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

RE: FY 24 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023 (3), as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission - Game and Fish Grants Set-Aside \$3,500,000
- Department of Veterans Affairs - Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$202,000
- Department of Education - Elementary and Secondary Education Division - Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$6,560,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)



Chris Racey
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Deputy Director

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Spencer Griffith
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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Austin Booth
Director

September 11, 2023

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
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FC: 259
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Request: \$3,500,000
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Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is requesting a supplemental appropriation for Grants and Aid of \$3,500,000 as authorized in Section 33 of Act 796 of 2023. This appropriation will be used with the requested Restricted Reserve Fund Game and Fish Grants Set-Aside transfer to incentivize private landowners to undertake conservation practices for habitat improvements that increase and improve fish and wildlife populations across the state.

AGFC intends for this grant program to pilot the need for a Conservation Tax Credit or other state-level incentive for private lands conservation.

Sincerely,

Austin Booth
Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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BA: 0385
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**SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

**KENDALL W. PENN
RET. MAJOR GENERAL
SECRETARY**

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SEC Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278

RE: FY24 Restricted Reserve Request

Dear SEC Hudson,

Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs respectfully requests \$202,000.00 from Restricted Reserve Funds in FY24.

North Little Rock Veterans Cemetery needs \$112,000.00 to make improvements that are no longer covered by Federal funds. Improvements include the rise and realignment of monuments that will be necessary to pass Federal inspection during March 2024.

ADVA is requesting onetime funds in the amount of \$90,000.00 to cover the cost of IT related items such as laptops, computers, monitors, docking stations, etc. as well as upgrading office equipment.

Your favorable review is appreciated.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kendall W. Penn".

SEC Kendall W. Penn
Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Jacob Oliva
Secretary

October 5, 2023

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Jim Hudson, Secretary
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**State Board of
Education**

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

Kathy Rollins
Springdale
Vice-Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$6,560,000 from the Restricted Reserve Set Aside.

Steve Sutton
Marion

Every Arkansas family deserves access to the best possible school options for their children. Easterseals Arkansas is empowering students with disabilities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities. In the last five years, Easterseals Academy has grown from 20 students to its max capacity of 74. This funding will allow the Academy to expand its facilities and programs to serve not only it's current students but also the 151 students currently on a waitlist.

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

Sincerely,

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

Ken Bragg
Sheridan

Greg Rogers
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education

Leigh Keener
Little Rock

GR:kh