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June 2, 2023

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Frances Cavanaugh, Co-Chair  
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 23 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 226 of 2022, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Majority Vote Various Improvements and Projects Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

- UA – Criminal Justice Institute \$350,000  
Arkansas Center for School Safety

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 to various state agencies as follows:

- Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer \$100,000  
Morgan Nick Foundation

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther  
Secretary

Attachment(s)



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS SYSTEM  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE

May 12, 2023

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

Re: Restricted Reserve Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Walther:

As Director of the Criminal Justice Institute and Arkansas Center for School Safety, I am requesting the release of \$350,000 from the Majority Vote Various Improvements and Project Set-Aside to maintain, expand and support the operations of the Arkansas Center for School Safety (the Center). This funding will assist the Center to monitor training compliance required by Acts 551 and 622 of 2021; enhance the capacity of the Center to offer critical training and resources across the state to help school districts meet the key school safety requirements of the LEARNS Act and increase communication to schools when kids experience traumatic events that occur outside of school settings.

Schools that implement school resource officer programs are required to meet a series of training requirements for those officers, supervisors and administrators. The Center is responsible for ensuring compliance with these training requirements. Both the number of SROs and school districts have increased across the state, thus the need for additional funds to deliver more training programs. These funds will also be used to expand and continue support for school districts in implementing behavioral threat assessment teams, conducting comprehensive school safety assessments and other key requirements of the LEARNS Act. It is also critically important that information of traumatic incidents that happen to students outside of a school setting be shared with school personnel so that appropriate resources may be provided to students to reduce the potential for violence in schools.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cheryl May'.

Dr. Cheryl May  
Director

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June 1, 2023

Secretary Larry W. Walther  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of Budget  
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$100,000.00 from the Unallocated Restricted Reserve Majority Set-Aside.

DFA will utilize this funding to issue a payment to the Morgan Nick Foundation.

As always, I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan McVey'.

Alan McVey  
DFA Chief of Staff/CFO

cc: Melanie Hazeslip