

ALC - Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
ALC Subcommittee Report for
Emergency Action
October 30, 2025

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On October 30, 2025 Senator Ben Gilmore and Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council, and Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from James Hudson, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting emergency approval/review of requests for a Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer and Cash Fund Appropriation.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on October 30, 2025 the Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency approval/review was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Arkansas Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee may act on behalf of the Arkansas Legislative Council regarding the requests, and state herein that the requests shall be filed as approved/reviewed and reported to the Arkansas Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the requests given emergency approval/review.

Restricted Reserve Transfer Request (approved)
Department of Finance and Administration - \$500,000

Cash Fund Appropriation Request (reviewed)
Department of Finance and Administration - \$500,000

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Ben Gilmore, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
PEER Subcommittee *by b.p.*



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
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Sen. Ben Gilmore, Co-Chair
Rep. Les Eaves, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there are items for Legislative Council approval that require your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an emergency approval of these items, which have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

These items are Restricted Reserve and Cash Appropriation requests. The requests are required to allow the State of Arkansas to address food insecurity during the federal government shutdown.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson,
Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration

CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
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Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
Secretary's Office
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer of \$500,000 in appropriation from the Cash Fund Holding Appropriation as authorized in Act 1006 of 2025, Section 27 as follows:

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund (New), Fund Center (New), Commitment Item 510:00:04

The Department will utilize this appropriation along with the restricted reserve funds requested to provide a grant to the Arkansas Foodbank on Monday, November 3rd, 2025. Arkansas Foodbank will distribute the funds equally among the six regional foodbank networks.

In the event that the federal government reopens by Monday, November 3rd, 2025, the Department will not disburse the grant funds and will return the funds to the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside Restricted Reserve Fund.

We will encourage the food banks to purchase Arkansas grown and manufactured goods.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey
CFO/Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator



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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$500,000 in funding from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside, Act 1017 of 2025 Section 4 (B).

The Department will utilize this funding to provide a grant to the Arkansas Foodbank on Monday, November 3rd, 2025. Arkansas Foodbank will distribute the funds equally among the six regional foodbank networks.

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