
Report
PEER/Review Subcommittee
of the
Joint Budget Committee
March 30th, 2023

Mr. Chairman:

The PEER/Review Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 and after having considered the following items, reports that the Subcommittee's review and/or approval is complete unless otherwise noted.

Items Approved

A. Various Temporary Appropriation Increase Requests

1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Division of Tourism – \$2,000,000
2. South Arkansas University – \$686,796
3. Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services – Rehabilitation Services – \$700,000
4. Department of Inspector General – \$25,000
5. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Correction – \$900,000
6. Department of the Military – Armories I – \$200,000
7. Department of the Military – Armories II – \$300,000
8. Department of Education – School for the Blind and Visually Impaired – \$170,000
9. Department of Education – School for the Deaf – \$305,000
10. Department of Labor and Licensing – Manufactured Home Commission – \$52,000
11. Department of Education – Division of Higher Education – \$1,040,000
12. Department of Labor and Licensing – Division of Labor Code Enforcement – \$52,000
13. Department of the Military – National Guard Foundation – \$35,000
14. Department of Agriculture – Increased Division Costs – \$890,000
15. Department of Agriculture – Increased Operational Costs – \$200,000
16. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Keep Arkansas Beautiful – \$30,000
17. Arkansas Tech University – \$2,129,375
18. Department of Corrections – Division of Correction – \$13,000,000
19. Department of Public Safety – State Crime Laboratory – \$20,000
20. Department of Finance and Administration – Tobacco Control – \$30,000
21. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Highway Safety Survey – \$70,000
22. Department of Energy and Environment – Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board – \$45,000
23. Department of Energy and Environment – Oil and Gas Commission – \$995,000
24. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Certifications – \$490,000
25. Administrative Office of the Courts – Mileage Reimbursement – \$75,058
26. Administrative Office of the Courts – Reimbursement – \$252,660
27. Department of Correction – Division of Correction – \$750,000

B. American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Commerce – Development Finance Authority – \$35,669,660
2. Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas – \$0 – Reallocation I
3. Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas – \$0 – Reallocation II
4. Department of Education – Northwest Technical Institute – \$103,176
5. Northwest Arkansas Community College – \$0 Reallocation
6. Department of Human Services – Division of Developmental Disabilities – \$568,150
7. University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton – \$0 – Reallocation I
8. University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton – \$0 – Reallocation II
9. Department of Education – School for the Blind – COVID Expenses – \$50,289
10. Department of Education – School for the Blind – Special Education I – \$4,559.86
11. Department of Education – School for the Blind – Special Education II – \$477.75
12. Department of Education – School for the Deaf – Special Education I – \$5,253.76
13. Department of Education – School for the Deaf – Special Education II – \$550.46
14. Department of Education – Arkansas PBS – \$800,000
15. East Arkansas Community College – \$307,036

C. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Centralized Share Platform – \$124,000
2. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Surface Mining – \$1,700,314
3. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – LIHEAP – \$817,377
4. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$3,162,081
5. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – Video Storage – \$56,150
6. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – STEP 23 – \$531,301
7. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – State and Community Highway Safety Program – 1 Position

D. Reallocation of Resources (Attachment 1)

1. Department of Human Services

E. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Education – Division of Elementary and Secondary Education – \$24,712,856 from School Funding Contingency to 98% URT Actual Collection Adjustment \$10,500,000; Student Growth \$10,309,856; Declining Enrollment \$3,000,000; Teacher Retirement \$500,000; Arkansas Easter Seals \$33,000; Professional Development \$370,000

Items Reviewed

F. Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Requests

1. Department of Transportation – \$10,000,000 from Operating Expenses to Personal Services Matching
2. Auditor of State – \$20,000 from Operating Expenses to Conference & Travel

G Cash Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Corrections – \$100,000
2. Department of Corrections – Division of Correction – Maintenance and Operations I – \$1,200,000
3. Northwest Arkansas Community College – \$3,185,683
4. Commissioner of State Lands – \$2,900,000
5. Auditor of State – \$3,947,250
6. Arkansas Tech University – \$19,000,000
7. Department of Veterans Affairs – \$2,313,153
8. Department of Agriculture – \$120,000
9. Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management – \$1,000,000
10. Attorney General – Settlement Fees – \$17,500,000
11. Attorney General – Settlement Transfer – \$7,500,000

H. Budget Classification Transfer Requests

1. Department of Agriculture – Operations – \$30,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
2. Department of Agriculture – Pest Control – \$235,00 from Professional Fees and \$15,000 from Conf. & Travel Exp. to Operating Expenses
3. Department of Agriculture – Forestry – \$50,000 from Professional Fees and \$10,000 from Conf. & Travel Exp. to Operating Expenses
4. Department of Agriculture – Services Paying Account – \$50,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
5. Department of Finance and Administration – Revenue Services Division – \$63,000 from Operating Expenses with \$48,000 to Conf. & Travel Exp. and \$15,000 to Professional Fees
6. Department of Education – State Library – Federal – \$10,000 from Professional Fees to Capital Outlay
7. Department of Education – State Library – Grant Administration – \$10,000 from Operating Expenses to Conf. & Travel Exp.
8. Department of Commerce – Insurance Department – \$7,538 from Conf. & Travel Exp. and \$133,158 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses
9. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Conservation Tax – \$5,912.04 from Conf. & Travel Exp. to Operating Expenses
10. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Mosaic Templars – \$3,000 from Professional Fees to Operating Expenses

I. Miscellaneous Federal Grant Appropriation Request

1. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – LIHEAP I – \$8,322,209
2. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – LIHEAP II – \$8,053,214
3. Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Centralized Shared Platform – \$76,000
4. Department of Corrections – Division of Community Correction – \$62,546 – 1 Position
5. Administrative Office of the Courts – \$2,000,000
6. Office of the Prosecutor Coordinator – \$254,950
7. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training I – \$1,514,496
8. Department of Human Services – Division of County Operations – SNAP Employment and Training II – \$797,594
9. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health – \$0 – 4

Positions

J. Pay Plan Appropriation Requests (Attachment 2)

1. Various Departments – \$53,203,111

K. Overtime Appropriation Requests

1. Department of Public Safety – Division of State Police – \$150,000
2. Department of Veterans Affairs – \$90,000

L. Methods of Finance

1. Arkansas State University – Student Union Security Access – \$455,631
2. Arkansas State University – Library Security Access – \$420,959
3. Arkansas State University – Collegiate Park Stairwell Repairs – \$326,225.43
4. University of Arkansas at Fayetteville – Anthony Timberlands Center for Design & Materials Innovation – \$39,700,000
5. University of Central Arkansas – Various Campus Improvements – \$9,500,000
6. University of Arkansas at Fayetteville – Multi-Use Silicon Carbide National Research Lab – \$8,185,000

M. Discretionary Grants (On File)

1. Department of Health – 6 grants
2. Department of Human Services – 22 grants

N. General Contractors Construction Projects Exceeding Five Million Dollars

1. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Pinnacle Mountain State Park – New Visitor Center – Amended Total \$9,407,000
2. Department of Correction – Division of Community Correction – White River Juvenile Detention Center – \$13,330,803

O. Professional/Consultant Services Contracts (Attachment 3)

1. Construction Related Contracts
2. Intergovernmental Contracts
3. Out-of-State Contracts
4. In-State Contracts

Reports

P. Annual Report (On File)

1. Institutions of Higher Education Certification of Adequate Funds and Appropriation Report
2. Administrative Office of the Courts Juvenile Court Probation Officers Report

Q. Monthly Reports (On File)

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

6. Services Contract Amendments Without Material Change Report
7. Executed Contracts Report
8. Critical Emergency Procurements Report

Respectfully submitted by Subcommittee Co-Chairs Senator Justin Boyd and Representative Roger Lynch.