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December 1, 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: FY24 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
Secretary

Attachment(s)



**Department of Transformation and Shared Services**

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Secretary Leslie Fiskens

Director Jonathan Askins

September 25, 2023

Special Language fund transfer  
Act 796 of 2023, Section 70

HUA0126 > MHC0100 (cc 339170)

Mr. Jim Hudson  
Secretary, Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

REFERENCE: Innovation and Project Development Fund Request for FY2024

Dear Secretary Hudson:

During the 91st General Assembly Regular Session of 2017, the Legislature passed Act 912 to create the office of the Chief Data Officer (ARData) within the Division of Information Systems. Duties of the CDO Office and Data and Transparency Panel continued in FY2023 including progress towards statewide master data management, data sharing, data governance, and the statewide longitudinal data system. The CDO office has worked with departments on establishing Federal and philanthropic grant funding to sustain these efforts through FY2025.

One of the key duties of the CDO Office and the Data and Transparency Panel is support for "open data exchanges that facilitate standardized access to data within, between, or outside systems or state departments". The Division of Information Systems is a cost recovery agency limited to a chargeback methodology of allowable costs as defined in 2 CFR § 200.405. The open data services supported by the CDO Office have statewide benefits that cannot be objectively charged or assigned to a cost objective in accordance with the relative benefits received. Because of this, we are requesting funds from the Innovation and Project Development Fund be approved to fund portions of staffing and direct costs for supporting statewide transparency and data sharing efforts. Infrastructure and operations for these efforts are supported by the CDO Robert McGough

We respectfully request funds in the amount of \$229,034 from the Innovation and Project Development Fund (Act 796 of 2023) to cover a portion of the expenses associated with these positions and direct costs. The funds may be deposited into fund MHC0100 as in previous years. Attached you will find the calculations for this cost estimate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Askins".

Jonathan Askins  
Director, Division of Information Systems

CC: Andy Babbitt, Deputy Director, and Controller, DFA

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**Division of Information Systems  
 FY24 Innovation and Development Fund Request  
 Estimate Calculations**

<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Grade</b>		<b>% of time</b>	<b>FY24 \$</b>
CDO Robert McGough	IT12	\$ 149,243.95	50%	\$ 74,621.98
<b>Total Salaries</b>				<b>\$ 74,621.98</b>
Fringe (est @ 35%)				\$ 26,117.69
<b>Total Direct Staff Cost</b>				<b>\$ 100,739.67</b>
<b>Other Direct Cost</b>				
Tableau (Open Data)				\$ 119,736.00
<b>Total Other Direct Cost</b>				<b>\$ 119,736.00</b>
<b>Total Direct Cost</b>				<b>\$ 220,475.67</b>
Overhead Allocation @ 13%				\$ 28,661.84
<b>Total Projected Cost</b>				<b>\$ 249,137.50</b>
<b>Approved Innovation Fund Amt</b>				<b>\$ 229,034.00</b>
Difference				\$ (20,103.50)