

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

December 15, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, December 12, 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 Education – Division of Higher Education – \$3,000,000
2. Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities – \$4,000,000
3. Department of Inspector General – \$67,000
4. *Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$500,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

Direct Federal Awards

1. Department of Health – \$150,600
2. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – \$20,810,330
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$2,580,510
4. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$2,205,002
5. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – \$0 – Reallocation
6. Southern Arkansas University Tech – \$5,877,000

State Awards

7. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – \$5,877,000
8. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – North Arkansas Regional Medical Center – \$1,368,582
9. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – Chicot Memorial Medical Center – \$3,441,839
10. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – Dewitt Hospital and Nursing Home – \$1,549,473

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Division – \$42,653,000
2. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – \$0 – Reallocation

D. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – \$5,000,000 – **Approved with the requirement that the department report to Legislative Council the recipient of funds within 30 days after the awards are allocated**
2. *Department of Public Safety – Nonprofit Security Grant – \$500,000

Items Reviewed

E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Division of Information Systems – \$229,034 from the Innovation and Project Development Fund to the Division of Information Systems

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests

1. National Park College – \$1,125,000
2. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – \$200,000
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$6,750
4. Department of Education – PBS – \$627,500 – **HELD**
5. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – \$5,000,000
6. Department of Education – Division of Career and Technical Education – \$750,000
7. *Department of Public Safety – Nonprofit Security Grant – \$500,000 – **Reviewed with the requirement that the department report to Legislative Council the recipient of grant awards**
8. *Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Heritage – \$87,500

G. Budget Classification Transfers

1. Department of Finance and Administration – Regulatory Division – \$2,000 from Operating Expenses to Capital Outlay
2. Department of Finance and Administration – Budget and Management Services – \$45,000 from Operating Expenses to Conference and Travel Expenses

H. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training – \$2,900,272
2. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training II – \$1,455,018

3. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Workfare – \$21,879
4. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$2,452,303
5. Department of Labor and Licensing – Appraiser Licensing Board – \$22,160
6. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – Disaster Relief Grants – \$54,031,751
7. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – Disaster Relief Grants II – \$205,423,945

I. Pay Plan Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Health – Board of Examiners in Speech–Language Pathology and Audiology – \$53,000
2. Department of Public Safety – Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Training – \$80,000

Reports

J. Quarterly Report

1. Department of Human Services – State Hospital Storm Damage 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 Act Report

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