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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 24 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Division – Drinking Water State Revolving Fund \$42,653,000
- Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – Reallocation of Previously Approved Request \$0

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Hudson'.

James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021  
 APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
 SECTION 37 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

**D.1**

Agency: ADA-Natural Resources Division Business Area Code: 0455  
 Program Title: AR Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Federal FY 2022 BIL Lead Service Line  
 Granting Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.468  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 10/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024

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

The Department is requesting \$42,653,000.00 of appropriation that will be used to provide funds to capitalize the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) with an emphasis on lead service line replacement and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines.

**Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: NEW Continuation of Existing Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ Change in Existing Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Program: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other: 590:00:46	42,653,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42,653,000.00</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 10/01/2023-09/30/2025

<b>DFA IGS State Technology Planning</b>	<b>Date</b>
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)**

\* unclassified positions only

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:

Robert Brech 11/28/23 Office of Budget Date  
W. N. H. H. H. H. 10-25-23 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date  
 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

  
 11/16/2023

## **Attachment 1 - Project Description**

This agreement will provide funds to capitalize the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) with an emphasis on lead service line replacement and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines. As part of this agreement, the state ensures compliance with federal and state regulations, which are designed to protect public health. Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) authorizes the state to utilize funds to further the health protection objectives of SDWA. Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division has submitted an Intended Use Plan (IUP) as part of the application package for this capitalization grant. This IUP contains a list of the capital projects that address lead service line replacement and associated activities directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines, which may receive funding from this grant. The recipient may also use some of the funding for specific "set-asides" to provide technical assistance to small systems, program administration, state program management and other allowable uses.

The benefits of this grant will be to capitalize Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Division's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) with primary purpose to reduce lead in drinking water by funding projects emphasizing the identification and removal of lead service lines. The Fund may also be used to increase technical, financial and managerial capacity of public water systems, and provide assurance of a cleaner and safer potable water supply by funding improvements to multiple water infrastructure projects. These public health benefits will be statewide.

Lead Service Line inventory

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021  
 APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
 SECTION 37 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Business Area Code: 0790

Program Title: Arkansas Broadband - Digital Equity Planning Grant (IIJA)

Granting Organization: National Telecommunications and Information Administration CFDA #: 11.032

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 The State of Arkansas has been awarded a grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) in the amount of \$843,673.10 to create a robust and comprehensive five-year statewide digital equity plan that will serve as a benchmark and road map for achieving digital equity in our state and meet the requirements established by NTIA in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. We will invest the State Digital Equity Planning grant funds in three major activities: 1) community outreach and stakeholder engagement, 2) data collection and analysis, and 3) report development and distribution. The State Broadband Office, housed within the Arkansas Department of Commerce and under the direction of Glen Howie, Broadband Director, will lead the planning process. However, the Broadband Office will issue a sub-award to Heartland Ford to support all elements of the plan, including community outreach, stakeholder engagement, data collection and analysis, and writing and disseminating the final version of the Digital Equity Plan.

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII7900 Continuation of Existing Program:             
 Funds Center: CA7 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0790.0430DP286IIJA Change in Existing Program: X  
 New Program:           

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	3,443
Conference & Travel Expenses	(15,792)
Professional Fees	18,750
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	(6,401)
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 11/15/2022 - 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.

**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:  Robert Brech      11/28/23  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director      Date      Office of Budget      Date      Office of Personnel Mgmt      Date

Pete Caubbe      11/13/2023

STATE DIGITAL EQUITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM  
Budget Narrative – State of Arkansas  
NCE Revised 10-23-23

Applicant Name: State of Arkansas

Applicant Type: State

Period of Performance: 1 Year (12 months) from Date of Award

Total Project Costs: \$843,673.10

Total Federal Project Request: \$843,673.10

Total Matching Funds: \$0

**Total Federal Funding for Digital Equity Planning Project: \$843,673.10**

**A. Personnel: Total Amount \$0.00**

Although the State of Arkansas employs a State Broadband Director, the director's salary is and will not be funded through this grant. No direct charge will be charged toward this grant. The director's salary is currently funded through other state fund appropriations and will be funded in the future through administrative allowances of IIJA BEAD grant funds.

**B. Fringe: Total Amount \$0.00**

Although the State of Arkansas employs a State Broadband Director, the director's fringe benefits are and will not be funded through this grant. No direct charge will be charged toward this grant. The director's fringe benefits are currently funded through other state fund appropriations and will be funded in the future through administrative allowances of IIJA BEAD grant funds.

**C. Travel: Total Amount \$3,004.27**

ASBO will attend conferences with NTIA related to Digital Equity.

**D. Equipment: Total Amount \$0.00**

No equipment will be purchased for this program.

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**E. Supplies: Total Amount \$23,651.33**

Supplies	Qty	Cost	Total
Laptop	1	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
Digital Equity Booklet	800	\$10.00	\$8,000.00
Office Supplies	1	\$7,819.33	\$7,819.33
Lease office space	1	\$3,162.00	\$3,162.00
ArcGIS Subscription	1	\$9,908.00	\$3,270.00
Total			\$23,651.33

Procurement Methods: All items, including the laptop will be procured through Arkansas "Small Order" procurement method for items costing less than \$20,000.00.

**F. Contractual: Total Amount \$18,750.00**

ASBO will contract for professional consulting services for technical consulting services on the Digital Equity Plan. 7.5 months @ \$2,500 per month.

**G. Construction: Total Amount \$0.00**

There will be no construction costs for this project.

**H. Other: Total Amount \$0.00**

**I. Indirect Costs: 0**

**Total NCE: \$45,405.60**

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Detailed Budget Template Rvsd 10-16-23

		Unit Type	Unit Cost	No. of Units	Total Cost	Federal Funds Requested	Cash Match Amount	In Kind Contribution Value	Match Type (Cash/In-Kind/Both)	Match Percentage	Allowable Total	Notes/Comments
<b>Budget Categories</b>												
Personnel	N/A	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
Fringe Benefits	N/A	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
<b>Travel</b>												
	Transportation (Airfare)	Other	\$1,145.18	1	\$1,145.18	\$1,145.18	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$1,145.18	
	Transportation (Ground)	Other	\$299.23	1	\$299.23	\$299.23	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$299.23	
	Lodging	Other	\$1,186.38	1	\$1,186.38	\$1,186.38	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$1,186.38	
	Meals	Other	\$317.00	1	\$317.00	\$317.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$317.00	
	Parking	Other	\$56.48	1	\$56.48	\$56.48	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$56.48	
Equipment	N/A	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
<b>Supplies</b>												
	Laptop	Other	\$1,400.00	1	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$1,400.00	
	Digital Equity Booklet	Other	\$10.00	800	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$8,000.00	
	Office Supplies	Other	\$7,819.33	1	\$7,819.33	\$7,819.33	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$7,819.33	
	Lease office space	Other	\$3,162.00	1	\$3,162.00	\$3,162.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$3,162.00	
	ArcGIS Subscription	Other	\$9,908.00	1	\$3,270.00	\$3,270.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$3,270.00	
Contractual	NDIA Professional Services	Other	\$2,500.00	7.5	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$18,750.00	
Construction	N/A	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
<b>Other</b>												
	Heartland Forward Sub-Award											
	Personnel - Chief Program Officer	Hour	\$50.00	1000	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$50,000.00	
	Personnel - Support Staff Position	Hour	\$30.00	1500	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$45,000.00	
	Personnel - Support Staff Position	Hour	\$30.00	1500	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$45,000.00	
	Fringe	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
	Travel - Community Stakeholder Meetings	Mile	\$0.625	21500	\$13,437.50	\$13,437.50	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$13,437.50	
	Travel - Planning Committee Meetings	Mile	\$0.625	5160	\$3,225.00	\$3,225.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$3,225.00	
	Travel - Overnight Lodging	Other	\$96.000	90	\$8,640.00	\$8,640.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$8,640.00	
	Travel - Per diem	Other	\$44.250	180	\$7,965.00	\$7,965.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$7,965.00	
	Equipment	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
	Supplies	Other	N/A	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	
	Contractual - Listening Sessions	Other	\$7,500.00	50	\$375,000.00	\$375,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$375,000.00	
	Contractual - Strategy Consulting	Other	\$20,000.00	12	\$240,000.00	\$240,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$240,000.00	
	Contractual - Radio Advertising	Hour	\$1,000.00	10	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$10,000.00	
Indirect	10% de minimus indirect cost rate	Other					\$0	\$0	N/A	0%	\$0.00	Indirects based on 10% de minimus rate of Modified Total Direct Costs.
<b>PROJECT TOTAL</b>					<b>\$843,673.10</b>	<b>\$843,673.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>			<b>\$843,673.10</b>	