

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

**January 26, 2024**

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items for Approval

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Labor and Licensing – Division of Fire Protection Licensing Board – \$50,000
2. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of State Parks – \$1,975,000
3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Keep Arkansas Beautiful – \$35,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

**Direct Federal Award**

1. Department of Correction – Division of Correction – \$3,731,597

**State Awards**

2. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – Bradley County Medical Center – \$3,441,839
3. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – Great River Medical Center – \$3,832,031
4. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – Mena Regional Health System – \$2,737,165
5. Department of Human Services – Emergency Aid Relief to Hospitals – South Mississippi County Regional Medical Center – \$3,441,839

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Transportation – \$280,000,000
2. Department of Agriculture – Volunteer Fire Assistance – \$78,220
3. Department of Agriculture – Invasive Species – \$45,000
4. Department of Agriculture – State Forest Action Plan – \$361,823
5. Department of Agriculture – Division of Natural Resources – Clean Water – \$13,635,000
6. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$78,022

D. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Geographic Information Systems Office – \$4,200,000
2. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Special Olympics – \$3,000,000
3. Department of Public Safety – State Crime Lab – \$4,400,000

Items for Review

E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Public Defender Commission – Commission for Parent Counsel – \$13,000 from Legal Services to Extra Help

F. Cash Fund Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Corrections – Division of Correction – Kitchen and Laundry Equipment – \$2,500,000
2. Department of Corrections – Division of Correction – Fire Protection Equipment – \$20,000
3. Northwest Arkansas Community College – \$3,700,000 – **HELD**
4. Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Geographic Information Systems Office – \$4,200,000
5. University of Arkansas at Fayetteville – \$20,000,000
6. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of State Parks – \$1,275,000
7. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Special Olympics – \$3,000,000
8. Department of Education – PBS – \$627,500

G. Budget Classification Transfer Requests

1. Department of Veterans Affairs – Fayetteville Veterans Home – \$300,000 from Operating Expenses to Professional Fees
2. Department of Veterans Affairs – North Little Rock Veterans Home – \$300,000 from Operating Expenses to Professional Fees

H. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Health – Capacity Improvement – \$1,575,201
2. Department of the Military – Master Cooperative Agreement – \$89,116 – 2 Positions
3. Department of the Military – Master Cooperative Agreement II – \$84,967 – 2 Positions
4. Department of Public Safety – Crime Information Center – SMART – \$370,537 – 2 Positions
5. Department of Public Safety – Crime Information Center – National Criminal History Improvement – \$1,613,516 – 4 Positions
6. Department of Health – Ryan White Care Act – \$5,412,399
7. Department of Health – Medical Reserve Corps – \$575,000

8. Department of Agriculture – Division of Natural Resources – \$2,445,538
  - I. Pay Plan Appropriation Requests
    1. Department of Health – Board of Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensers – \$3,500
    2. Department of Health – Dietetics Licensing Board – \$16,500
    3. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Divisions of Parks and Tourism – \$23,000
    4. Office of the Governor – \$104,000

Reports

- J. Biennial Report
  1. Miscellaneous Federal Grant and Miscellaneous Workforce Investment Program Report FY2022–2023
- 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

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