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November 4, 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 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 199 of 2022, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Arkansas Tech University – Grants to Students, Revenue Loss, Supplies \$2,005,484
- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Rural Connect Broadband \$3,662,500
- University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana – Grants to Students, Institution Portion \$379,600
- National Park College – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0
- Northwest Arkansas Community College – Reallocation of Anticipated Expenses \$0
- Department of Commerce – Development Finance Authority – Small Business Support Programs \$26,935,158
- Department of Commerce – Insurance Division – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0
- Department of Commerce – Rehabilitation Services – Disability Network for Independent Living \$121,081
- Department of Commerce – Rehabilitation Services – Assistive Technology Program \$80,000
- Department of Human Services – Division of Childcare and Childhood Education – Commodity Distribution \$592,370
- Department of Commerce – Workforce Services Division – Unemployment Insurance \$1,017,000



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther  
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

**C.1**

Agency: Arkansas Tech University Business Area Code: 0130  
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021  
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425T  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/13/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 Amendment to attached detail plan only. Arkansas Tech University plans to expense the funds received from the American Rescue Plan for the following categories: emergency financial aid grants to students, coronavirus loss revenue, testing and wellness supplies, cleaning supplies to mitigate coronavirus spread, and supplies associated with the outreach of students regarding additional financial aid opportunities created by the coronavirus pandemic.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 2010ARPA Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: D80 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	80,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,002,742
Other: Lost Revenue due to Covid-19	922,742
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,005,484

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 7-12-2023

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date**  
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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

**State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.**

Approved by: [Signature] 10/19/2022  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 10/31/2022  
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Tech University has received supplementary funding from U.S. Department of Education as part of the Supplemental Support under American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. \$1,002,742 is the “student” portion, and \$1,002,742 is the “institutional” portion.

For consideration by the November 2022 meeting of the Peer Committee and the Legislative Council, Arkansas Tech University is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$2,005,484 for an expenditure of “student” and “institutional” ARP funds that will be utilized as identified in outline below.

The following information relays specific guidance from Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions guidelines:

## **A. Student Funds -Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students**

\$1,002,742 of emergency financial aid grants to students would be funded from the “student portion” of the Supplemental support under American Rescue Plan Funds.

The guidance accompanying the American Rescue Plan Act funds states that when making emergency financial aid grants to students, institutions receiving these funds are to prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or are undergraduates with extraordinary financial circumstances when awarding emergency financial aid grants to students. Beyond Pell eligibility, other types of exceptional need could include students who may be eligible for other federal or state need-based aid or have faced significant unexpected expenses either for themselves or that would affect their financial circumstances, such as loss of employment, reduced income, or food or housing insecurity.

Consistent with the requirement that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need the maximum amount of emergency assistance that is provided by this grant at this time is as follows:

- \$750 for undergraduate students who have exceptional need such as full Pell eligible or extraordinary financial circumstances.
- \$500 for undergraduate students who are eligible for some Pell Grant funds, but not the full award.
- \$250 for undergraduate or graduate students who have need but are not eligible for Pell Grants.

There is an application process for students to request funding from this grant. The Arkansas Tech University application process asks students to identify how the grant funds will be used. These grant funds may be used for any component of the student’s cost of attendance<sup>1</sup>, and for costs that have arisen due to coronavirus such as tuition, food, housing, health care (including mental health care) or child care.

Consistent with the requirement that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, the **application will open to undergraduate students with exceptional need on January 4, 2023**. To ensure priority consideration for funding, Pell eligible or extraordinary need undergraduate students should complete the application by the priority deadline date of **February 8, 2023**.

**Undergraduate students who are not Pell eligible and graduate students may apply beginning February 9, 2023. The deadline for all students to submit applications is 5:00 p.m., March 14, 2023.** Funds will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Once the priority deadline has passed, all other students who are not eligible for Pell Grants may apply. Applications will be processed in the order they are received and grants may continue to be awarded if funds remain.

<sup>1</sup> For information on cost of attendance, please see: [https://www.atu.edu/finaid/Est\\_COA.php](https://www.atu.edu/finaid/Est_COA.php)

## **B. Institutional Funds – COVID Testing Kits and Cleaning or Sanitation Supplies**

\$75,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to purchase COVID testing kits and cleaning or sanitation supplies. These items will be utilized to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 28 specifically addresses practices to monitor and suppress COVID-19 as follows:

**28. Question:** What does the requirement to spend HEERF grant funds to “implement evidence-based practices to monitor and suppress coronavirus in accordance with public health guidelines” mean?

**Answer:** This provision of ARP requires institutions to use some of their ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds to help fight the spread and transmission of COVID-19 on their campuses and among their student, faculty, and staff community members.<sup>7</sup> This provision also applies to future ARP awards the Department will make under (a)(2) and (a)(3).

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It is critical that institutions take steps to prevent and mitigate the spread of coronavirus on their campuses and local communities.

Congress did not prescribe any specific practices, strategies, or methods that institutions must use to implement this required activity, and institutions have flexibility to carry out activities tailored to their unique needs and circumstances that are evidence-based and in accordance with public health guidelines. Congress also did not set a specific threshold or amount of an institution’s ARP (a)(1) Institutional Portion funds that must be used to implement this provision.

## **C. Institutional Funds – Financial Aid Communication**

\$5,000 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to expand financial aid communication avenues. This communication dollar amount requested will be used to develop “outreach to financial aid applicants.” On May 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education published the *Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III Frequently Asked Questions* that provide guidance on the use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds. Question number 31 specifically addresses practices enhance this outreach to financial aid applicants as follows:

**31. Question:** What does “direct outreach” for this required activity mean?

**Answer:** “Direct outreach” requires an institution to actively engage financial aid applicants and recipients regarding the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment. Such outreach should be more than a passive notification of the opportunity to receive a financial aid adjustment, such as posting this opportunity on the institution’s website. Direct outreach is not considered advertising or recruiting.

Direct outreach could include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- Email to students who receive financial aid,
- Mail to students who receive financial aid,
- Phone or voice communication,
- Webinar invitations, and
- In-person interviews or meetings.

Please note that direct outreach does not require in-person interaction to financial aid applicants. Additionally, grantees are reminded that marketing is an impermissible use of HEERF III funds.

## **D. Institutional Funds – Lost Revenues**

\$922,742 in HEERF institutional funds will be used to offset lost revenues resulting in enrollment impacts directly related to novel coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The lost revenue will result from comparing actual tuition, fee, or student funded resources from the FY2021 to FY2022 financial/budgetary reporting cycles.

**21. Question:** What are the allowable uses of funds for institutional uses?

**Answer:** Under the ARP, similar to the CRRSAA, allowable uses under the HEERF III (a)(1) Institutional Portion awards include:

- Defraying expenses associated with coronavirus (including lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, technology costs associated with a transition to distance education, faculty and staff trainings, and payroll); and
- Making additional emergency financial aid grants to students.

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Agency:University of Arkansas for Medical SciencesBusiness Area Code:0150

Program Title:American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Arkansas Rural Connect Broadband

Granting Organization:0790-Arkansas Economic Development CommissionCFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:8/22/2022Ending:6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
UAMS Institute of Digital Health and Innovation (IDHI) will review broadband applications received by the AR Department of Commerce and recommend for award in accordance with the Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) Broadband Rule. Once awarded, UAMS IDHI will monitor projects through completion to ensure project are following timelines and budgets and that installed network functions as designed.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIVFund Code: 204ARPASteering Comm. Approved:Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: D57Internal Order/WBS Element:Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	1,567,500
Extra Help	-
Personal Services Matching	522,500
Operating Expenses	750,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	90,000
Professional Fees	-
Capital Outlay	-
Data Processing	-
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	-
Other:	-
Other: Indirect Cost	732,500
Total	\$ 3,662,500

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:8/21/20238/21/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

\* unclassified positions only

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by:10-10-22Robert Brech10/31/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

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## STATE OF ARKANSAS SERVICES CONTRACT

<b>Contract #</b>		<b>Federal ID#</b>	
<b>Service Type</b>	Professional Consultant Services (PCS) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Procurement Method</b>	Intergovernmental <input type="checkbox"/>

- 1. Contracting Parties.** State of Arkansas is hereinafter referred to as the Department and contractor is herein after referred to as the Contractor.

<b>Department No. &amp; Name</b>	0790 - Arkansas Economic Development Commission <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Division</b>	

<b>Contractor Name</b>	Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas acting for and on behalf of UAMS		
<b>Contractor Address</b>	4301 W MARKHAM ST SLOT 860, Little Rock, AR 72205		
<b>Contractor Number</b>	9901500114	<b>Minority/Women Owned Business</b>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

- 2. Objectives, Scope, and Performance.** Identify, in reasonable detail, the objectives and scope of the contractual agreement and the methods the Department will use to determine whether the objectives of the contract (Contract) have been achieved. If space below is insufficient it may be supplemented with Attachment 4.

UAMS Institute of Digital Health and Innovation (IDHI) will review Broadband applications received by the AR Department of Commerce and recommend for award in accordance with Arkansas Rural Connect (ARC) Broadband Rule (<https://www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules>). Note: Department of Commerce will notify UAMS IDHI when rules are updated or changed.

Once awarded, UAMS IDHI will also monitor project through completion to ensure projects are following timelines and budgets and that installed network functions as designed. Please reference Scope of Work (Attachment A).

Initial funding will be provided through ARPA funds; however, additional funding may be determined at a later date subject to ALC review.

- 3. Term Dates.** The original term (**Original Term**) of the Contract shall commence on 08/22/2022, and shall continue until 08/21/2023, unless earlier terminated or cancelled in accordance with the Contract or some other writing agreed to and signed by the parties, but in no event may the Original Term exceed a period of four (4) consecutive years from the effective date of the Original Term, unless exempt from Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-238(c)(1). By written agreement of the parties, the term of the Contract may be extended or renewed for additional time beyond the Original Term. This allows for a total possible term (**Total Possible Term**) beyond the Contract's Original Term, as defined in the following paragraph.



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The **Total Possible Term** of the Contract is a period comprised of the Original Term plus any extensions or renewals that may be agreed to by the parties in writing, but in no event longer than a period of seven (7) consecutive years from the effective date of the **Original Term**, unless otherwise provided by law. Subject to applicable law, the terms hereof, and an appropriation of necessary funding, the Total Possible Term of this Contract expires no later than 08/21/2029(mm/dd/yyyy).

**4. Contractor's Performance Obligations.** Contractor, for the duration of the Contract and as consideration for the Department's payment as set forth below, shall provide the following to the Department:

1. Timeliness - Review of applications should be completed within 2 business days times the number of applications. Revised and/or resubmitted applications will be given an additional 2 business days.
2. Responsiveness - IDHI will be available at all times to answer questions as to where the applications are in the review process. The IDHI Executive Director and the Broadband Director will be the primary contacts.
3. Communication - IDHI will update the Agency on any pending issues/delays. IDHI will meet with Agency broadband leaders as determined in the SOW or as needed. IDHI will provide all reports as required in the SOW.
4. Review of Invoices - Review and approve invoices from grantees on a timely basis.

The parties agree that this paragraph 4 of the Contract, and any incorporated attachment, fully sets forth the Contractor's performance upon which the Department's obligation to pay the Contractor is conditioned. (if the space provided is not enough to fully specify the Contractor's duty to perform and to identify the standards of satisfactory performance, the Contractor's covenant to perform must be set forth in Attachment 5 hereto, Performance Details, the terms of which, if any, are incorporated herein by reference.)

**5. Department's Payment Obligations.** Department, as consideration for the Contractor's satisfactory performance of the Contractor's Performance Obligations, as set forth above, shall pay the Contractor as follows:

Compensation will be rendered monthly on an itemized invoice for actual work performed. Supporting documentation must be attached to the invoice. Invoice will be submitted to the Department of Commerce broadband office for review and approval.

Please note: Invoice will be based on actual work performed. Total invoices will not exceed Budget (see attachment B): Administrative costs is for IDHI non-contract overhead costs (less than 10% of project total); Space is for 2,500 sq ft of office space located on the 3rd Floor of the Commerce Building (annual expense); M&O is for specific equipment purchased for the project (i.e., laptop, software, etc); Travel will be billed at state per diem rates; Indirects is for UAMS campus directives overhead costs; i.e., utilities, etc (25% of total compensation).

Please note: Additional funding may be determined at a later date subject to ALC review.

The parties agree that this paragraph 5 of the Contract, and any incorporated attachment, fully sets forth all applicable rates, fees, charges, costs (transportation, per diem, subsistence, out-of-pocket allowances, and any other costs that may apply), and items for which the Contractor is entitled to payment under the Contract as consideration for Contractor's satisfactory performance of its obligations under the Contract. The Department shall not pay Contractor except as set forth. The parties also agree that the method(s) of determining the amount of payment corresponding to the Contractor's satisfactory performance is/are set forth in this paragraph 5 such that the total payment owed under the Contract can be determined by

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reference thereto. (If the space provided is not enough to fully set forth the information needed to determine proper compensation owed by the Department for Contractor's satisfactory performance under the Contract, that information must be set forth in Attachment 2, Calculation of Compensation, the terms of which, if any, are incorporated herein by reference.)

Assuming: (a) Contractor's full and satisfactory performance under the Contract for the duration of the **Original Term**, and (b) the corresponding compensation identified in paragraph 5; the maximum number of dollars that the Department may be obligated to pay to the Contractor under the terms of the Contract for the Original Term is: \$ 3,662,500.00 (**Initial Contract Amount**).

Assuming: (a) Contractor's full and satisfactory performance under the Contract for the duration of its **Total Possible Term**, and (b) the corresponding compensation identified in paragraph 5, the maximum number of dollars that the Department may be obligated to pay to the Contractor under the terms of the Contract for the Total Possible Term is: \$ 3,662,500.00 (**Total Projected Contract Amount**).

If either the **Total Projected Contract Amount** or the amount the Department may be obligated to pay the Contractor in any given year of the **Original Term**, or the **Total Possible Term** of the Contract meets or exceeds the threshold of Ark. Code. Ann. § 19-11-265, the Contract shall be submitted for legislative review prior to its effective date.

- 6. Terms and Conditions of Solicitation Incorporated and Order of Precedence.** The parties agree that the agreement in this Contract memorializes and incorporates by reference any and all written representations, warranties, terms, and conditions, set forth in the underlying solicitation document and the bid or proposal that became the basis of the Contract award, which representations, warranties, terms, and conditions continue in full force and effect unless expressly amended hereby.

Accordingly, the provisions of this memorialization of the Contract should be read as being consistent therewith and supplementary thereto to the extent reasonably possible. However, in the event of a conflict between the provisions of this memorialization and the specific provisions of the bid or proposal that was the basis of award, such conflict shall be resolved by giving priority to the documents in the order listed below, including but not limited to conflicting order of precedence provisions.

- A. This Contract, as may be amended in writing by the parties;
- B. The solicitation N/A (Solicitation number) including all Addenda;
- C. Contractor's response to the solicitation.

**7. Termination & Cancellation Clauses.**

- A. Non-Appropriation Clause Pursuant to §19-11-1012(11).** In the event the State of Arkansas fails to appropriate funds or make monies available for any biennial period covered by the term of this contract for the services to be provided by the Contractor, this Contract shall be terminated on the last day of the last biennial period for which funds were appropriated or monies made available for such purposes.

This provision shall not be construed to abridge any other right of termination the agency may have.

- B. For Convenience.** The Department/Contractor may terminate this contract for any reason by giving the Contractor written notice of such termination no less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of termination.

- C. For Cause.** The Department/Contractor may cancel this Contract for cause when the Contractor fails to perform its obligations under it by giving the Contractor written notice of such cancellation at least thirty (30)

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days prior to the date of proposed cancellation. In any written notice of cancellation for cause, the State will advise the Contractor in writing of the reasons why the State is considering cancelling the Contract and may provide the Contractor with an opportunity to avoid cancellation for cause by curing any deficiencies identified in the notice of cancellation for cause prior to the date of proposed cancellation. The parties may endeavor to agree to reasonable modifications in the Contract to accommodate the causes of the cancellation for cause and avoid the cancellation, to the extent permitted by law, and at the discretion of each party individually.

**8. Non-negotiable Governing Law and Venue.**

- A.** This contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Arkansas. Exclusive venue arising under this Contract is Pulaski County, Arkansas.
- B.** Any legislation that may be enacted subsequent to the date of this Contract, which may cause all or any part of the Contract to be in conflict with the laws of the State of Arkansas, will be given proper consideration if and when this contract is renewed or extended. At such time, the parties agree that the Contract shall be amended to comply with any applicable laws in effect.
- C.** Under Arkansas law, the release of public records is governed by the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act found at Section 25-19-101 et. seq. of the Arkansas Code Annotated.

**9. Non-negotiable Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this Contract shall be construed as a waiver of the State's sovereign immunity. Any claims Contractor wishes to assert against the State in connection with this Contract shall be brought in the Arkansas State Claims Commission. Any claims Department wishes to assert against the Contractor in connection with this Contract shall be brought in the Arkansas State Claims Commission.

**10. Non-negotiable Intergovernmental/Cooperative Use.** In accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated § 19-11-249, any State public procurement unit may participate in this Contract with a participating addendum signed by the Contractor and approved by the chief procurement officer of the procurement agency issuing the contract.

**11. Non-negotiable Disclosure Required by Executive Order 98-04.** Any contract or amendment to a contract executed by an agency which exceeds \$10,000 shall require the Vendor to disclose information as required under the terms of Executive Order 98-04 and the Regulations pursuant thereto. The Vendor shall also require the subcontractor to disclose the same information. The Contract and Grant Disclosure and Certification Form shall be used for this purpose. Contracts with another government entity such as a state agency, public education institution, federal government entity, or body of a local government are exempt from disclosure requirements.

The failure of any person or entity to disclose as required under any term of Executive Order 98-04, or the violation of any rule, regulation or policy promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to this Order, shall be considered a material breach of the terms of the contract, lease, purchase

agreement, or grant and shall subject the party failing to disclose, or in violation, to all legal remedies available to the Agency under the provisions of existing law.

**12. Compliance.** The Contractor shall ensure, in cooperation with the Department, that the Contract adheres to the requirements of Arkansas procurement law, including without limitation the inclusion of any mandatory language and the submission of the contract for any required review. The signature of the Contractor on this Contract serves as an acknowledgement that the Contractor is:

- A.** Equally responsible with the Department for adhering to the requirements of Arkansas Procurement

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Law related to the content and review of the Contract; and

**B.** Subject to the relevant ethical provisions of § 19-11-701 et seq.

- 13. Assignment/Subcontracting.** Contractor shall not assign, sell, transfer, subcontract or sublet rights, or delegate responsibilities under this Contract, in whole or in part, without the prior written approval of the Department.
- 14. Amendments.** The terms of this Contract shall not be waived, altered, modified, supplemented or amended in any manner whatsoever without written approval of both parties. Any amendment that increases compensation or represents a material substantive change may require review by Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-11-265.
- 15. Records.** Financial and accounting records reasonably relevant to State of Arkansas transactions under this Contract shall be subject to examination by appropriate Arkansas government authorities for a period of five (5) years from the date of expiration, termination or cancellation and final payment under this Contract, provided, however, that such government authorities will provide thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor of its intent to conduct such examination contemplated by this section; and provided that such examination occurs pursuant to a mutually agreed upon location, during normal business hours and subject to reasonable confidentiality obligations.
- 16. Non-waiver.** The failure by one party to require performance of any provision shall not affect that party's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this Contract constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.
- 17. Severability.** If any provision of this contract is held unenforceable, all remaining provisions of this Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 18. Attachments.**
1. Certification of Contractor
  2. Calculation of Compensation, as applicable;
  3. Source of Funds
  4. Objectives, Scope, and Performance Standards, not applicable; and
  5. Performance Details, not applicable
  6. Additional Attachments as applicable
- A. Statement of Work
- B. Budget
- C. UAMS Contact Information

**Contract #:** \_\_\_\_\_**20. Notices.**

- A. Method of Notice.** The parties shall give all notices and communications between the parties in writing by (i) personal delivery, (ii) a nationally-recognized, next-day courier service, (iii) first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid[, (iv) fax, or (v) electronic mail to the party's address specified in this Contract, or to the address that a party has notified to be that party's address for the purposes of this section.
- B. Receipt of Notice.** A notice given under this Contract will be effective on
- i. the other party's receipt of it, or
  - ii. if mailed, the earlier of the other party's receipt of it and the fifth business day after mailing it.
- C. Issuance of Notice.** All notices and communications between the parties in writing shall be directed to the respective parties in accordance with the following:

**Contact #1** – Department Representative submitting/tracking this contract

Michelle Peek	Procurement Coordinator
_____ Name	_____ Title
(501) 683-4417	michelle.peek@arkansas.gov
_____ Telephone#	_____ Email

**Contact #2** - Department Representative with knowledge of this project (for general questions and responses)

Glen Howie	AEDC Director of Broadband
_____ Name	_____ Title
_____ Telephone#	_____ Email

**Contact #3** - Department Representative Director or Critical Contact (for time sensitive questions and responses)

Steven Porch	Cheif Legal Counsel - AR Dept of Commerce
_____ Name	_____ Title
(501) 682-2432	SPorch@ArkansasEDC.com
_____ Telephone#	_____ Email

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
**21. Technology Access.** If the Commodities are electronic information processing hardware or software, including telecommunications hardware or software ("Information Technology"), then the Contractor represents and warrants it shall comply with federal and state law relating to accessibility by persons with visual impairments and nonvisual access standards established by the Division of Information System, which standards can be found at <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/procurementOffice/technologyAccessClause.pdf> and are included herein by reference, as applicable.

**22. SIGNATURES**

DEPARTMENT SIGNATURE CERTIFIES NO OBLIGATIONS WILL BE INCURRED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT UNLESS SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY THE OBLIGATIONS WHEN THEY BECOME DUE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties sign and cause this Contract to be executed. Notwithstanding verbal or other representations by the parties, the "Effective Date" of this Contract shall be the date provided in Section 3 above.

The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

**CONTRACTOR AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE****DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE**Donald Bobbitt

Mike Preston

Printed Name

Printed Name

Donald R. Bobbitt, President

Secretary, AR Department of Commerce

Title

Title

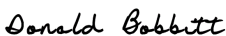
2404 N. University Ave.  
Little Rock, AR 72207

1 Commerce Way, Suite 601, Little Rock, AR 72202

Address

Address

DocuSigned by:



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Signature

Signature

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Date

Date

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**Attachment #1****CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR**

Sections A, B and C apply to all service contracts. Sections D and E apply to Professional and Consulting Services contracts only.

**A.** "I, Donald Bobbitt Donald R. Bobbitt, President  
(Contractor) (Title)

certify under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no regular full-time or part-time employee of the State of Arkansas will receive any personal, direct or indirect monetary benefits as a result of the execution of this contract that would violate the law." Where the Contractor is a widely-held public corporation, the term 'direct or indirect monetary benefits' "shall not apply to any regular corporate dividends paid to a stockholder of said corporation who is also a State employee and who owns less than ten percent (10%) of the total outstanding stock of the contracting corporation."

**B.** List any other contracts or subcontracts Contractor has with any other state government entities. (Not applicable to contracts between Arkansas state departments. If no contracts or subcontracts, please put "Not applicable" or "None.")

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**C.** Is Contractor currently engaged in any legal controversies with any state agencies or representing any clients engaged in any controversy with any Arkansas state department? If no controversies, please put "Not applicable" or "None."

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**D.** Contractor shall list below, or on an attachment hereto, names, addresses, and relationship of those persons who will be supplying services to the State at the time of the execution of the contract. If the names are not known at the time of the execution of the contract, the Contractor shall submit the names along with the other information as they become known. Such persons shall, for all purposes, be employees or independent contractors operating under the control of the Contractor (sub-contractors), and nothing herein shall be construed to create an employment relationship between the departments and the persons listed below.

Name	Address	Relationship

Contract No: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF CONTRACTOR CONT'D**

**E.** The State has no managerial responsibilities over the Contractor or Contractor's employees. In carrying out this contract, Contractor understands and represents that there is no employment relationship between the contracting parties.





Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Attachment #2****Calculation of Compensation****Calculation of Compensation** (for Professional & Consulting Service Contracts Only):

- A.** In the table below, provide the various levels of expertise, the number of personnel for each level, the compensation rate, and total for each level, as applicable.

Level of Personnel	Number	Compensation Rate	Total for Level
Reference Budget (Att ____)			\$ 3,662,500.00
<b>TOTAL COMPENSATION EXCLUSIVE OF EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT(S)</b>			<b>\$ 3,662,500.00</b>

- B.** In the table below, provide any allowable reimbursable expenses, estimated rates, and a total for each level.

Reimbursable Expense Items (Specify)	Estimated Rate of Reimbursement	Total
<b>TOTAL REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total compensation inclusive of expense reimbursement:** \$ 3,662,500.00

**Annual Contract Amount:** \$ 3,662,500.00

**Calculation of Services and Commodities** (for Technical & General Service Contracts Only):

- A.** In the table below, as applicable, provide the various services to be rendered, the quantity, cost per item, and total cost.

Services	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total Cost
<b>TOTAL SERVICES</b>			<b>\$ 0.00</b>

- B.** In the table below, as applicable, provide the various commodities, quantity, cost per item, and total cost

Commodities	Quantity	Cost Per Item	Total Cost
<b>TOTAL COMMODITIES</b>			<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total services inclusive of commodities:** \$ 0.00

**Annual Contract Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

Contract #: \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment #3

Source of Funds

**Source of Funds the Department intends to draw on.** This is provided for informational purposes only. It is required under Arkansas Procurement Law and is not a performance obligation of the Department or an unconditional promise to pay from the sources identified.

Fund Source	Identify Source of Funds *	Fund	Fund Center	Amount of Funding	% of Total Contract Cost
Federal Funds	ARPA Funding	FRP7903	AI3	\$ 3,662,500.00	100 %
					%
					%
					%
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TOTALS				\$ 3,662,500.00	100.00 %

Identify whether State general revenue funds (GRF), special revenue funds (SRF), federal funds (FED), or other public funds (Other) are the source. Identify each specific source of SRF, such as special taxes or fees, in the "Identify Source of Funds" column. Similarly, if Other public funds, such as tobacco funds, general improvement funds, etc., are being used to pay the Contractor, these should be specified in the "Identify Source of Funds" column.

## **Scope of Work**

### **Reviews:**

Receive application from Department of Commerce or its designee, upload into UAMS system for review committee. All applications received from the Department of Commerce or its designee will be reviewed for technical feasibility. Perform initial application review for technical feasibility.

- If the application fails initial review, the applicant will be asked to revise and re-submit. This could lead to multiple reviews for one applicant.

Submit any questions or concerns regarding applications.

- Questions and concerns could also take multiple correspondence and reviews.

Once answers or additional information is provided, review that information and complete application review.

Recommend for award.

### **Monitoring:**

Department of Commerce or its designee notifies UAMS that application was awarded. All awarded projects will be monitored during the Institute for Digital Health & Innovation (IDHI) contract period.

UAMS sends out letter to awardee stating next step. UAMS will set-up their processes for monitoring each project.

UAMS will set-up initial meeting with awardee to go over monitoring processes.

Follow project updates and notify Department of Commerce of any pending issues/delays.

UAMS will review project updates, invoices and compare to application and other information gathered from Awardee during initial meeting. UAMS will meet with Awardees to ensure projects are following provided timelines and budgets.

UAMS will provide Department of Commerce bi-weekly reports on awarded projects and include any issues related to projects.

Should issues occur during project, UAMS works with awardee to correct and update the report for Department of Commerce. Should an extension be requested by awardee, UAMS will notify Department of Commerce and obtain approval or denial. UAMS will then notify awardee of extension timeline or of denial.

Once project is deemed complete by Awardee, visit the project site and ensure project completion.

Request speed tests of the entire project prior to technical closeout. In addition, request speed test from Internet Service Provider (ISP) as required by Department of Commerce during the IDHI contracting period. Request final invoices be submitted. Perform financial audit of invoices compared to budgets/equipment lists.

Provide Department of Commerce or its designee a letter of project completion.

Will let ISP know during project inception that they will have to provide this data as part of the monitoring requirements. We will add a section to the Monday.com board for the ISPs to enter the data semi-monthly.

- a. Gather the number of residences and businesses covered by the project footprint from the ISP at the beginning of the monitoring phase. Gather the data on number of Net User Adds reached from time of project completion in the first year.
- b. Will collect data of how many users utilizing services after year two.
- c. During initial meeting advise awardees to develop and promote setting up rural training programs and create local service jobs.
- d. Survey the local chamber to identify how many jobs were created during the first two years.

Upon request, IDHI will provide broadband expertise for other opportunities.

- a. Funding
- b. New Programs (USAC)
- c. Modifications of current programs in relation to new regulations. IDHI will assist in administration of new regulations.

#### **Mapping:**

- a. GIS Mapping - map each KMZ file provided by awarded applicants.
- b. UAMS will update territories for ISP coverage, UAMS will upload KMZ file of GIS mapping to ASBO or its designee for upload to ASBO website.
- c. UAMS will research and map out requested coverage from ISPs or other state and local entities for state and local broadband project even if unrelated to ARC.

#### **Administrative:**

- a. UAMS will provide ad hoc broadband technical review and monitoring records and reports to Department of Commerce or its designee accordingly. Complex request will require additional time.
- b. UAMS can provide technical expertise related to questions and complaints in regard to ISP services and coverage to local entities (Legislature, County Judge and Mayor). These complaints should be submitted in writing through a designated email account.
- c. UAMS will perform other duties as assigned up to 10% of their FTE. The IDHI Broadband Director will work collaboratively with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Broadband Office (AEDC Broadband Office) to ensure additional requests and contract deliverables are met.

#### **Workstation:**

UAMS IDHI will provide the necessary staff members, to achieve contract deliverables, to be housed at the Department of Commerce. IDHI will schedule weekly meetings on an as needed basis at the Department of Commerce with the Broadband Core Leaders.

#### **Payments:**

Payments for these services will be invoiced based on incurred program expenses as work is performed.

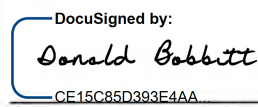
**Signatures:**


**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

  
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Joseph Sanford, MD  
Director, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation

7/20/22  
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Date

**The Board of Trustees of the University of  
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University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

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Budget		
LEVEL OF PERSONNEL	NUMBER	TOTAL FOR LEVEL
Broadband Director	1	\$ 162,500
Assistant Director	1	\$ 125,000
Network Engineer	2	\$ 275,000
GIS	1	\$ 137,500
Sr. Manager	6	\$ 600,000
Program Manager	7	\$ 525,000
Sr Specialist	1	\$ 102,500
Project Coordinator	1	\$ 62,500
Finance Manager	1	\$ 100,000
Administrative		\$ 300,000
Space		\$ 50,000
M&O		\$ 400,000
Travel		\$ 90,000

Total compensation exclusive of expense reimbursement	\$	2,930,000
Indirects	\$	732,500
	\$	3,662,500
<b>Total for Project</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,662,500</b>

**University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences**

X  MD 7/20/22  
 Dr. Joseph Sanford  
 Director, Institute for Digital Health & Innovation

**The Board of Trustees of the University of  
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Attachment 6 C  
UAMS Contact Information

Submit notices for UAMS to:

Tracie Seidl – Administrative Services Director  
Institute for Digital  
4301 West Markham St., Slot 519  
Little Rock, AR 72205

With Copy to: UAMS

UAMS Dept. of Contracts Administration  
**ContractsAdministrationDepartment@uams.edu**  
4301 West Markham St., Slot 743  
Little Rock, AR 72205

UAMS General Counsel  
4301 West Markham St., Slot 860 Little Rock, AR  
72205

Agency:University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-TexarkanaBusiness Area Code:0167

Program Title:Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan Act of 2021)

Granting Organization:U.S. Dept. of EducationCFDA #:84.425T

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2021Ending:6/30/2023

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

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIVFund Code: 295ARPASteering Comm. Approved:Direct Funding: x

Funds Center: D61Internal Order/WBS Element:Continuation:

	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)	\$ 379,600
Other: Capital Improvements	
Other:	
Total	\$ 379,600

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:07/12/2023

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

\* unclassified positions only

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.





September 29, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 199 of 2022)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The University of Arkansas Community College at Hope-Texarkana (UACCHT) respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 37 of Act 199 of 2022 to (1) provide direct grants to students of emergency relief under the provisions provided by the U.S. Department of Education, (2) reimburse for lost revenues in auxiliary services and tuition and fees, (3) pay for technology-related expenses as they are incurred, (4) complete HVAC upgrades to improve air quality in buildings, and (5) provide additional grants to students who choose to return to UACCHT, obtain transcripts, or transfer to another institution of higher education.

This request is for the SSARP funds of \$379,600.

UACCHT received the SSSARP award that represents the institution's allocation under Absolute Priority 4 in the amounts of \$189,800 for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students and \$189,800 for the Institutional Portion for the total SSARP allocation of \$379,600. The following proposed budget is for the Budget Period 07/13/2022-7/12/2023.

- **Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students** **\$379,600**

UACCHT intends to distribute emergency grants to students during the Fall 2022 semester utilizing the full amounts of both the Student \$189,800 and Institutional Portion \$189,800. The total of \$379,600 will be disbursed. Students with Pell grant eligibility will be given priority and will receive a higher grant amount than those students who are non-Pell eligible.

This request is for FY2023. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
  
Christine Holt, Chancellor

Agency:

National Park College

Business Area Code:

0175

Program Title:

Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)

Granting Organization:

US Department of Education

CFDA #:

84.425F, 84.425M

Effective Date of Authorization:

Beginning:

4/24/2020

Ending:

6/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
The Institution is request to reallocate 1,100,000 in Operating Expenses to Capital Outlay to fund the replacement of many of our aging HVAC systems to ensure that they are up to standard with the latest recommendations of the CDC regarding COVID mitigation. The request was a part of the original justification, but it was in the Operating Expenses line item by mistake.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:

CCOL

Fund Code:

212ARPA

Direct Funding:

X

Funds Center:

D64

Internal Order/WBS Element:

Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	(1,100,000)
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	1,100,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:

6/30/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning

Date

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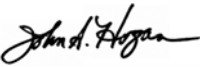
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Approved by:



10/14/2022

Robert Brech

10/31/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

Date

Office of Budget

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Office of Personnel Mgmt

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Washington, D.C. 20202**

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GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION

10 PR/AWARD NUMBER: P425M200057 - 20C  
RECIPIENT NAME: National Park College  
Finance and Administration

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- (1) THIS ACTION IS TO INCREASE THE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN BLOCK 7.
- (2) NEW ARP FUNDS: The grant funds awarded herein pursuant to section 2003 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) (Pub. L. 117-2) are governed by section 2003 of the ARP and section 314 of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSAA) (Pub. L. 116-260) and the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Agreement attached to this GAN.

BY DRAWING DOWN THESE GRANT FUNDS, YOU AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THESE CONDITIONS SET FORTH ON THE BEHALF OF THE INSTITUTION YOU REPRESENT AND YOU WARRANT THAT YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BIND THE INSTITUTION TO THESE CONDITIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS: Institutions may charge reasonable direct administrative costs to the supplemental funds made available under this award.

INDIRECT COSTS: Institutions may charge indirect costs to supplemental funds made available under this award consistent with its negotiated indirect cost rate agreement. If grantee does not have a current negotiated indirect cost rate with its cognizant agency for indirect costs, it may appropriately charge the de minimis rate of ten percent of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) under 2 CFR 200.414.

3-DAY DRAWDOWN AND CASH MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS: Consistent with 2 CFR 200.305, grantee must minimize the time between drawing down funds from G5 and paying incurred obligations (liquidation). Grantees that draw down funds and do not pay the incurred obligation (liquidate) within 3 calendar days may be subject to heightened scrutiny by the Department, Grantee's auditors, and/or the Department's Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Grantees that return funds pursuant to mistakes in drawing down excessive grant funds in advance of need may also be subject to heightened scrutiny by the Department, Grantee's auditors, and/or the Department's OIG. Grantee must maintain drawn down grant funds in an interest-bearing account, and any interest earned on all Federal grant funds above \$500 (all Federal grants together) during an institution's fiscal year must be returned (remitted) to the Federal government via a process described here: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/funding-101/g5-returning-interest.pdf>

Michelle A Cooper  
Acting Assistant Secretary

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

08/06/2021

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**GRANT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

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Michelle A Cooper  
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<b>3</b>	<b>PROJECT STAFF</b>  RECIPIENT STATE DIRECTOR Bruce Hankins                      (501) 760-4180 <a href="mailto:bruce.hankins@np.edu">bruce.hankins@np.edu</a> EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT Brandon Mitchell                      (202) 453-6325 <a href="mailto:brandon.mitchell@ed.gov">brandon.mitchell@ed.gov</a> EDUCATION PAYMENT HOTLINE G5 PAYEE HELPDESK                  888-336-8930 <a href="mailto:edcaps.user@ed.gov">edcaps.user@ed.gov</a>	<b>4</b>	<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b>  84.425F To provide financial assistance for institutional costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the Covid-19 pandemic.																				
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05/18/2021

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May 18, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - (Act 199 of 2022)

Dear Secretary Walther:

National Park College (NPC) respectfully submits its request for FY 2023 appropriation approval of the funds provided by the American Rescue Plan through the U.S. Department of Education. The FY 2023 revised appropriation request includes:

- (1) Technology-related expenses for virtual campus initiatives, building ventilation upgrades and other COVID classroom and operational expenses, and
- (2) Salaries and fringe for positions related to projects and programs related to NPC's COVID response.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as NPC desires to accurately request and report our funding and expenses of the American Rescue Plan.

Sincerely,

John Hogan, Ph.D.  
President

### Regular Salaries Information

Provisional Position Title	Provisional Position Description/Justification
Project/Program Manager	This position is for our Health & Safety Manager. This position is responsible for updating all of NPC's COVID response documents, updating our pandemic response plan, working with departments to ensure the pandemic and emergency management plans are up to date. Working with faculty on classroom pandemic response.
Registered Nurse	NPC requested two RN provisional positions were requested in FY 22 but were not filled. NPC plans to fill one of those positions in FY 23 to manage all coordination with our campus health clinic, coordinating vaccination programs, monitoring employees/students on COVID leave, etc. The nurse will also assume all responsibility for coordination of COVID requirements between NPC and the AR Department of Health, as necessary.
Academic Advisor	NPC has had a significant amount of students who stopped out of classes, withdrew, failed online classes, etc. due to COVID. Taking care of themselves and their families often required students to not complete coursework. We are now seeing a surge of those students who want to return to campus and need significant advising on how to get back on track with their coursework and degree program. This advisor will work specifically with those students to get back on track and to graduation.
Project/Program Manager	This position will be used for a financial manager to coordinate all of the financial reports, tracking, submissions, and so forth on our ARPA and other COVID funds that remain in FY 2023. This position will also assist in the completion of several automation projects that were started during COVID that are near completion.
Project/Program Specialist	This position will assist in getting several automation projects completed that will allow for automated payments for students, providing them with a contactless payment system. Additionally, this position will help with automating other business office processes, such as account payable, which will allow employees to work from home if needed.

### Personal Services Matching

This amount is for cover the fringes for the provisional positions listed under regular salaries.

### Operating Expenses

Expense	Justification
Website Redesign	NPC's website needs to be redesigned with the virtual student in mind. The Pandemic has created a need for students to be able to access everything they could need through our website, which would limit their need to come to campus. It also allows students to conduct business and take classes from home in the event they cannot come to campus (quarantine) or the campus is closed.
Classroom Equipment	Many of NPC's classes require classroom equipment that students could take home in the event of quarantine or campus closure. Additionally, having enough classroom equipment reduces the need to share equipment in classes.
Virtual Simulation Equipment	Our health sciences programs have learned through the pandemic that virtual simulation is critical to ensure students can progress through and complete their clinical programs in the event that they cannot gain access to local healthcare facilities due to an enhanced infection rate of COVID.
Virtual Campus for All	This initiative is a continuation from FY22 and allows NPC to go completely virtual in the event of campus closure or extreme infection rates that require students, faculty and staff work from home. This program provides essential computer equipment to complete required coursework, have virtual classes, work from home, etc. and has already proven to be an asset when infection rates increase.
Building HVAC Upgrades	NPC is working toward upgrading its HVAC systems campuswide to ensure that they are up to standard with the latest recommendations of the CDC regarding COVID mitigation.

## Capital Outlay

Expense	Justification
Classroom Equipment	<p>In reference to the Operating Expenses section of "Classroom Equipment", the Capital Outlay covers additional remote access, improved remote viewing experiences, and will allow for more social distancing when necessary. Additionally, this allows for instructors to have better tools to enhance remote participation from students.</p>
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
400 MARYLAND AVE. NW Washington, DC 20202

March 11, 2022

Dear Grantee,

In response to the overwhelming requests for **no-cost extensions** for HEERF grant award(s), the Department will automatically extend the performance period for all open HEERF grant awards that have balances over \$1,000. The new performance period end date will be June 30, 2023. **No further action is required** for your grant award to receive the extension.

Further guidance on this will be provided in the forthcoming Federal Register notice. Please be advised, **no changes will be made to the current performance period dates before April 2022.**

- Automatic extensions for balances over \$1,000
  - **New Performance end date June 30, 2023**
- \$1,000 or less balance will not be extended
- Grants in closeout phases will not be extended
  - Liquidation,
  - Suspension and
  - Manual Closeout
- The FAQ guidelines remain in effect
  - **Unallowable** – Construction/ Reconstruction/ Renovations
  - **Allowable** – Repairs
  - **Projected Budget Submission Needed**-Please provide spending outline given your remaining award balance to be added to your grant file record.

If you have other questions related to your HEERF grant award, feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your patience.

*Mr. Mose Cartier, MA*

Sr. Program Management Analyst-(Emergency Response Unit)  
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*"No man knows what he can do until he tries." Dr. Carter G. Woodson...*

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

**C.5**

Agency: NorthWest Arkansas Community College Business Area Code: 0198  
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund  
 Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E, 84.425F  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 Please see attached document.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Functional Area Code: CCOL Fund Code: 220ARPA Direct Funding: x  
 Funds Center Code: D72 Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	(\$35,526.86)
Extra Help	(\$35,499.78)
Personal Services Matching	\$188,738.67
Operating Expenses	(\$477,048.69)
Conference & Travel Expenses	\$0.00
Professional Fees	(\$45,109.72)
Capital Outlay	(\$51,500.00)
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	\$455,946.38
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$0.00

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2023

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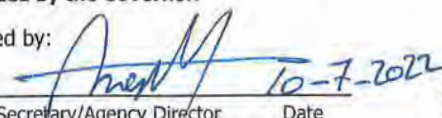
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**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

\* unclassified positions only

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Approved by:  Robert Brech 10/31/2022  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt

**35**



10/07/2022

To Whom It May Concern:

Northwest Arkansas Community College would like to request the following changes to their ARPA Continuation grant. This is a reallocation of appropriation that nets out to zero.

First, the Regular Salaries line item needs to be reduced by \$35,526.86, Extra Help line item needs to be reduced by \$35,499.78, and Personal Services Matching line item needs to increase by \$188,738.67. These line items are needing to be adjusted to accurately reflect the anticipated salaries and to separate out the fringe benefits that were not previously requested accurately.

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Your review and approval of these adjustments is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Al Massri, MBA, CFC

Vice President of Finance and Administration

NorthWest Arkansas Community College

One College Drive

Bentonville, Arkansas 72712



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

C.6

Agency:ACOM- Ar. Development Finance AuthorityBusiness Area Code:0395

Program Title:SSBCI (State Small Business Credit Initiative) - ARP

Granting Organization:U.S. Department of TreasuryCFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:9/1/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

SSBCI provides recipient jurisdictions funding for: (1) credit and investment programs for existing small businesses and start-ups, and (2) technical assistance to small businesses applying for SSBCI funding and other government small business programs. Funding should be used to recapitalize existing small business support programs or create new ones. These can include capital access programs, loan participation and guaranty programs, revolving loan funds, venture capital and equity programs, and more.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:CommFund Code:NEWDirect Funding:X

Funds Center:NEWInternal Order/WBS Element:NEWSteering Comm. Approved:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
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Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: (590:00:46)	\$26,935,158.00
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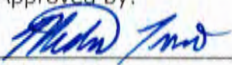
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Approved by:



9/6/22

Robert Brech

10/31/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of Budget MT 9/27/22Office of Personnel MgmtDate

**From:** [Charles Cathey](#)  
**To:** [Missy Burroughs](#)  
**Subject:** FW: SSBCI - Phone Call Follow-up re: Statement of Legal Actions and Allocation Agreement  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 2:11:10 PM

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See statement below regarding Treasury position on appropriation issue.

*Charles Cathey*

Vice-President – Development Finance  
Arkansas Development Finance Authority  
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Little Rock, AR 72202  
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**From:** Josiah.Keilson@treasury.gov <Josiah.Keilson@treasury.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 1, 2022 2:08 PM  
**To:** Charles Cathey <Charles.Cathey@arkansas.gov>  
**Cc:** Mark Conine <Mark.Conine@arkansas.gov>  
**Subject:** SSBCI - Phone Call Follow-up re: Statement of Legal Actions and Allocation Agreement

Hi Chuck,

Glad we were able to connect for a few minutes this morning about next steps you all taking so we can move towards an executed SSBCI allocation agreement.

I've been in touch with ORP counsel and they have provided the information below in follow-up to your request for a statement about the current implement to receiving approval and execution of the allocation agreement.

*As stated in the SSBCI Capital Program Policy Guidelines, an application will not be approved until all legal actions necessary to enable the designated implementing entity to implement the program and participate in the SSBCI have been accomplished and the jurisdiction has provided Treasury with a description of such actions. Treasury is highlighting the appropriations action in particular because the statement of legal actions submitted with Arkansas's application indicated that appropriations approval was required for the state to have legal authority to deploy SSBCI funds. Treasury will not approve Arkansas's application unless and until the state demonstrates that the above standard is satisfied; i.e., that any necessary appropriations steps have been taken and that no legal actions remain that are necessary to enable the implementing entity to implement the program and participate in SSBCI."*

Let me know if this provides the committee you all are engaging with sufficient information to move



**U.S. Department of the Treasury  
State Small Business Credit Initiative  
Program Summary**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reauthorized and amended the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (SBJA) to provide \$10 billion to fund the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) as a response to the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. SSBCI is a federal program administered by the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) that was created to strengthen state programs that support private financing to small businesses. SSBCI is expected to, in conjunction with new small business financing, create billions of dollars in lending and investments to small businesses that are not getting the support they need to expand and create jobs. SSBCI allows states of the United States, the District of Columbia, territories, eligible municipalities, and Tribal governments (collectively, "states") the opportunity to build upon or create successful models of small business programs. ARPA provided for a \$6.5 billion main capital allocation, \$1.5 billion allocation for business enterprises owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (SEDI-owned businesses), \$1.0 billion incentive allocation for SEDI-owned businesses, \$500 million allocation for very small businesses (VSBs), and \$500 million allocation for technical assistance funding.

SSBCI provides funding for state small business lending and investment programs. There are two state program categories: Capital Access Programs (CAPs) and Other Credit Support Programs (OCSPs).

CAPs provide portfolio insurance to lenders that make small business loans. Portfolio insurance is provided in the form of a separate loan loss reserve fund for each participating financial institution. To enroll a loan in the CAP, both the lender and the borrower must make insurance premium payments to the reserve fund. The state must make a matching insurance premium payment to the reserve fund. The state's matching payment to the reserve fund may be made with the state's allocated SSBCI funds.

OCSPs include other programs that provide support for small business lending and investment that are not CAPs. These programs include collateral support programs, loan participation programs, state-sponsored venture capital programs, loan guarantee programs, and other similar programs.

On December 6, 2021, Governor Hutchinson designated the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA) to be the eligible state agency to accept the allocated funds of the State Small Business Credit Initiative. The total potential allocation to the State could be as much as \$81,621,691 as outlined in below.

Treasury guidelines mandate that the monies be funded over three (3) tranches (33% | 33% | 34%), with 80% of each tranche being obligated within 36 months prior to receiving the next tranche. For Arkansas, the three (3) tranches would be \$26,935,158 | \$26,935,158 | \$27,751,375; respectively.

Arkansas has elected to allocate the funds into both CAP Portfolio Insurance/Loan Loss Reserve Programs and OCSP programs including Loan Participation Programs, Loan Guaranty Programs and Venture Capital Programs.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
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**C.7**

Agency: Dept of Commerce, Arkansas Insurance Department Business Area Code: 0425  
 Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce to Respond to the Needs of People with Disabilities and Older Adults  
 Granting Organization: Department of Health and Human Services CFDA #: 93.324  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 04/01/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

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

This program aims to increase the number of public health professionals within the SHIP network to address the unique needs of Medicare beneficiaries through the support of wages and benefits for these professionals. Request to reallocate appropriation to match submitted and approved budget documentation.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP4251 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: AY1 Internal Order/WBS Element: New Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	-10000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Promotional Items	10000
Other:	
Total	\$ - 0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2024

**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: [Signature] 9-1-22 Robert Brech 10/31/2022  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

[Signature] [Signature]  
[Signature]

MT 10/12/22



Michael Preston  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Alan McClain  
COMMISSIONER,  
ARKANSAS INSURANCE  
DEPARTMENT

August 10, 2022

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278


RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding – Act 199 of 2022

Please accept this letter as an appropriation request for the Arkansas Insurance Department for the utilization of American Rescue Plan Funds pursuant to Act 199 of 2022.

1. \$ 500,000 – Arkansas System and Program Modernization. The purpose of this program is to award funds to State Exchanges for purposes of enabling Exchanges to modernize or update any system, program or technology utilized by such Exchanges to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and requirements.
2. \$ 116,757 – Expanding the Public Health Workforce to Respond to the Needs of People with Disabilities and Older Adults. This program aims to increase the number of public health professionals within the SHIP network to address the unique needs of Medicare beneficiaries through the support of wages and benefits for these professionals.

These requests were originally brought before ALC through the MFG process in FY22. It was brought to our attention that these grants were submitted incorrectly. No activity has occurred on either request and AID is taking corrective action to fix this issue prior to utilizing any of these funds. We respectfully request your approval of these items.

Sincerely,

  
Mary Davis, CFO – Arkansas Insurance Department  
Department of Commerce



Arkansas Insurance Department  
Senior Health Insurance Information Program  
Budget Justification  
GRANT NUMBER: CIP-SHPH-22-002

February 23, 2022\_Revised: April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**A. Salaries and Wages**

<b>Personnel Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Personnel</b>
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**B. Fringe Benefits**

<b>Fringe Benefits Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Fringe Benefits</b>
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**C. Travel**

<b>Travel Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Travel</b>
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**D. Equipment = \$0 requested**

<b>Equipment Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Equipment</b>
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**E. Supplies**

<b>Supplies Total</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>		<b>SUPPLIES</b>
		<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>Advertisement</b>
		<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>Promotional Items</b>
		<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>Event Rental (8 events total = 4 each year)</b>

**F. Contractual Costs**

<b>Contractual Total</b>	<b>\$81,757.00</b>		<b>ALL CONTRACTS ARE SUB-CONTRACT AWARDS</b>
			Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging d/b/a CareLink
			East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
			Northwest Arkansas Area Agency on Aging



			Southeast Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
			Southwest Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
			West Central Area Agency on Aging
			Western Arkansas Area Agency on Aging
			White River Area Agency on Aging
			UAMS South Central Center on Aging
			Arkansas Rural Health Program
			WestArk RSVP
			Other Agencies as Needed

**D. Construction = \$0 requested**

<b>Construction Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Construction</b>
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**E. Other**

<b>Other Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Other</b>
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**F. Total Direct Costs = \$0 requested**

<b>Direct Costs Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Direct Costs</b>
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**G. Indirect Costs = \$0 requested**

<b>Indirect Costs Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>		<b>Indirect Costs</b>
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<b>Object Class Category</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Non-Federal Cash</b>	<b>Non-Federal In-Kind</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Fringe Benefits</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Travel</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Equipment</b>	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Other</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Supplies</b>	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
<b>Contractual</b>	\$81,757.00	0.00	0.00	\$81,757.00
<b>Construction</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Indirect Charges</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$116,757.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$116,757.00</b>

## Arkansas Insurance Department

### Senior Health Insurance Information Program

#### Project Narrative

**GRANT NUMBER: CIP-SHPH-22-002**

**February 23, 2022**

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The Arkansas Senior Health Insurance Information Program (“AR SHIIP”, “Division”) a division within the Insurance Department (AID) and under the Arkansas Commerce Department propose this 2 year and 6 months state plan. AR SHIIP will continue to develop specific project strategies to enhance, strengthen, and intensify the outreach and strengthen the collaboration with public health systems to support the health and safety of people with disabilities and older adults who are disproportionately affected during emergencies and disasters, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. AR SHIIP will utilize the funds to assist the aging and disability community-based organizations to further support the efforts to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Expanding the Public Health Workforce grant will bring help to the Medicare community focusing on increasing the awareness of COVID-19 for the public health workforce’s disability and aging populations.

AR SHIIP will enlist local partners who will promote and protect the health of Medicare recipients and the communities where they live, learn, work, and play providing health. Generating and expanding wellness education and information, counseling, case management, community services, and guidance related to health and social needs, as well as information on how to access those supports their local community.

In continuation with our current contracts with Area Agencies on Aging, AR SHIIP will create new contracts with non-English speaking organizations and other COVID-19 professionals to provide a variety of public health services and supports. This includes provisions culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible information, access assistance for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters, transition and diversion from high-risk congregate settings to community living. Expanding the Public Health Workforce grant will have access to provisions and connections to health and wellness programs, and activities that address social isolation and social determinants of health. Social determinants of health are defined as conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. This would include factors such as socioeconomic status, education, neighborhood and physical environment, employment, and social support networks, as well as access to health care.

After reviewing the data report from the Department of Health and Human Services AR SHIIP has identified the need for a Covid/Medicare Event (Arkansas Department of Health, 2022). “Expanding the Public Health Workforce” grant funds will be used to prepare and provide Medicare beneficiaries with onsite testing of COVID-19, administer COVID-19 vaccination and/or booster. The event will also supply Medicare recipient with up-to-date guidelines and printed materials on how to stay safe through this ongoing pandemic. This will include topics such as what to do if you have COVID-19 and tips on

protecting yourself and others. Based on the January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 AARP reported the COVID-19 pandemic continues to fuel a parallel outbreak of coronavirus many targeting older Americans (Markowitz, 2022). Watch out for calls, texts or emails, purportedly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other government agencies, that instruct you to click a link, pay a fee or "confirm" personal data like your Social Security number to secure pandemic aid. Another common con comes via social media, in scam Facebook messages promising to get you "COVID-19 relief grants."

Email phishing and related scams have been a big part of what the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center has labeled a pandemic-fueled "internet crime spree." AR SHIIP believes that this much needed information regarding fraud and is a valuable key element to protecting Medicare recipients.

We will research locations for most urgent area of need based on data from the DHHS COVID-19 report that indicates the least number of vaccinations and the highest number of infections. AR SHIIP will then collaborate with local partners and other Covid-19 professionals who will assist during these Covid/Medicare Event.

AR SHIIP will seek to ensure the collective mission of supporting older adults and individuals with disabilities in their desire to live, work, and contribute to their communities. Purposefully, AR SHIIP proposes the use of "Expanding the Public Health Workforce" grant to access and support these individuals during and after the pandemic. Our preliminary research through the Arkansas Center for Health Initiative by counties the number of COVID-19 active cases within the state (see Exhibit A) (Arkansas Center for Health Initiative, 2022) and crossed with vaccination number by county (see Exhibit B) (Springfield News-Leader, 2022). This combined with the report from Department of Health will assist us in refining our research on which areas that would best fulfill our mission through the education and outreach services. Funding is imperative to strengthen the state's ability to share education and develop community-based services.

Post each event, summary of information, objectives, highlights, and results will be collected accompanying invoice. AR SHIIP will compare and generate measurable metrics to be utilized for auditing and monitoring of partner and COVID-19 Professionals. Reports will be compiled to develop lessons learned, delegating tasks if needed prior to next scheduled event. AR SHIIP will utilize this report and focus on the topics that reflects relatively high on Covid-19 Medicare recipient's needs and resources.

### **Increase Outreach**

Coordinating with local radio and partner agencies we will continue to promote this effort and broaden our outreach to isolated counties. We will target radio stations who have a large presence in rural and urban counties to include culturally affirmative and linguistically accessible population.

While AR SHIIP awaits the determination of the grant award, we plan to actively research and develop innovative television and radio advertising campaigns for provisions and connections to health and wellness programs, and activities that address social isolation and social determinants of health.

Based on the determination of the location the COVID-19/Medicare Event AR SHIIP will collaborate with local Area Agencies on Aging, additional agency partners, the non-English

speaking organizations, and other COVID-19 professionals. Not limited to but will include Pharmacy techs to administer the COVID-19 test, provide the vaccine and/or booster.

### **Enhance COVID-19 Awareness Program**

By connecting with local organizations to host the COVID-19/Medicare Event, AR SHIP's goal is to enhance awareness to motivate the local Medicare population/communities where they live, learn, work, and come together for community-based services. AR SHIP will share educational materials and develop COVID-19 brochures expanding wellness education and information. We will offer counseling, and guidance related to health and social needs, during the event.

This program will intensify the outreach and strengthen the collaboration with public health systems to support the health and safety of people with disabilities and older adults who are disproportionately affected during emergencies and disasters, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Acquire COVID-19 Materials**

Through "Expanding the Public Health Workforce" grant AR SHIP will acquire public health professionals pamphlets and much needed information on COVID-19 materials to disseminate, to the Medicare population. This will be carried out through our partner agencies, direct to senior centers, and local community-based services.

AR SHIP will add COVID-19 materials to the Arkansas Insurance Department-Senior Health Insurance Information Program website, located under the Medicare Resources, Counselor Center, and Partner Portals. These materials will also be posted through AR SHIP's Facebook page and AR SHIP's landing page which is then broadcasted via the internet when consumers research Medicare or COVID-19.

### **Cultivating New Partnerships**

AR SHIP Division will develop new partnerships within the medical field and engaging with additional professional COVID-19 related agencies. We will seek additional alliance with the mental health facilities, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Arkansas Department of Health for additional support. Black Americans are getting sick and dying from COVID-19 at higher rates than white Americans — the most recent manifestation of racial disparities in health that have long been evident in the United States. Based on the fact that 2.4 percent population of African American are at higher risk than white population. We will engage with local Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). (Frueh, 2020). AR SHIP will engage young Black generations to help education and spread accurate information among their families and friends. AR SHIP will seek to engage the non-English speaking and the Marshallese population.



**Significance of Grant**

AR SHIP strongly believes that by identifying the need for the “Expanding the Public Health Workforce” grant and generating multiple Covid/Medicare Events will be importance for the utilization and implementation of the funds. While culturally reforming and expanding our mission AR SHIP will strengthen our ability to reach the extensive cultural gap. Empowering Arkansans with knowledge of possible dangers or problems of COVID-19 will hopefully give them a tactical advantage. Education will be a vital key element along with having the correct information and essential to saving lives.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

**C.8**

Agency: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Business Area Code: 0520  
 Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network: IL Part B  
 Granting Organization: Department of Health & Human Services CFDA #: 93.369  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 3/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

This grant award provides one-time funding to support "Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network for Independent Living Services (IL Part B)"

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: new Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: new Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0520.....new Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	121,081
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 121,081

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date**

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

\* unclassified positions only

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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

**State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.**

Approved by:  
Joseph Baxter 8/11/2022  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date



Robert Brech 10/31/2022  
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MT 10/17/22

Notice of Award

**Title of Program: (ISPH) Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network:  
IL Part B**

**Award Authority: P.L. 117-2 and P.L. 116-131**

**Grantee:**

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES  
Joseph Baxter, Commissioner  
525 West Capitol  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201 7220

**Date:** March 9, 2022

**Grant No.:** 2201ARISPH-00

**Award Instrument:** Grant (Formula)

**Project Period:** 03-01-2022 - 09-30-2024

**Budget Period:** 03-01-2022 - 09-30-2024

**EIN:** 1716020143A2

**CFDA:** 93.369

**Object Class Code:** 41.15

**DUNS#:** 860061266

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>Award This Action</b>	<b>Cumulative Grant Award to Date</b>
75-X-0140	2022,299PHIS	\$121,081.00	\$121,081.00
	Total	\$121,081.00	\$121,081.00

**ACL Contact Information:**

Please find your assigned ACL programmatic and fiscal contacts on ACL's website at  
<https://www.acl.gov/grants/acl-mandatory-grants-programmatic-and-fiscal-contacts>.

**Emmanuel Ekwo**  
**ACL Grants Officer**

**Terms and Conditions:**

1. This grant award is issued under the authority of Section 2501 of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2. The terms and conditions of this Notice of Award (NoA) and other requirements have the following order of precedence: (1) statute; (2) executive order; (3) program regulation; (4) administrative regulation found in 45 CFR Part 75; (5) agency policies; and (6) Any additional terms and conditions and remarks on NoA.

Please visit ACL's website at <https://www.acl.gov/grants/managing-grant> for Terms and Conditions and Federal Funding Requirements.

To: Markeith Turner  
From: April Cooper  
Date: August 30, 2022  
Subject: Detail plan for use of ARP funds

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services is requesting a new fund, fund center and cost center be set up for American Rescue Plan Act funds received from Department of Health and Human Services Grant No. 2201ARISPH-00 in the amount of \$121,081.00.

The grant allows for the funds to be sub-awarded to another entity. The intention of ARS is to sub-award these funds to Arkansas State Independent Living Council. The funds will be used to hire a public health coordinator to respond to the public health challenges created by COVID-19 within the aging and disability networks.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

**C.9**

Agency: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Business Area Code: 0520  
 Program Title: Expanding the Public Health Workforce within the Disability Network: AT St. Grants  
 Granting Organization: Department of Health & Human Services CFDA #: 93.464  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 1/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2023

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

This grant award provides one-time funding to support "Expanding the Public Health Workforce for State Grant for Assistive Technology program"

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: new Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: new Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0520.....new Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	80000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 80000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2024

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** **Date**  
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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

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Approved by:

Joseph Baxter 8/31/2022  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 10/31/2022  
 Office of Budget Date  
 MT 10/17/22

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Notice of Award

**Title of Program: (ATPH) Expanding the Public Health Workforce w/n the Disability Network:  
AT St. Grants**

**Award Authority: P.L. 117-2 and P.L. 116-131**

**Grantee:**

ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES  
525 W CAPITOL AVE  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201 3309

**Date:** January 12, 2022

**Grant No.:** 2201ARATPH-00

**Award Instrument:** Grant (Formula)

**Project Period:** 01-01-2022 - 09-30-2024

**Budget Period:** 01-01-2022 - 09-30-2024

**EIN:** 1716020143A2

**CFDA:** 93.464

**Object Class Code:** 41.15

**DUNS#:** 860061266

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>CAN</b>	<b>Award This Action</b>	<b>Cumulative Grant Award to Date</b>
75-X-0140	2022,299PHAT	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
	Total	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00

**ACL Contact Information:**

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To: Markeith Turner  
From: April Cooper  
Date: August 30, 2022  
Subject: Detail plan for use of ARP funds

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services is requesting a new fund, fund center and cost center be set up for American Rescue Plan Act funds received from Department of Health and Human Services Grant No. 2201ARATPH in the amount of \$80,000.00.

The funds will be used to hire a provide assistive technology programs and expand the workforce that supports public health for people with disabilities, their families, support providers and network staff and volunteers.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Agency:Arkansas Department of Human ServicesBusiness Area Code:0710

Program Title:TEFAP Reach and Resiliency

Granting Organization:USDACFDA #:10.568

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:9/9/2022Ending:6/30/2023

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

The coherent goal for the grant funding is to expand outreach and distribution efforts to improve the accessibility of USDA foods available to TEFAP clients. The Commodity Distribution Unit will work with partnering food banks and or Community Action Agencies to distribute food to underserved participants residing in remote counties in rural areas. The state of Arkansas will enter into a partnership with Eligible Recipient Agencies to improve the distribution and outreach of TEFAP foods. With the distribution of sub grants to our partnering agencies, we are expected to see an increase of up to 15 percent of USDA foods served to clients.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFund Code: NEWDirect Funding: X

Funds Center: NewInternal Order/WBS Element:Steering Comm. Approved:

Continuation:

	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)	592,370
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 592,370

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:06/30/2024

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

\* unclassified positions only

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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:Robert Brech10/31/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

Camren Brenton10/6/2022



## PROPOSAL FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TEFAP REACH AND RESILIENCY GRANT

The Commodity Distribution Unit (CDU) in the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education has received \$592,370.00 in American Rescue Funds Act (ARPA) from the (US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Specifically, these funds are a part of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Reach and Resiliency grant. The funding period is June 13, 2022, to June 30, 2024.

The coherent goal for the grant funding is to expand outreach and distribution efforts to improve the accessibility of USDA foods available to TEFAP clients. The CDU will be working with food banks and/or community action agencies to distribute food to underserved participants residing in remote counties or rural areas.

The state of Arkansas will enter a partnership with Eligible Recipient Agencies' (ERA) to improve the distribution and outreach of TEFAP foods. The ERA's will be awarded sub grants to assist with the purchase of new transportation or replacement of aging transportation, provide improved long-term storage of TEFAP foods at both ERA facilities and distribution sites through the addition of cold and dry storage equipment, renovate facilities to increase long-term cold storage, and remodel distribution sites to increase the number of clients served.

With the distribution of sub grants to our partnering agencies, we are expected to see an increase of up to 15 percent of USDA foods served to TEFAP clients. We anticipate the funded projects will allow for greater distribution to underserved clients in counties and areas where under 40 percent of persons in poverty are served. The grant will allow partner ERA to better serve participants residing in underserved areas by increasing the amount of TEFAP foods distributed to various distribution sites.

The CDU will monitor all monthly client served reports from partnering agencies, proposed research and outreach documents, progress of activities, invoices for purchased equipment and renovations, representation at community/stakeholder meetings, and consistent communication with partnering agencies through quarterly meetings and emails. The CDU will visit partnering agencies to ensure that equipment, materials and supplies, and renovations that have been purchased or contracted are being used for the specified purpose.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2023 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

**C.11**

Agency: Division of Workforce Services Business Area Code: 0810

Program Title: Unemployment Insurance

Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Labor CFDA #: 17.225

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 09/01/21 Ending: 06/30/23

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
American Rescue Plan - Fraud Detection and Prevention - used to support innovate strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI); 2) enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) increase cybersecurity; and 5) expand overpayment recovery efforts. Requesting legislative approval to utilize funding back to the federal grant award date of September 2021 in order to utilize funding.

*\* Direct funding from fed. partner (DOC)*

Func. Area: COMM  
Funds Cen.: AX8

Fund Code: FRP8103  
Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_

Direct Funding: *\** X  
Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	100,000
Extra Help	-
Personal Services Matching	60,000
Operating Expenses	430,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	250,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: CI: 46 Miscell.	177,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,017,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 8/31/2023

*Margherita Li* 10/17/2022

**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date  
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

**Positions to be established: (list each position separately)**

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: *Charles Chelton*

09/16/22

Robert Brech 10/31/2022

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
Michael Preston, Arkansas Department of Commerce

Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Management Date

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## UI Fraud -ARPA-Detailed Plan

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### **Purpose:**

The funds will be used to support innovative strategies and solutions to 1) strengthen identity verification of Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimants; 2) enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies; 3) improve data management and analytic capabilities; 4) increase cybersecurity; and 5) expand overpayment recovery efforts.

### **Project Details:**

The funding will be used for eligibility fraud which generally occurs when benefits or services are acquired because of false information with the intent to receive benefits for which an individual or individuals would not otherwise be qualified and identity fraud when one person acquires and uses the identifying information of another person in order to illegally receive benefits. The fraud can happen either at the time of UI application submission, or by changing key user data like bank account information after a claim has been established. The Division of Workforce Services Efforts are to implement National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)-Compliant identify proofing, specifically IAL2 and AAL2, before claimants start filing out the UI claims application and for re-accessing their account.

Funding will also be used to strengthen identity verification of UI claimants, enhance fraud detection and prevention strategies, improve data management and analytic capabilities, increase cybersecurity, and expand overpayment recovery efforts in all UC programs. Using the funds to Procuring, implementing, and paying reoccurring subscription costs and/or ongoing maintenance costs of identity verification and fraud detection solutions; implementing or enhancing data analytics capabilities to understand the nature and prevalence of fraud and the impact of fraud mitigation efforts; implementing cross-matching to detect suspicious activity, including synthetic or false identities, and identification of other patterns of fraudulent behavior; implementing or enhancing cybersecurity perimeter defense for the websites and web applications responsible for initial application steps and regular certification; Assessing and mitigating disproportionate impact of fraud measures on vulnerable communities such as communities of color, communities with disabilities, limited English proficient and immigrant communities, and certain geographic communities; assessing and mitigating security vulnerabilities; hiring staff or obtaining contract services to conduct fraud investigations, other eligibility fraud and identity fraud detection-related activities, and support overpayment recovery efforts; administrative expenses incurred by the state to gather business requirements, program computer systems, or otherwise implement tools, strategies, or solutions to strengthen fraud detection, prevention, and recovery efforts.

### **Justification:**

Nationally, Unemployment Insurance (UI) programs have been inundated with fraudulent claims. In Arkansas, fraudulent claims have affected both the State UI Trust Fund and the Federal CARES Act funding. The Division of Workforce Services (DWS) has flagged over 73,000

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claims as potentially fraudulent in addition to the approximately 40,000 traditional UI claims and PUA claims that have been reported as fraudulent due to identity theft. If those claims had not been stopped, the potential for loss would have been immense. Additional fraud detection measures have been implemented as quickly as possible to sufficiently mitigate this threat to the programs.

We need to increase the capacity of our dedicated resources to investigate all of these claims on a case-by-case basis; however, the full investigation process takes a substantial amount of time to complete due to the complexities involved in the various fraud schemes. We previously developed a plan with all of the departments within DWS and in conjunction with the NASWA Integrity Data Hub, Arkansas Department of Inspector General Office of Internal Audit, United States Secret Service, and the United States Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

DWS is committed to continuing to combat the high volume of fraudulent unemployment insurance claims in order to maintain the integrity of the program. Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 22-21 provides an opportunity for states to combat fraud in the UI program, including supporting innovative strategies and solutions to assist with identity verification and combatting identity fraud and to strengthen fraud detection and prevention efforts.

The fraud strategies and solutions funded with the sources available above will enable us to analyze the results in a timelier manner. Due to the statute of limitations, fraud solutions must continue to be implemented as quickly as possible to recover the overpayments and ensure the proper resolution of the perpetrators of the fraud.

The Division or Workforce Services contractors to provide technical expertise and preventing and discovering fraud.

Total IT Budget	Total IA Fraud	Total BPC	Total Budget
\$742,943.56	\$1,087,394.18	\$625,662.26	* \$2,456,000.00



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR  
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ADMINISTRATION (DOL/ETA)

NOTICE OF  
AWARD (NOA)

Under the authority of the *American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)*, P.L. 117-2, this grant or agreement is entered into between the above named *Grantor Agency* and the following named *Awardee*, for a project entitled - *American Rescue Plan - Fraud Detection & Prevention*.

Name & Address of Awardee:  
ARKANSAS DIVISION OF WORKFORCE SERVICES  
2 CAPITOL MALL  
P.O. BOX 2981  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203-2981

Federal Award Id. No. (FAIN): UI-37052-21-55-A-5  
CFDA #: 17.225- Unemployment Insurance  
Amount: \$2,456,000.00  
EIN: 716006690  
DUNS #: 001900013

Accounting Code:  
1630-2021-050179830X1D20210179001521ARP001A0000AOWS00AOWS00-ACOVID-410010-ETA-DEFAULT  
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Payment Management System DOC#: UI37052K10

The Period of Performance shall be from **September 01, 2021 thru August 31, 2023**.  
Total Government's Financial Obligation is **\$2,456,000.00** (unless otherwise amended).

Payments will be made under the Payments Management System, and can be automatically drawn down by the awardee on an as needed basis covering a forty-eight (48) hour period.

To provide funding to assist with fraud detection and prevention, including identify verification and overpayment recovery activities, in all Unemployment Compensation (UC) programs, in accordance with Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) No. 22-21.

In performing its responsibilities under this grant agreement, the awardee hereby certifies and assures that it will fully comply with all applicable Statute(s), and the following regulations and cost principles, including any subsequent amendments:

**Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements:**

2 CFR Part 200; Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements; Final Rule  
2 CFR Part 2900; DOL Exceptions to 2 CFR Part 200;

**Other Requirements (Included within this NOA):**

Condition(s) of Award (if applicable)  
Federal Award Terms, including attachments

**Contact Information**

The Federal Project Officer (FPO) assigned to this grant is Brian Hart. Brian Hart will serve as your first line point of contact and can be contacted via e-mail - [hart.brian@dol.gov](mailto:hart.brian@dol.gov). If your FPO is not available, please call your Regional Office at 972-850-4600 for assistance.

The awardee's signature below certifies full compliance with all terms and conditions as well as all applicable Statutes(s), grant regulations, guidance, and certifications.

Signature of Approving Official - **AWARDEE**

Signature of Approving Official - **DOL / ETA**

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See SF-424 for Signature  
No Additional Signature Required

SERENA BOYD, September 28, 2021  
Grant Officer