

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

Suspension of the Rules Request ALC/Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020
9:00 a.m. Room A, MAC**

- A. CARES Appropriation Requests for FY21
 - 1. Department of Education-Educational Television Division – Arkansas PBS
 - 2. Department of Finance and Administration



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July 16, 2020

Senator Bruce Maloch, Co-Chair
Representative DeAnn Vaught, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Supplemental Items

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request suspension of the rules by the committee for review of the items listed on the attached page. These items were received after the deadline for submission to your Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review Committee, but we are requesting inclusion in this month's review.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



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July 16, 2020

Secretary Larry Walther
Arkansas Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West 7th Street
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RE: C.A.R.E.S. Appropriation Act 2 of 2020

Dear Secretary Walther:

Arkansas PBS has made a request to the C.A.R.E.S. Act Steering Committee for funding to expand the broadcast footprint of our signal to reach nearer to 100% of available homes in Arkansas. The COVID-19 pandemic showed that AR PBS is vital as a source of high-quality educational material as displayed during the recent public school closures and our broadcast of "Arkansas AMI". Because of the rural nature of Arkansas and the lack of broadband access to many areas of the State, broadcast is the most efficient means of reaching this population.

The Steering Committee approved our request for funding so we will need additional FY 2021 appropriation to expend the awarded funds to continue our response to the educational needs of Arkansas students during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The total amount of appropriation requested is \$5,180,000 and we ask that it be added to the following Fund and Commitment Item:

- New Federal Fund to be Created
- Commitment Item 590:00:47 Broadcast Area Expansion

Please let me know if you have questions or need any additional information at (501) 682-4125 or fwiedower@myarkansaspbs.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred H. Wiedower".

Fred Wiedower

Deputy Director, Finance & Administration (CFO)



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July 20, 2020

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance and Administration
Secretary's Office
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Dear Secretary Walther:

The Department of Finance and Administration Disbursing Officer is requesting a transfer from the CARES Act Holding appropriation in the amount of \$4,000,000.00. This transfer is necessary to move appropriation from the CARES Act holding fund (MXX0111) to the CARES Act Treasury fund (FCOVDEX). On June 20, 2020, the Steering Committee approved a request for a contract with CTEH LLC to provide a comprehensive database solution and expertise necessary to perform the adequate analysis of all CARES Act funding sources required to maximize the federal funding available. By utilizing a database solution, scanned images can be stored of the documentation and information within the system for reporting, data analysis, audit requirements and program compliance. This authority is needed to process payments to CTEH LLC for these services.

From:

Business Area 0620, Fund MXX0111, Fund Center Z67, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund FCOVDEX, Fund Center Z72, Commitment Item 590:00:46.

This request is needed in Fiscal Year 2021.

Please contact Melanie Hazeslip (501) 682-5229 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan McVey', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Alan McVey
Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip