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June 4, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair  
Representative Jeffrey Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
PEER-Review Subcommittee  
Joint Budget Committee  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 27 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025 (3), as amended, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

1. Department of the Military – Medical Command Readiness Center – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$925,000
2. University of Arkansas – Division of Agriculture – Center of Excellence for Food Science and Innovation in Fayetteville – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$5,000,000
3. University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff – University Police Facility – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$3,000,000
4. Game and Fish Commission – Conservation Incentive Program for Private Landowners – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$5,000,000
5. Arkansas Educational Television Commission – Infrastructure or Operating Expense Needs – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$500,000

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



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**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF THE MILITARY**  
**OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL**  
**CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON**  
**NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72199-9600**

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**SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS**  
GOVERNOR

**OLEN CHAD BRIDGES**  
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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

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Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of the Military is requesting \$925,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund under Act 1017 of 2025, Section 3(a), to support the state share of a critical infrastructure initiative. The funds will be used for the design of a new Medical Command Readiness Center.

If approved, this state investment will leverage approximately \$2,775,000 in federal funding from the National Guard Bureau, resulting in \$3.7 million in total project funding. This combined investment will significantly enhance the readiness and operational capabilities of the Arkansas National Guard.

The point of contact for this request is BG Jeffrey D. Wood at (501) 212-4751.

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Functional Area: SFTY  
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Sincerely,

**OLEN C. BRIDGES**  
Brigadier General  
The Adjutant General

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Restricted Reserve:  
Act 1017 of 2025,  
Section 3(a)(4)

May 21, 2026

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance & Administration  
1509 W Seventh, Suite 402  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Re: Restricted Reserve Fund

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture respectfully requests \$5,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund. This funding will allow for allocation to construction of the Center of Excellence for Food Science and Innovation in Fayetteville. The project aims to enhance food and nutrition research and workforce development in Arkansas, acting as a bridge between Arkansas agriculture and the food processing industry.

If approved, please release the requested funds to the University of Arkansas System Development and Enhancement reappropriation [Act 85 of 2026, Section 11(X)].

Your review and consideration of this request is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,



Deacue Fields III  
Vice President for Agriculture



Office of the Chancellor

May 15, 2026

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson:

On behalf of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), I respectfully request the release of \$3,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, Section 3(a)(4), to support the construction of a new University Police Facility.

UAPB is committed to providing a safe, secure, and supportive campus environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The proposed new police facility will strengthen campus public safety infrastructure and enhance the University’s ability to support emergency response operations, community policing initiatives, student safety services, and overall campus security operations.

The current police facility presents operational limitations that constrain the University’s ability to effectively support modern public safety functions and the growing security needs of the institution. The requested funding will assist UAPB in advancing a modernized public safety facility designed to improve operational effectiveness, emergency preparedness, and campus-wide safety coordination.

The University appreciates your consideration of this request and respectfully seeks approval for the release of these funds in support of this important institutional priority.

Should additional information be needed, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Carla Martin, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration.

Sincerely,

Anthony Graham, Ph.D.  
Chancellor



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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

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June 1, 2026

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Office of the Secretary  
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is requesting a transfer of \$5,000,000 from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund. This funding will be used to incentivize private landowners to undertake conservation practices for habitat improvements that increase and improve fish and wildlife populations across the state. Payments will be capped at \$20,000 per landowner and will be distributed to an estimated 450-650 private landowners across the state.

In 2024, AGFC executed a \$3,500,000 pilot program from set-aside funding that reached landowners in 67 counties across Arkansas. This request directly addresses the continued demand from the private landowners of Arkansas in conserving the state's wildlife populations and their habitats.

Sincerely,

Doug Schoenrock  
Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



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May 29, 2026

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders  
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Little Rock, AR 72201

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Re: Request for Restricted Reserve Funds

Per discussion with Governor Sanders, the Arkansas Educational Television Commission (AETC) is requesting a distribution in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Governor's Restricted Reserve Funds for the purpose of funding agency needs in the areas of Infrastructure or Operating Expenses.

If you need further information, please let me know by contacting me via email at [cwing@arkansastv.gov](mailto:cwing@arkansastv.gov) or by phone at (501) 682-4183.

Respectfully yours,

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Carlton Wing

Executive Director and CEO