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Senator Ben Gilmore Co-Chair
Representative Les D. Eaves, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol, Room 315
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is submitting its quarterly report on storm damage repairs at the Arkansas State Hospital (ASH), funded through restricted reserves. Phase I, involving asbestos abatement, was completed in June 2024. Phases II and III—flood damage remediation for Units 4 and 3, respectively—have been delayed due to bid amounts exceeding the allowable threshold for on-call or emergency procurement work.

As a result, DHS issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on February 16 and 23, 2025, with submissions due by April 9, 2025. Following interviews on May 14, Lockeby & Associates was selected to develop design plans for both units. As this is a project-specific design contract, the \$2 million on-call limit does not apply, allowing the work to proceed based on available funding. Restoring each unit is estimated to cost over \$4 million.

The design contract is being developed to submit for legislative review, with construction anticipated to begin in Fall 2025. While Units 3 and 4 were included in a single RFQ, DHS plans to prioritize Unit 3, which will house a new 16-bed Secured Restoration program.

No new or additional expenses have been incurred since the last report. For further information, please contact Misty Eubanks, Deputy Secretary for Operations and Budget.

Sincerely,

Kristi Putnam, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Human Services

Andy Babbitt, Administrator
DFA-Office of Accounting

Arkansas State Hospital (ASH)

2.28.2025

ASH Storm Damage Repair Status as of 02/28/2025

Legislature Provided Funding MOF #05182

Unit	DBA Proj. #	Project Description	To DBA For Review	To DBA For Bid Date	Low Bid Amount	Bid Status/Notice To Proceed	MOF #	Est. Cost Of Const.	Project Exp. As of 11/30/2024	Cost String	AASIS Funds Obligated by Req/PO	Approv. In AASIS	Status	Design Professional	Div. to Proceed Y/N
	Design	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	7-Jun-24				05182		\$ 46,494.09	418057-10/1DE/HHAX01XX	Various	Approv.	Complete	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Complete
	Construction	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	28-Sep-23	19-Jan-24	\$ 433,000.00	24-Feb-24	05182	433,000.00	433,000.00	418081-02/BV9/NHS2023	4502204077	Approv.	Complete - Inv. Outstanding	Env. Protection Assoc., Inc.	Complete
	Design	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	7-Jun-24				05182	-	92,016.90	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.	Complete	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Complete
	Construction	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	18-Mar-24	8-Aug-24	\$ 3,095,144.00	On Hold	05182	1,967,900.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1000994561	Deleted	Exceeded DBA On-Call Threshold	Baldwin & Shell Const.	Hold
	Design	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3	28-Mar-24				05182	-	147,859.61	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.	Current	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Current
	Construction	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3	28-Aug-24	9-Dec-24	\$ 3,190,313.00	On Hold	05182	2,000,000.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1001008116	Deleted	Exceeded DBA On-Call Threshold	Kinco Construction	Hold
ASH Total Est. BV9 Funds:								\$ 4,400,900.00	\$ 719,370.60						

\$ 46,494.09

\$ 92,016.90

\$ 35,868.94

Previous Design Prof Exp: \$ 174,379.93

New Total Design Exp: \$ 286,370.60

Additional Design fees since last report: \$ 111,990.67