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Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

Attached you will find my recommendations for supplemental appropriations for Fiscal Year 2026. Each item includes a detailed justification of the request along with a line-item breakdown.

I respectfully request your approval of these requests and their introduction as Joint Budget Committee bills at the proper time during the 95th General Assembly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders".

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas



SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUESTS

Fiscal Year 2026

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**SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AND FUNDING
AGENCY REQUESTS AND EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS
2026 Fiscal Year**

AGENCY/PROGRAM	Agency Request			Executive Recommendation		
	POS.	APPRO.	GEN. REV. FUNDING	POS.	APPRO.	GEN. REV. FUNDING
REQUESTS REQUIRING AN EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:						
<u>GENERAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS</u>						
Finance and Administration, Department of						
Pregnancy Help Organization Grants						
		1,500,000	3,500,000		1,500,000	3,500,000
SUBTOTAL		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,500,000		\$ 1,500,000	\$ 3,500,000
REQUESTS REQUIRING AN EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:						
<u>NON-GENERAL REVENUE FUND ACCOUNTS</u>						
Human Services, Department of						
Senior Citizen Centers						
			2,000,000			2,000,000
Finance and Administration, Department of						
Fire Protection Services						
		5,000,000			5,000,000	
Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund						
		8,000,000			8,000,000	
Racing Commission - Casino Gaming Section						
		7,000			7,000	
Commerce, Department of						
Community Assistance Grant Program						
		10,000,000	10,000,000		10,000,000	10,000,000
Treasurer of State - County Aid						
Real Property Tax Reduction - Counties						
		90,000,000			90,000,000	
Energy and Environment, Department of						
Used Tire Recycling and Abatement - Cash						
		2,500,000	2,500,000		2,500,000	2,500,000
SUBTOTAL		\$ 115,507,000	\$ 14,500,000		\$ 115,507,000	\$ 14,500,000
REQUESTS NOT REQUIRING AN EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:						
University of Arkansas						
Division of Agriculture						
		30,000,000				
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences						
UAMS - High-Risk Pregnancy Program and IDHI Stroke Program						
		5,000,000	5,000,000		5,000,000	5,000,000
University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College						
Cash Funds						
		25,000,000				
SUBTOTAL		\$ 60,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000
TOTAL						
		\$ 177,007,000	\$ 23,000,000		\$ 122,007,000	\$ 23,000,000

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer

Program Title: Fire Protection Services - Additional Funding

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0620 Funds Center: 2DX Fund: SFP0000 Functional Area: ADMN

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries			
Number of Positions			
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Grants/Aid	25,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Total	25,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000

Office of State Technology Approval (if applicable) _____ Date _____ Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to OST.

Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
21	1006

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

DF&A is requesting additional appropriation in the amount of \$5,000,000 to provide additional grants for fire protection services statewide. This increase reflects higher premium tax collections requiring greater distributions.

Impact if Not Approved:

The agency risks having insufficient Grants/Aid appropriation to support remaining distributions through June 30, 2026.

Alternatives:

Request Various Temporary Appropriation, which requires Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and ALC/JBC approval.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer

Program Title: Firemen's and Police Officers' Pension and Relief Fund

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0620 Funds Center: 045 Fund: SFR0100 Functional Area: ADMN

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries			
Number of Positions			
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Grants/Aid	75,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Total	75,000,000	8,000,000	8,000,000

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
4	1006

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

DF&A is requesting \$8,000,000 in appropriation to ensure full and timely distribution of insurance premium tax revenues to eligible city, town, or fire protection district police officers' pension and relief funds and firemen's pension funds.

Impact if Not Approved:

The agency risks being unable to provide full share of premium tax revenues through June 30, 2026 to eligible city, town, and fire protection district police and fire pension and relief funds.

Alternatives:

Request Various Temporary Appropriation, which requires Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and ALC/JBC approval.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Racing Commission

Program Title: Casino Gaming Section

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0631 Funds Center: CI3 Fund: HSC6310 Functional Area: ADMN

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries	1,814,526		
Number of Positions	40		
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching	739,222		
Operating Expenses	10,000	7,000	7,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	4,000		
Grants/Aid			
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Total	2,567,748	7,000	7,000

Office of State Technology Approval (if applicable) _____ Date _____

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
18	495

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

DF&A is requesting operating expense appropriation to address costs such as background checks, advertising, and mailroom charges.

Impact if Not Approved:

The agency risks having insufficient operating expense appropriation needed to cover remaining invoices due through June 30, 2026.

Alternatives:

Request Various Temporary Appropriation, which requires Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and ALC/JBC approval.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission

Program Title: Community Assistance Grant Program

Appropriation only: Yes X No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: \$ 10,000,000 None:

Other Funding Amount Requested: None: X

Source of Other Funding:

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0790 Funds Center: DM8 Fund: PCG0000 Functional Area: COMM

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries			
Number of Positions			
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Grants/Aid			
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Community Assistance Grant Program	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Total	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
25	608

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

This supplemental funding and appropriation will help support the Community Assistance Grants program under the Rural Services Division. The program provides grants to eligible community and economic development projects, as well as qualifying non-profit organization initiatives.

Impact if Not Approved:

Lack of funding limits the program's ability to meet its operating objectives.

Alternatives:

There are no known alternatives.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Treasurer of State - County Aid

Program Title: Real Property Tax Reduction - Counties

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0074 Funds Center: 738 Fund: TPR0100 Functional Area: CNST

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries			
Number of Positions			
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Grants/Aid			
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Refunds/Reimbursements	300,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000
Total	300,000,000	90,000,000	90,000,000

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
7	541

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

Approval of this request is needed to allow for distribution of special revenues to counties based upon a property tax reduction.

Impact if Not Approved:

Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-310 requires the disbursement of funds.

Alternatives:

There are no known alternatives.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality

Program Title: Used Tire Recycling and Abatement - Cash

Appropriation only: Yes X No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: \$ 2,500,000 None:

Other Funding Amount Requested: None: X

Source of Other Funding:

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0930 Funds Center: BC1 Fund: NEQ0600 Functional Area: COMM

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries			
Number of Positions			
Extra Help			
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching			
Operating Expenses			
Conference & Travel Expenses			
Grants/Aid			
Professional Fees			
Capital Outlay			
Used Tire Recycling and Abatement	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000
Total	5,000,000	2,500,000	2,500,000

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
33	791

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

Department of Energy and Environment - Division of Environmental Quality is requesting appropriation and funding to be used to supplement future used tire program reimbursement as needed and other costs associated with the used tire program.

Impact if Not Approved:

Lack of funding limits the agency's ability to implement the used tire reimbursement program.

Alternatives:

There are no known alternatives.

Executive Recommendation:

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture

Program Title: University of Arkansas

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0135 Funds Center: C76 Fund: 2000700 Functional Area: UNIV

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries	20,000,000		
Number of Positions			
Extra Help	4,500,000		
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching	6,000,000		
Overtime	60,000		
Operating Expenses	27,700,000		
Conference & Travel Expenses	2,400,000		
Professional Fees	2,200,000		
Capital Outlay	10,500,000		
Capital Improvements	46,000,000	30,000,000	
Debt Service	100,000		
Fund Transfers, Refunds and Investments	20,000		
Promotional Items	60,000		
Total	119,540,000	30,000,000	

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
4	899

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture (UADA) requests \$30,000,000 in Capital Improvement appropriation to be used for the replacement of the current Food Sciences building, originally constructed in 1958 with multiple piecemeal additions.

Impact if Not Approved:

The aging facility and outdated equipment increasingly limits the state's ability to recruit and retain top faculty, support modern research, and remain competitive in food science innovation.

Alternatives:

There are no known alternatives.

Executive Recommendation:

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST FORM

Agency: University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College

Program Title: University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College - Cash Funds

Appropriation only: X Yes No

General Revenue Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Other Funding Amount Requested: _____ None: X

Source of Other Funding: _____

Accounting Information:

Business Area: 0693 Funds Center: B66 Fund: 2930000 Functional Area: TCOL

	Authorized FY26	Supplemental Request FY26	Executive Recommendation
Regular Salaries	5,500,000		
Number of Positions			
Extra Help	2,000,000		
Number of Positions			
Personal Services Matching	8,000,000		
Overtime	50,000		
Operating Expenses	20,950,000		
Conference & Travel Expenses	800,000		
Professional Fees	3,000,000		
Capital Outlay	3,000,000		
Capital Improvements	6,500,000	25,000,000	
Debt Service	6,235,000		
Promotional Items	100,000		
Total	56,135,000	25,000,000	

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Supplemental Personnel Positions Requested:

Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum	# of Positions Requested
Total Positions Requested				-

Current Authorization(s):

Section	Act
4	31

Summary of Request and Statement of Need: (If IT related reference the location/number in the agency's IT Plan)

The University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College requests \$25,000,000 in Capital Improvement appropriation to be used for the construction of a Workforce Training Center to be located in the Port of Little Rock Industrial Park.

Impact if Not Approved:

The agency risks delaying the construction timeline for the facility.

Alternatives:

Requesting cash appropriation requiring Chief Fiscal Officer of the State and ALC/JBC approval.

Executive Recommendation: