Pay Plan Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Regulatory Division – \$195,000

Reports

- I. Monthly Reports
 1. Surplus Income and Distribution Report
 2. Budget Stabilization Trust Fund Report
 3. Tobacco Settlement Report
 4. State Central Services Fund Report
 5. American Rescue Plan Report

The subcommittee moved that all held items be referred to the Joint Budget Committee upon adoption of the subcommittee's report by Arkansas Legislative Council. Held items are marked throughout the report where determined by subcommittee action.

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray