

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

August 27, 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Your Subcommittee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) met on Monday, August 23, 2021, and after having reviewed 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 for Approval

- A. Various Temporary Appropriation Increase Request
 - 1. Department of Labor and Licensing – Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board - \$28,400 to purchase six (6) office computers for staff and eight (8) testing computers for license renewals.

- B. CARES Appropriation Increase Request
 - 1. Department of Health – Minority Health Commission - \$1,650,000 to continue supporting the Health Equity Mobile Response Team

- C. American Rescue Plan Appropriation Increase Requests
 - 1. Arkansas State University-Jonesboro - \$4,100,240
 - 2. Arkansas Tech University - \$405,000 Reallocation of previously approved request
 - 3. Department of Education - Division of Higher Education - Northwest Technical Institute - \$889,176
 - 4. Department of Health – Health Disparities - \$40,411,710 – 8 Positions
 - 5. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality - \$5,769,188
 - 6. Arkansas State University – Beebe - \$2,318,994
 - 7. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Lab Capacity - \$90,894,777
 - 8. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer - \$15,000,000
 - 9. * University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - \$5,625,000
 - 10. * Department of Commerce - \$68,125,013
 - 11. * Department of Commerce - \$81,587,675 – **Motion adopted to authorize ALC Co-Chairs to approve projects 19 through 46 on the AEDC Projects list once review process is completed. (See Attachment 1)**

D. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request

1. Department of Health – Arkansas Minority Health Commission - \$15,000
Appropriation transfer from Operating Expenses to Promotional Items for purchase of promotional items and other collaterals.

E. Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

1. Division of Higher Education – Northwest Technical Institute - \$157,891 - **Item held**

Items for Review

F. Cash Appropriation Increase Request

1. Department of Agriculture – Arkansas Board of Registration for Foresters - \$9,000

G. Budget Classification Transfer Request

1. Arkansas State Claims Commission - \$3,000 from Conference and Travel Expense to Operating Expenses

H. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Increase Requests

1. Department of Agriculture - \$67,645 – 1 position
2. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health - \$541,492
3. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education - \$1,706,556
4. Department of Energy and Environment-Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program - \$7,361,484

Reports

I. Annual Reports

1. Division of Workforce Services General Revenue Transfers to the Department of Human Services Report

J. Quarterly Reports

1. Department of Human Services Inter Agency/Inter Divisional Match Fund Transfer Report
2. Office of Attorney General Cash Settlement Fund Report
3. Arkansas State Police Asset Forfeiture Expenditures Report
4. Federal Grant Applications Report
5. Federal Grant Awards Report

6. Division of Environmental Quality Hazardous Waste Removal in Bella Vista Report
- K. 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. ARP Report

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

ARC Broadband Projects 8/19/2021

No.	ISP/Company	Project	Amount	Technology	Notes:
1	AR Valley Electric Coop	Rural Logan County	\$2,064,000.00	Fiber	Ready
2	ARTelco	Shirley	\$1,359,201.00	Fiber	Ready
3	ARTelco	Edgemont - Cleburne County	\$2,890,040.00	Fiber	Ready
4	Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative	Chicot County	\$2,436,336.00	Fiber	Ready
5	Clay County Connect	Greene County	\$678,173.00	Fiber	Ready
6	Clay County Electric Coop	Randolph County Phase 2	\$5,020,895.00	Fiber	Ready
7	Mountain View Telephone CO	Hubb Willis	\$435,761.00	Fiber	Ready
8	Ritter	Crittenden County	\$5,182,308.00	Fiber	Ready
9	SATCO	Warren	\$3,895,629.00	Fiber	Ready
10	WOW	Hartman	\$1,208,310.00	Fiber (Resubmitted)	Ready
11	WOW	Coal Hill	\$2,218,948.17	Fiber (Resubmitted)	Ready
12	Windstream	Van Buren	\$586,047.00	Fiber	Ready
13	Windstream	Carroll County	\$4,867,453.00	Fiber	Ready
14	Windstream	Searcy County	\$6,383,106.00	Fiber	Ready
15	Windstream	Sevier County	\$7,041,252.00	Fiber	Ready
16	Windstream	Grant County	\$10,782,386.00	Fiber	Ready
17	Windstream	Faulkner County	\$7,584,168.00	Fiber	Ready
18	East AR Video	Wheatley	\$991,000.00	Fiber	Ready
19	Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative	Ashley County - Mist Promise Land Hwy 8	\$2,434,885.58	Fiber	Under Review
20	Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative	Ashley County - Crossroads Sub Old Milo	\$2,574,340.81	Fiber	Under Review
21	Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative	Ashley County - Meridian Sub East West	\$2,709,696.47	Fiber	Under Review
22	TCW	Faulkner County	\$5,817,677.00	Fiber	Under Review
23	Extreme Broadband	Waldron	\$4,004,218.00	Fiber	Under Review
24	Hillbilly Wireless	Tupelo	\$1,895,310.90	Fiber	Under Review
25	SWAT	Garland City	\$866,790.00	Fiber	Under Review
26	ARTelco	Fairfield Bay - Phase 2	\$5,484,052.00	Fiber	Under Review
27	CableSouth Media3 SwyftConnect	Grady	\$1,393,589.44	Fiber	Under Review
28	East AR Video	St. Francis County	\$77,350.00	Fiber	Under Review
29	Hillbilly Wireless	Independence County - North	\$10,471,450.00	Fiber	Under Review
30	IndCo Cable TV	White County	\$3,880,028.00	Fiber	Under Review
31	Madison County Telco MCTC	Aurora	\$1,794,386.00	Fiber	Under Review
32	Madison County Telco MCTC	Kingston	\$2,944,836.00	Fiber	Under Review
33	Pine Bluff Cable TV	Island Harbor	\$508,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
34	Pine Bluff Cable TV	East Pine Bluff	\$690,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
35	Pine Bluff Cable TV	Pinebergen	\$1,995,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
36	Resort Cable TV	Cedarglades	\$621,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
37	Resort Cable TV	Cedar Creek	\$684,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
38	Resort Cable TV	HWY 227 N	\$869,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
39	Resort Cable TV	Walnut Valley - Brookhill Ranch	\$880,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
40	Resort Cable TV	Tom Lloyd - Amanda Place	\$956,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
41	Resort Cable TV	Fountain Lake	\$968,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
42	Resort Cable TV	Pearcy 2	\$2,175,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
43	Resort Cable TV	Royal 2	\$2,275,000.00	Fiber	Under Review
44	Ritter	Independence County - South	\$7,600,300.00	Fiber	Under Review
45	CableSouth Media3 SwyftConnect	Ashley	\$5,961,636.00	Fiber	Under Review
46	Windstream	Perry County	\$9,056,129.00	Fiber	Under Review

Ready	\$65,625,013.17
Under Review	\$81,587,675.20
Total	\$147,212,688.37



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August 23, 2021


Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 22 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Unallocated Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to various state agencies and institutions of higher education in the amounts detailed on the attached schedule.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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Johnny Key
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Director

June 2, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
401 DFA Building
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 1058 of 2021, ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Executive/Legislative 3/5 Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide for the following Northwest Technical Institute Fund appropriation delineated in Act 699 of 2021:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

Northwest Technical Institute – State - \$157,891

This funding release will help offset the FY2021 Category D funding that was not reinstated in the FY2022 revenue stabilization amendment.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Markham".

Maria Markham, Ph.D.
Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Johnny Key".

Cc: Johnny Key, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Education