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March 1, 2024

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 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:

- Department of Human Services – County Operations Division – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$2,900,000
- Department of Commerce – Rehabilitation Services Division – EBD Contingency Set-Aside \$60,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



**DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam
Office of the Secretary**

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February 23, 2024

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
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Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

BA: 0710
FC: NEW
Fund: PWE9600
CI: 590:00:47
FA: HHS

Dear Secretary Hudson:

On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), I respectfully request a release of Restricted Reserve Fund to pay for required state matching funds for a newly authorized federal program to be administered by DHS, in partnership with Arkansas Department of Education.

DHS is requesting the amount of \$2,900,000 to pay for required state matching funds to support the State of Arkansas' participation in the Summer Electronic Benefit Transfer (Summer EBT) Program for Children newly authorized by the USDA Food and Nutrition Services. DHS estimates the total administrative cost of the program to be \$5,686,678 with 50% federally funded and 50% matched by the state. The total requested appropriation for issuance of benefits and program operations is \$50,555,398. DHS will deposit the proceeds into a newly created paying account for tracking and reporting.

Thank you for your assistance. If you need additional information, please contact Misty Eubanks, DHS Deputy Secretary for Operations & Budget and Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO), at 501-320-6327.

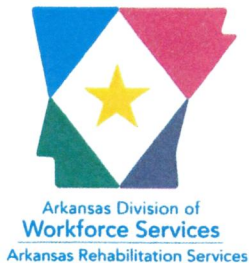
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristi Putnam', written over a vertical line.

Kristi Putnam, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Human Services

KP:mbe

cc: Robert Brech, Administrator
DFA – Office of Budget



BA: 0520
Fund: NRS0002
CC: 359320
FC: 903
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Hugh McDonald
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February 23, 2024

Mr. Robert Brech, J.D., Deputy Directory
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
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RE: EBD or Contingency Set-Aside, SFY 2024

Dear Deputy Director Brech:

The Department of Commerce- Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) respectfully requests \$60,000 from the EBD or Contingency Set-Aside.

ARS will utilize this funding to support the maintenance of the former Army-Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, where ARS operated the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) until its closing in 2019. The funds will pay for utilities and a contract for security services at the property through the end of this state fiscal year.

As always, I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

BA: 0520 CC: 359320 CI: 502:00:02
Fund: NRS0002 FC: 903 Amount: \$60,000.00

Sincerely,

Joseph Baxter
Commissioner, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

Hugh McDonald
Secretary, AR Department of Commerce