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August 12, 2022

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 23 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 Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 to various state agencies as follows:

- University of Arkansas \$1,000,000
 To provide support for the construction of the University's Multi-User Silicon Carbide Research and Fabrication Facility (MUSiC Lab)
- University of Arkansas \$350,000
 To maintain, expand and support operations of the Criminal Justice Institute and the Arkansas Center for School Safety
- University of Arkansas \$1,000,000
 To provide support for construction of the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovations (ATCFMI)
- COM – Economic Development Commission \$3,000,000
 To support renovation of a hospital to house the Crisis Stabilization Unit in El Dorado
- COM – Economic Development Commission \$1,000,000
 For a grant to Harbor Home for capital projects
- COM – Economic Development Commission \$1,000,000
 To support building a new facility that will provide specialized, state-of-the-art programming for the Community School of the Arts
- DPHT – Heritage Division \$1,900,000
 To provide assistance in establishing the National Cold War Center located on Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville



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Sincerely,

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Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



July 6, 2022

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville is formally requesting the release of \$1,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide support for the construction of the University's Multi-User Silicon Carbide Research and Fabrication Facility (MUSiC Lab).

The University has been awarded \$17.87 million from the National Science Foundation and \$5.4 million from the Army Research Laboratory to assist with the overall funding needs of non-construction infrastructure, equipment, technology installation, enhancements to existing facilities and other program related expenses of the MUSiC Lab. When operational, the facility will enable the fabrication of circuits and devices on 6-inch semiconductor wafers for educational, commercial, and military entities.

The facility has taken on an increased importance due to the worldwide semiconductor shortage and the University's MUSiC facility will be in the perfect position to help. The use of semiconductors is widespread across many industries and products that we use every day. Currently, only one in five semiconductors is produced in the United States. In addition, we have workforce challenges due to the current lack of electrical engineers.

We understand that the request requires approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council – PEER committee.

We appreciate your assistance and guidance on obtaining access to the requested funds.

Regards,

Charles F. Robinson, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

July 28, 2022

Secretary Larry Walther
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th St.
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Re: Restricted Reserve Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Walther:

As Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and Arkansas Center for School Safety, I am requesting the release of \$350,000 from the Governor's Restricted Reserve Fund (Majority Set-Aside) to maintain, expand and support the operations of the Arkansas Center for School Safety (the Center). This funding will assist the Center to monitor training compliance required by Acts 551 and 622 of 2021; enhance the capacity of the Center to offer critical training across the state to help schools meet school safety needs; allow the Center to effectively collaborate with the Arkansas Fusion Center to ensure key school personnel are made aware of potential school threats in a timely manner; and increase communication to schools when kids experience traumatic events that occur outside of school settings.

Schools that implement school resource officer programs are required to meet a series of training requirements for these officers, supervisors and administrators. The Center is responsible for ensuring compliance with these training requirements. Both the number of SROs and school districts have increased across the state, thus the need for additional funds to deliver more training programs, and to do so in locations to minimize travel for law enforcement personnel. Additionally, important work continues to ensure key personnel are informed of potential threats to schools as quickly as possible. Further, it is also critically important that information of traumatic incidents that occur involving students outside of a school setting be shared with school personnel so that appropriate resources may be provided to students to reduce the potential for violence in schools.

I understand this request requires approval by the PEER subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

I appreciate your assistance and guidance in obtaining access to the requested funds.

Sincerely,

Dr. Cheryl May
Director
Criminal Justice Institute and
Arkansas Center for School Safety



August 9, 2022

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas, Fayetteville is formally requesting the release of \$1,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide support for the construction of the University's Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovations (ATCDMI).

To date, the University has secured private donations in the amount of \$19,575,000 to fund the construction and equipping of the ATCDMI facility. Additional institutional resources have been committed to the project as needed to meet the overall project budget.

The State of Arkansas's is one of the nation's leading producers of timber and forest products, and the Anthony Timberlands Center for Design and Materials Innovation will build on this prominence, benefitting the state economy in numerous ways. The Anthony Timberlands Center will empower students and faculty design, research, and fabrication efforts by providing significantly greater access to large-scale, state-of-the-art fabrication resources including

but not limited to shop space and equipment that are currently unavailable or are unable to be housed in the school. As a demonstration mass timber and wood product construction sourced primarily from Arkansas forests and mills, the Anthony Timberlands Center will directly invest back into the state economy through its construction. Once completed, the Anthony Timberlands Center will be home to academic programs in timber and wood design alongside the school's multiple timber and wood initiatives, educating future generations of architects and designers in the use of wood and inspiring research into new products and manufacturing possibilities that will benefit the Arkansas timber industry.

Specifically, the Anthony Timberlands Center will house design studios, seminar and conference rooms, faculty work areas, and advanced printing labs, all situated atop a state-of-the-art fabrication and design-build shop floor. This new building represents the future of Arkansas' timber and wood, a venue for ongoing collaboration between the state's flagship university and the timber industry. The Anthony Timberlands Center will also benefit the state economy by drawing attention to the State of Arkansas as both a center for wood production and innovation and helping create a demand for more Arkansas timber products.

We understand that the request requires approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council – PEER committee.

We appreciate your assistance and guidance on obtaining access to the requested funds.

Regards,

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Charles F. Robinson, Ph.D.
Interim Chancellor



Asa Hutchinson
GOVERNOR

Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

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July 15, 2022

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

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission requests a funds transfer of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) from the Unallocated Restricted Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Development and Enhancement Fund for the crisis stabilization unit program.

- Arkansas Economic Development Commission – \$3,000,000

These funds will support renovating a hospital to house the Crisis Stabilization Unit in El Dorado, Arkansas.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston
Secretary



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Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission requests a funds transfer of one-million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Unallocated Restricted Reserve Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Development and Enhancement Fund for a grant to Harbor Home for capital projects.

- Arkansas Economic Development Commission – \$1,000,000

Sincerely,

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Michael Preston
Secretary



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- Arkansas Economic Development Commission – \$1,000,000

These funds will support building a new facility that will provide specialized, state-of-the-art programming.

Sincerely,

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Michael Preston
Secretary



Asa Hutchinson
Governor
Stacy Hurst
Secretary

July 13, 2022

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Mr. Larry W. Walther
Secretary
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-3933

Re: Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Restricted Reserve Funding Request for the National Cold War Center

Dear Secretary Walther,

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated §19-5-1263 (c), the purpose of this letter is to request a funds transfer of \$1.9 million from the Restricted Reserve Fund for FY2023 to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism. The Department is requesting this transfer of funds and will direct the funds through the Division of Arkansas Heritage to the National Cold War Center located on Eaker Air Force Base, in Blytheville, Arkansas. The funds will be utilized to provide assistance in establishing the National Cold War Center.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Stacy Hurst
Secretary
State Historic Preservation Officer

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