

STATE OF ARKANSAS Department of Finance and Administration



June 7, 2024

Senator Justin Boyd, Co-Chair Representative Roger D. Lynch, Co-Chair Joint Budget Committee Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Sub-Committee 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 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants \$9,147,000

Sincerely

James L. Hudson Secretary

Attachment(s)

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

| Agency:  | Arkansas Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Division Business Area Code: 045 |                        |                |         |                       |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Program Title: FFY23 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Emerging Contaminants |   |                        |                |         |                       |  |  |  |  |
| Granting Orga  | nization:   | U.S. Environmental Pro | tection Agency |         | CFDA #: <u>10.680</u> |  |  |  |  |
| 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 Department is requesting \$9,147,000 for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on projects addressing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Emerging contaminants refer to substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known or anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment.

### Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

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| Internal Order | Fund Code: FII4555 //WBS Element: | Change in Existing Program:   |  |
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|                | \$                                |                               | 9,147,000  |
|                |                                   |                               | Program Funding Amount   |

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:

5/1/2024-4/30/2028

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.

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## Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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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:

| Mer w. me                         | 4/24/24 | Robert Brech     | 06/06/24 |
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| Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director | Date    | Office of Budget | Date     |

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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| UNITED STATES  | U.S. E   | NVIRO  | NMENTAL   | GRANT NUMBER (FAIN)<br>MODIFICATION NUMBE<br>PROGRAM CODE:   |  | DATE OF A<br>03/12/2024   |   |  |
| NOBIANS<br>AGENCY  | PROT   | ECTION   | <b>AGENCY</b>   |  |  | MAILING D<br>03/15/2024   |   |  |
| Shvillow   | Grant Agreement  |  |   |  |  | <b>ACH#</b><br>60686  |   |  |
| RECIPIENT TYPE:<br>State   |  |  |   | Send Payment Request to<br>Contact EPA RTPFC at: r   |  | epa.gov   | ,   |  |
| RECIPIENT:   |  |  |   | PAYEE:   | + 30   |   |   |  |
| Arkansas Natural Re<br>10421 West Markha<br>Little Rock, AR 7220<br><b>EIN:</b> 71-0351144   | m Street, Suite 300  |  |   | Arkansas Natural Resour<br>10421 West Markham Str<br>Little Rock, AR 72205-15  | eet, Suite 30  |   |   |  |
| PROJECT MANAGE   | ER   |  | EPA PROJECT OFFICER   | 8  |  | T SPECIALIST  |   |  |
| Leah JohannesEric Anderson10421 West Markham Street1201 Elm Street, SuLittle Rock, AR 72205-2190Dallas, TX 75270-2Email:leah.m.johannes@agriculture.arkansas.govPhone:501-682-0549Email:Phone:214-665-31 |  |  |   | 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500   |  |   |   |  |
| See Attachment 1 fc<br>BUDGET PERIOD<br>05/01/2024 - 04/30/2   |  | PROJECT F  | PERIOD<br>- 04/30/2028  | TOTAL BUDGET PERIOD COST         TOTAL PROJECT PERIOD COST           \$ 9,147,000.00         \$ 9,147,000.00   |  |   |   |  |
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# EPA Funding Information

| FUNDS                         | FORMER AWARD | THIS ACTION  | AMENDED TOTAL |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| EPA Amount This Action        | \$ 0         | \$ 9,147,000 | \$ 9,147,000  |
| EPA In-Kind Amount            | \$ 0         | \$ 0         | \$ 0          |
| Unexpended Prior Year Balance | \$0          | \$ 0         | \$ 0          |
| Other Federal Funds           | \$0          | \$ 0         | \$ 0          |
| Recipient Contribution        | \$0          | \$ O         | \$ O          |
| State Contribution            | \$0          | \$0          | \$ 0          |
| Local Contribution            | \$0          | \$ 0         | \$ 0          |
| Other Contribution            | \$0          | \$ 0         | \$ 0          |
| Allowable Project Cost        | \$ 0         | \$ 9,147,000 | \$ 9,147,000  |

| Assistance Program (CFDA)  | Statutory Authority  | Regulatory Authority  |
|--|--|---|
| 66.468 - Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water<br>State Revolving Funds | Further Additional Supplemental Appropriations for<br>Disaster Relief Requirements Act, 2018 (PL 115-<br>123)<br>Safe Drinking Water Act: Sec. 1452 & Infrastructure<br>Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (PL 117-58) | 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 1500, 40 CFR 33 and 40 CFR<br>35 Subpart L |

| Fiscal    |            |    |                 |                        |           |                 |              |                      |                              |
|-----------|------------|----|-----------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Site Name | Req No     | FY | Approp.<br>Code | Budget<br>Organization | PRC       | Object<br>Class | Site/Project | Cost<br>Organization | Obligation /<br>Deobligation |
| -         | 2406WA0005 | 23 | E3SD            | 06K1                   | 000B81X72 | 4109            | 23DD         | -                    | \$ 365,880                   |
|           | 2406WA0005 | 23 | E3SD            | 06K1                   | 000B81X72 | 4109            | 23DA         | -                    | \$ 8,781,120                 |
|           |            |    | <b></b>         |                        |           |                 |              |                      | \$ 9,147,000                 |

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Budget Summary Page

| Table A - Object Class Category<br>(Non-Construction) | Total Approved Allowable<br>Budget Period Cost |
|---|--|
| 1. Personnel  | \$ 118,903                                     |
| 2. Fringe Benefits                                    | \$ 41,558                                      |
| 3. Travel   | \$ 11,636                                      |
| 4. Equipment  | \$ 0   |
| 5. Supplies   | \$ 1,346                                       |
| 6. Contractual  | \$ 80,000                                      |
| 7. Construction                                       | \$ 0   |
| 8. Other  | \$ 8,781,120                                   |
| 9. Total Direct Charges                               | \$ 9,034,563                                   |
| 10. Indirect Costs: 0.00 % Base                       | \$ 112,437                                     |
| 11. Total (Share: Recipient0.00 % Federal100.00 %)    | \$ 9,147,000                                   |
| 12. Total Approved Assistance Amount                  | \$ 9,147,000                                   |
| 13. Program Income                                    | \$ 0   |
| 14. Total EPA Amount Awarded This Action              | \$ 9,147,000                                   |
| 15. Total EPA Amount Awarded To Date                  | \$ 9,147,000                                   |

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## Attachment 1 - Project Description

The purpose of this agreement is for a capitalization grant which provides funds for the recipient's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program with the primary purpose to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on projects addressing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Emerging contaminants refer to substances and microorganisms, including manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials, which are known or anticipated in the environment, that may pose newly identified or re-emerging risks to human health, aquatic life, or the environment. These substances, microorganisms or materials can include many different types of natural or manufactured chemicals and substances – such as those in some compounds of personal care products, pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, pesticides, and microplastics. Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act authorizes Arkansas to utilize funds to further the health protection objectives of Safe Drinking Water Act. Arkansas has submitted an Intended Use Plan as part of the application package for this capitalization grant. This Intended Use Plan contains a list of the capital projects that address emerging contaminants that 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 the recipient's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund with primary purpose to address emerging contaminants in drinking water with a focus on projects addressing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Fund can then 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. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Division will be entering into Funding Agreements with communities/utilities as part of their Arkansas Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program, and therefore considered subawards. However, these will be awarded as loans and not as subgrants.