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November 6, 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: Rainy Day Fund Release Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Rainy Day Fund Release Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,


Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

October 23, 2020

Senator Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
315 State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Rainy Day Fund

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by A.C.A. §19-5-1262(c)(2), to transfer from the Rainy Day Fund to the following fund or fund accounts authorized by the General Assembly, the following amount:

Department of Transformation and Shared Services – Division of
Geographic Information Systems

Geographic Information Systems Fund - \$200,000

This release will be used to purchase a coordinated statewide redistricting system.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Asa Hutchinson", written over a faint circular watermark.

Asa Hutchinson



Department of Transformation and Shared Services
Governor Asa Hutchinson
Secretary Amy Fecher

September 30, 2020

Larry Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 W 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Division of Geographic Information Systems Rainy Day Fund Request

Secretary Walther,

This letter is to request the transfer of \$200,000 from the Rainy Day Fund to support Arkansas' preparations for redistricting election precinct boundaries in 2021.

As you are aware, the Division of Geographic Information Systems of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services (GIS) has a statutory obligation to collect and public information on precinct boundaries in anticipation of a decennial census.

Purchasing the software will unify all of Arkansas into one redistricting strategy and simultaneously ensure all levels of election geography are available to Legislative Research, the Arkansas Board of Apportionment, the Executive Branch, and local officials at the County Clerk offices who are required to reassign all voters to their new districts. This would save valuable time and avoid balloting errors for the next election cycle.

In order to meet this obligation, GIS has requested additional funding to purchase software which will allow for a single, statewide redistricting strategy. This strategy, once implemented, will save time and money and avoid potential errors.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Amy Fecher



Memorandum

To: Governor Asa Hutchinson
From: Amy Fecher
CC: Alison Williams, Chad Brown
Date: February 3, 2020
Subject: Request for Rainy Day Funds

BACKGROUND

The Transformation and Shared Services Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Office is requesting \$200,000 in Rainy Day Funding to purchase a coordinated statewide redistricting system. The GIS Office has provided technical support and played an advisory role in the redistricting process for the last two decades and must prepare to get this system operational for 2021 when Arkansas will once again undertake redistricting.

The GIS Office has a statutory role to collect and publish the election precinct boundaries from all Arkansas counties. GIS has an extremely tight budget and no additional funds available to upgrade software ahead of the redistricting process.

Purchasing the software will unify all of Arkansas into one redistricting strategy and simultaneously ensure all levels of election geography are available to Legislative Research, the Arkansas Board of Apportionment, the Executive Branch, and local officials at the County Clerk offices who are required to reassign all voters to their new districts. This would save valuable time and avoid balloting errors for the next election cycle. We've attached a memo from GIS that includes more detailed information about the proposal.

RECOMMENDATION

Release \$200,000 in Rainy Day Funds to the Arkansas GIS Office. GIS has available appropriation through the GIS Trust Fund account.

ATTACHMENT

1. GIS Memo

Amy Fecher, 501.416.0101