

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

August 25, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 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. Department of Military – \$978,921
2. Department of Correction – \$250,000
3. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$2,500
4. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$45,000
5. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – \$6,000,000
6. Department of Commerce – Division of Rehabilitation Services – \$140,000
7. *Secretary of State – \$4,500,000

B. CARES Act Appropriation Request

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$182,550.71

C. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Award

1. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$628,878 – **HOLD with item referred to the House and Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Committees for discussion and a recommendation on action to PEER next month**

State Award

2. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – \$2,463,449

D. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Request

1. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$17,000

E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$3,222,500
2. Department of Commerce – Division of Rehabilitation Services – \$225,000

3. *Department of Agriculture – \$178,433.48

Items Reviewed

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Mosaic Templars Cultural Center – \$569,250
2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$40,570
3. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Cemetery – \$1,000,000
4. Department of Veterans Affairs – Veterans Cemetery Foundation – \$11,331
5. Department of Agriculture – \$50,000
6. Department of Commerce – Division of Rehabilitation Services – \$225,000

G. Budget Classification Transfer Requests

1. Office of Attorney General – \$11,172.08 from Operating Expenses to Capital Outlay
2. Auditor of State – Unclaimed Property – \$4,450 from Operating Expenses to Capital Outlay
3. Auditor of State – Operations – \$4,450 from Operating Expenses to Capital Outlay

H. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Commerce – Office of Skills Development – \$532,250
2. Secretary of State – Electronic Absentee Systems – \$609,840
3. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – \$3,000,000
4. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – \$391,236
5. Department of Human Services – Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance – \$200,000

Reports

I. Annual Report

1. Division of Workforce Services TANF Transfers Report

J. Quarterly Reports

1. Department of Human Services Interagency/Interdivisional Match Fund Transfer Report
2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
3. Division of State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
4. Federal Grants and Awards Report

K. Monthly Reports

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

L. Other Business – Emergency Action Report (Attachment 1)

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs, Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Frances Cavanaugh

ALC - Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
ALC Subcommittee Report for
Emergency Action
August 21, 2023

On August 21, 2023, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council, and Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from James Hudson, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting emergency review of a request for Pay Plan appropriation.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on August 21, 2023 the Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency review was necessary to enable agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee may act on behalf of the Arkansas Legislative Council in regard to the request, and state herein that the request shall be filed as reviewed and reported to the Arkansas Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the request given emergency review.

Pay Plan Appropriation Request

Capitol Zoning District Commission - \$1,000

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
PEER Subcommittee

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Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair
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August 21, 2023

Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there is an item for Legislative Council review that requires your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an expedited review. The following request has received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

This item is a request for \$1,000 in additional Extra Help appropriation for the Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism – Capitol Zoning.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JLH', written over a horizontal line.

James L. Hudson,
Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration

CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

**REQUEST FOR SALARY and/or
PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING APPROPRIATION
Fiscal Year 2024**

Agency 0315 - Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism - Capitol Zoning

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds Center</u>	<u>Commitment Item</u>	<u>Additional Appropriation</u>
HUA2700	676	501:00:01	\$1,000

TOTAL \$1,000

Reason for requested increase:

The additional appropriation request is needed in Extra Help due to FY24 Extra Help adjustments.

Agency # 0315

DFA - OFFICE OF BUDGET
PERSONAL SERVICES - EXTRA HELP

Agency Code: 0315 Agency Name: 0315 - Department of Parks, Heritage & Tourism - Capitol Zoning

Funds Center Code: 676 Funds Center Name: Capitol Zoning District-State Operations

Fund Code: HUA2700 Functional Area: REC

Extra Help

Document Number	Amount	Commitment Item	Funds Center	Fund	Functional Area	B/U*
3100052291	\$ 1,000.00	590:00:46	F42	MXX0108	ADMN	U

Personal Services Matching

Document Number	Amount	Commitment Item	Funds Center	Fund	Functional Area	B/U*
3100052291	\$ -	590:00:46	F42	MXX0108	ADMN	U

Purpose: The additional appropriation request is needed in Extra Help due to FY24 Extra Help adjustments.

DFA-BUDGET: Dekendria Young DFA-ACCOUNTING: _____

DATE: 8/21/2023 DATE: _____

* B=Block, U=Unblock