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January 2, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Cash Appropriation Increase 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)



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

Jacob Oliva October 27, 2025

0500
EDUC
\$4,778,337
12/9/25
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Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner
Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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**State Board of
Education**

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Adrienne Woods
Bentonville
Chair
The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requests an increase in cash fund appropriation for the Multiple Grant Award Fund for FY26.

Lisa Hunter Multiple Grant Award (885 – 04 – NED0004) \$2,427,847

Arkansas is experiencing a persistent teacher shortage that threatens student outcomes. The statewide averages suggest 3–5% of teaching positions are unfilled or staffed by under-certified educators. The ADE DESE Office of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure is responsible for oversight and strategy for ensuring schools are staffed with effective educators who are licensed in their fields.

Randy Henderson
Blytheville
With a grant from the Walton Family Foundation, the department will create a real-time Data

Dashboard to understand how the dynamics of shortages are changing and measure the impact of initiatives to reduce shortages. Additionally, it will create a statewide Educator Job Board, to help educators identify best-fit teaching positions statewide. The technology-enabled talent matching system will help teachers find jobs and help schools statewide fill their vacancies more efficiently.

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

Ken Bragg
Sheridan

Leigh Keener
Little Rock
Please contact me at 501-682-4256 if you require additional information.

Dr. Aaron Abbott
Springdale
Sincerely,

Greg Rogers
Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Education

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Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Governor

Shea Lewis

Secretary

December 12, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
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Re: Cash Fund Increase for Outdoor Recreation – All Kids Bike Program

Dear Mr. Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism, Outdoor Recreation Department requests an increase in our cash fund appropriation for FY26. This increase is requested to allow for grant payments related to the All Kids Bike Program. These grants will provide elementary schools with bicycles, safety equipment, and instructional support—fulfilling this administration's priorities to get more kids outside, active, and off screens while also promoting lifelong health.

The department is requesting an increase of \$750,000 in Commitment Item 04, Grants and Aid, Fund NPT0108 Business Area 0900 for FY2026. This request is supported by a Memorandum of Agreement for funding passed through from Arkansas Department of Health – Minority Health Commission.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 501-773-9788.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jami Fisher".

Jami Fisher
CFO

CC: Shea Lewis
Katherine Andrews
Marty Ryall

BA 0900

FC: New

Fund: NPT0108 (New)

CC: 444000 (New)

REC

Balance as of 12/12/25

\$0

MPK



State of Arkansas
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Office: (501) 618-8235

COL. MIKE A. HAGAR
Secretary

Fund Balance: \$84,050.00

December 12, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – State Crime Laboratory is requesting appropriation authorized under section 27 of Act 1006 of 2025, in the amount of \$74,800. This appropriation will allow the division to utilize balances of existing cash funds received from the Office of the Attorney General for purposes including toxicology test outsourcing and sexual assault kit analysis outsourcing.

If there are any questions, please contact Karen Perry at 501-618-8333.

Business Area: 0955
Functional Area: SFTY
Funds Center: AR9
Fund: NCL0100
Commitment Item: 506:00:10 - \$70,000

Fund: NCL0200
Commitment Item: 506:00:10 - \$4,800

Sincerely,

Col. Mike A. Hagar #275

Colonel Mike Hagar
Secretary



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
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SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

ROBERT A. ATOR II
SECRETARY

December 15, 2025

Jim Hudson, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-3278

RE: FY26 Cash Letter

Business Area – 9915
Funds Center – DL1
Fund – NVA1500
Functional Area – HHS
Commitment Item -

502:00:02 Operating Expense \$40,000

Dear Mr. Hudson:

ADVA respectfully requests \$40,000 in FY26 cash appropriation for the Arkansas State Veterans Cemeteries Division for operating costs including realigning headstones and general maintenance.

The funding source for this request is provided by cash received from federal reimbursements and private burial funds.

Your favorable consideration of this request is appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Ator II".

Robert A. Ator II
Col (USAF Ret)
Secretary



Arkansas Department of Health

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Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Renee Mallory, RN, BSN, Secretary of Health

Jennifer Dillaha, MD, Director

November 16, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson
 Administrator, Office of Budget
 Department of Finance & Administration
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BA: 0286
 Func. Area: PROF
 FC: X11
 Fund: NPM0000
 Fund Balance as of 12/16/2025 is \$285,581
 CI: 502:00:02
 CRB

RE: Cash Increase Letter – Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine

Dear Mr. Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), on behalf of the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine, requests an FY25 appropriation increase in the amount of \$2,000. The details of the request are as follows:

Business Area: 0286	Fund: NPM0000
Functional Area: PROF	Funds Center: X11
Commitment Item: 502:00:02	Amount: \$2,000

This requested increase will support collaboration with other agencies in conducting licensee investigations. The Board's ongoing goal is to ensure transparency and provide thorough review of concerns related to licensees. Funding for this request will be covered through the Board's fees and fines.

If you would like additional information, I can be reached at Geray.pickle@arkansas.gov or by phone at 501-661-2748.

Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Geray Pickle

Chief Fiscal Officer, Arkansas Department of Health

CC: Renee Mallory, Secretary, Arkansas Department of Health
 Don Adams, Chief of Staff and Deputy Director of Administration, ADH
 Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, ADH