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Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair
PEER-Review Subcommittee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 1006 of 2025, I am forwarding the attached Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Department of Agriculture – State Forest Fire Assistance Response \$379,406
2. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission - Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD) \$176,465,457
3. Department of Agriculture – Volunteer Fire Assistance \$79,303
4. Department of Energy & Environment – Environmental Quality – Solid Waste Infrastructure – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0
5. Department of Energy & Environment – Oil & Gas Commission – National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program \$46,510

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
 APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
 SECTION 36 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Business Area Code: 0400
 Program Title: State Forest Fire Assistance Response Funding for Arkansas IJA for Fiscal Year 2024
 Granting Organization: USDA, Forest Service CFDA #: 10.698
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/01/2025 Ending: 06/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):


The Department of Agriculture requests an appropriation of \$379,406 to strengthen its wildfire response and preparedness capabilities. This funding will support critical needs including firefighter safety improvements, enhanced fire planning, expanded training, upgraded communications, and full adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). It will also increase initial attack capacity and mobilization readiness for safe and efficient wildfire suppression. Additionally, the funding will provide forestry staff technical training, the purchase and maintenance of essential firefighting equipment, and the rehabilitation of existing resources. Funds may also be directed toward mitigation projects, community risk assessments, and fire management planning efforts statewide.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII4006 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: BK3 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Change In Existing Program: x
 New Program: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: CI: 46	379,406.00
Other:	
Total	\$ 379,406.00

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 08/11/2024-08/10/2029


 State Technology Plan Approval Date A-7-26
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: Norris Townsend 3/11/26 Jessica Moore 04/14/26
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Norris Townsend - 3/17/26

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
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 SECTION 36 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

Agency: ACOM - AEDC - State Broadband Office Business Area Code: 0790
 Program Title: Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD)
 Granting Organization: U.S. Dept. of Commerce - NTIA CFDA #: 11.035 BEAD
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The federal BEAD grant program will fund broadband infrastructure grants as outlined by federal requirements and Arkansas' BEAD Final proposal, as approved by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Commerce. These requirements include awarding broadband infrastructure grants to internet service providers (ISPs) to provide broadband access to homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. Funding included within the federal grant includes salaries, personal services match, maintenance & operating expenses, travel, training, broadband infrastructure subgrants, subgrantee management, and professional services.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII7901 Continuation of Existing Program:
 Funds Center: BI5 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0790.0420B100BEAD Change in Existing Program:
 New Program: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	176,465,457
Other:	
Total	\$ 176,465,457

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/1/22 - 12/31/2040

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Approved by: *Jessica Moore* 4/14/2026
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date

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**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
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Agency: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Business Area Code: 0400
 Program Title: Arkansas Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Volunteer Fire Assistance
 Granting Organization: USDA, Forest Service CFDA #: 10.698
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/01/2025 Ending: 06/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (Include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Department of Agriculture requests an appropriation of \$ 79,303 to administer one Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Volunteer Fire Assistance award. This award supports a coordinated and effective wildland fire suppression response by strengthening the capacity of State and local fire protection organizations. The grant addresses a broad range of forestry needs, including forest management and stewardship, fire protection, insect and disease control, reforestation, land improvement, and urban forestry, ensuring that first responders are equipped to manage diverse and evolving forestry challenges.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII4005 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: BE2 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Change in Existing Program: X
 New Program: _____

Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: CI: 46	79,303
Other:	
Total	\$ 79,303

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 7/19/2024-8/14/2030

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 Office of Budget Date
 Norris Townsend - 3/17/26

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Agency: AR Dept of Energy & Environment: Div of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Business Area Code: 0930
 Program Title: Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant
 Granting Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.92
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 This grant funds states' and territories' activities that support long-term planning and data collection to demonstrate progress toward the National Recycling Goal and Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal, advance a Circular Economy for materials, and state led implementation of plans to advance post-consumer material management. DEQ will organize stakeholder and focus groups, create guidelines for tracking and reporting recycling data, and provide education and outreach to make reporting consistent. The activities to be performed are interviews, public meetings, field research, public notices, social media posts, research, historical data research, public event audits, state needs assessments, seek out marketing and recycling facilities statewide, set up informational research booths at recycling seminars, training, and conferences. The awarding agency allows DEQ to revise budget lines without a formal revision as long as the revised amounts do not exceed 10% of federal award. The grant award amount is \$531,690; therefore the agency may revise up to \$53,169 between categories. This total request is \$26,500.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII9306 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: BY7 Internal Order/WBS Element: I09304230023 Change in Existing Program: X
 New Program: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	20,000
Extra Help	6,500
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	(26,500)
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 46	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2026

DFA IGS State Technology Planning	Date
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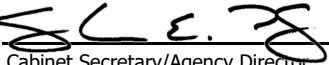
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Approved by:  04/16/26 Jessica Moore 04-14-26
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Breanna Robinson 04/16/2026

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Agency: AR Dept of Energy & Environment: Oil & Gas Commission Business Area Code: 0440

Program Title: National Geological and Geophysical Data Preservation Program

Granting Organization: Department of the Interior CFDA #: 15.814

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 This appropriation request encompasses two grant award years of the same grant for the Office of the State Geologist. **Award #G24AP00235** allows for the replacement of the roof, gutter system, and exterior portions of the Norman F. Williams Sample Library. This will stop the existing leaks that damage the boxes containing core and cuttings. This work will allow the Office of the State Geologist to preserve cutting and core samples and to develop or improve physical infrastructure that preserves these samples. There is \$19,064 in appropriation needed to spend remainder of this award. **Award #G25AP00406** supplements award #G24AP00235 and provides funding to hire students to re-box damaged cuttings boxes to preserve the samples. It also provides money to purchase supplies and a scissor lift to safely reach high shelves when evaluating and re-boxing cuttings. The award was received after FY26 appropriation was approved and totals \$27,446. The overall request is for \$46,510 to ensure both awards can be spent.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM
 Funds Center: CE7

Fund Code: FII4403
 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0440.G24AP00235 G25AP00406

Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Change in Existing Program: X
 New Program: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46 / CE7A	46,510
Other:	
Total	\$ 46,510

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2026

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