



**HB1064**  
**GL #30**

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS**  
**GOVERNOR**

April 6, 2026

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:

I respectfully request the following amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer.

Please amend SECTION 36 – APPROPRIATION – PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

Please amend SECTION 37 – SPECIAL LANGUAGE – PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS as follows and renumber accordingly:

SECTION 37. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS.

(a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness and/or reduces infant and maternal mortality, by:

i) Providing nutritional information and/or nutritional counseling;

ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

iv) Providing social, emotional, and/or material support; or

v) Providing referrals for WIC and community-based nutritional services, including but not limited to food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and

(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) As used in this section, a "pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

(D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

(b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant program to provide funding to pregnancy help organizations.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help organizations from the Department of Finance and Administration.

(c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

(2) The rules shall include:

(A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant monies submit a plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

(B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(d) Each fiscal year the Department of Finance and Administration shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each Pregnancy Help Organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each Pregnancy Help Organization.

(e) No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the grant award may be used for

administrative costs.

(e)(f) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2025 2026, through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027.

The above request is necessary to ensure that administrative costs are limited, thereby promoting responsible use of grant funds, and maximizing the amount of funding directed toward program services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Sanders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
Governor of Arkansas

# Hall of the House of Representatives

95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026

## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of House Bill 1064

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING  
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.

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### Amendment No. \_\_\_ to House Bill 1064

Amend House Bill 1064 as originally introduced:

Page 14, line 32, delete "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$3,500,000"

AND

Page 14, delete SECTION 37 and insert the following sections:

" SECTION 37. APPROPRIATION - DRUG TASK FORCE OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for grants and aid to assist Drug Task Force operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027
(01) GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$7,000,000</u>

SECTION 38. APPROPRIATION - 10:33 INITIATIVE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for program expenses of the 10:33 Initiative for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

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FISCAL YEAR  
2026-2027

(01) PROGRAM EXPENSES

\$6,000,000

SECTION 39. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PREGNANCY HELP ORGANIZATION GRANTS. (a)(1) As used in this section, "pregnancy help organization" means a nonprofit corporation or an organization exempt from federal income tax, existing as of January 1, 2024, that:

(A) Seeks to provide a range of services to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy with the intention of encouraging pregnant women to give birth to their unborn children;

(B) Promotes infant and maternal wellness aor reduces infant and maternal mortality, or both, by:

(i) Providing nutritional information or nutritional counseling, or both;

(ii) Providing prenatal vitamins;

(iii) Providing a list of prenatal medical care options;

(iv) Providing social, emotional, or material support, or any combination thereof; or

(v) Providing referrals for Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children and community-based nutritional services, including without limitation food banks, food pantries, and food distribution centers; and

(C) Does not perform, prescribe, provide referrals for, or encourage abortion or affiliate with any organization that performs, prescribes, provides referrals for, or encourages abortion.

(2) "Pregnancy help organization" includes without limitation:

(A) Organizations traditionally known as "crisis pregnancy organizations";

(B) Maternity homes;

(C) Adoption agencies; and

(D) Social services agencies that provide material support and other assistance to individuals facing an unintended pregnancy to help those individuals give birth to their unborn children.

(b)(1) The Department of Finance and Administration shall create a grant program to provide funding to pregnancy help organizations.

(2) Grant funds shall be disbursed directly to the pregnancy help organizations from the department.

(c)(1) The department shall promulgate rules to implement the disbursement of the grant moneys from the Pregnancy Help Organization Grant Sub-Fund in the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account.

(2) The rules promulgated under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall include:

(A) A requirement that the entity requesting the grant moneys submit a plan describing how the entity will spend the grant moneys; and

(B) A statement that the funds shall not be disbursed all at once, but in increments in accordance with the plan described in subdivision (c)(2)(A) of this section.

(d) Each fiscal year the department shall file with the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, a report summarizing the amount of all funding given to each pregnancy help organization and the purpose of the funds awarded to each pregnancy help organization.

(e) No more than twenty five percent (25%) of the grant award may be used for administrative costs.

~~(e)~~(f) The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026, through June 30, ~~2026~~ 2027."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill.

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee  
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Chief Clerk