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June 4, 2021

Senator Terry Rice, Chair Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 22 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-1263 and Act 1058 of 2021, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of Restricted Reserve Funds from the Executive/Legislative 3/5 Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to various state agencies and institutions of higher education in the amounts detailed on the attached schedule.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Walther Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

Agency or Institution of State Government	Fund Account	Amount
Arkansas State University	for construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, personal services and operating expenses of the various institutions and entities of the Arkansas State University System	
Dept of Agriculture	Agri Fair Fund	
Dept of Agriculture	Cash in State Treasury	
Dept of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission	for the purpose of providing grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities, counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other entities determined by the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Economic Development Commission to be eligible to: (1) undertake public works projects and/or job training efforts which support private sector job creation opportunities; (2) alleviate conditions which constitute a threat to public health and wellbeing; (3) partially defray the cost of providing access to publicly owned industrial parks, and/or technology parks; (4) provide for the expansion of the aircraft and aerospace industry; (5) provide for port, rail and waterway economic development projects; (6) provide for technology based economic development projects; (7) provide for industrial site development costs (including, but not limited to land acquisition, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition); (8) provide for development of intermodal facilities (including, but not limited to port and/or waterway projects, rail spur construction and/or road and highway improvement); (9) pay the costs of environmental mitigation projects; (10) provide for construction and/or improvement of water and sewer systems	
Dept of Education - Division of Elementary and Secondary Education	Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account	
Dept of Education - Division of Career & Technical Education	Division of Career & Technical Education Public School Fund Account	\$1,598,229.00
Dept of Education - Division of Higher Education	Higher Education Grants Fund Account	
Dept of Education - Division of Higher Education	Cash in State Treasury	
Dept of Education - Division of Higher Education	for grants for scholarships to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined by the Division of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote awareness of those scholarships	\$4,000,000.00
Dept of Labor & Licensing - Athletic Commission	Cash in State Treasury	\$325,000.00
Dept of Public Safety	Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund	\$2,000,000.00
Dept of Veterans' Affairs	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account	\$300,000.00
North Arkansas College	North Arkansas College Fund	\$3,000,000.00



FY2022 MPK 5/26/21 The FC and Funds will be setup after approval.

#### OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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May 26, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Restricted Reserve Funding for Act 847, Section 1(A) ASU System Development & Enhancement appropriation

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas State University System respectfully requests \$3,885,666 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to develop and implement a common Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP) for its seven institutions.

Higher education ERP systems are comprehensive and integrated operating platforms covering all aspects of institutional operations. Having a common ERP system on every ASU System campus will provide cost savings and maximize operational efficiencies in areas such as procurement of all campus equipment and supplies/materials, as well as tracking of campus assets. Similar efficiencies will be realized in financial, human resource and payroll operations, and overall business operations. Cost savings are realized by transitioning to cloud-based managed services. This allows the campuses to eliminate or reduce the need of smaller third-party software tools and further lower costs.

As with any initiative such as this, the greatest cost challenges come in the initial implementation phase. These one-time costs are critical to ensure the transition is smooth and less disruptive to the institutions, students, and employees.

The ASU System has worked diligently in recent years to become more efficient and to rely less on governmental funding and student tuition and fees for operating costs. Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

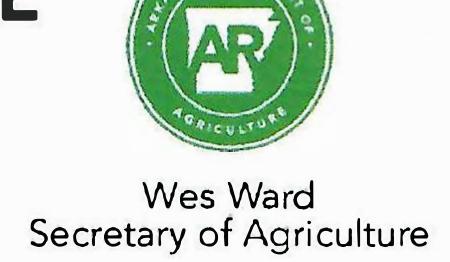
Charles L. Welch

President



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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May 12, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance & Administration
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Little Rock, AR 72201

BA 0400 FC E87

Fund MFA0500

CC 497405

FA COMM KB 05/24/21

Re: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Request for Temporary Appropriation for State Agencies

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture respectfully requests \$1,046,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund for FY2022.

The Department will use the funds to make grant payments to the County and District Fairs to defray unavoidable expenses and needs created by the Coronavirus.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you will let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Ward

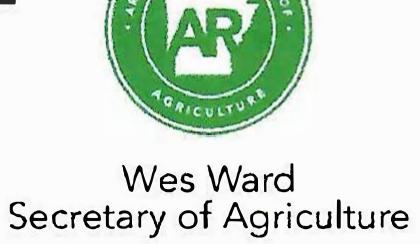
Secretary of Agriculture

State of Arkansas



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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May 28, 2021

BA 0400 FC N47 Fund NAD0000 CC 496820

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance & Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 402
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Funding Request for Washington, Arkansas Emergency Road Improvement Project.

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture respectfully requests \$75,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund for FY2022.

The Department will use the funds to provide a grant to the City of Washington, Arkansas for an emergency road improvement project.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and hope you will let me know if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Wesley W. Ward

Secretary of Agriculture

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State of Arkansas



Michael Preston
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE



June 1, 2021

BA 0790 Func. Area: COMM FC: NEW Fund: NEW

CI: 510:00:04

Mr. Larry W. Walther
Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 W. 7<sup>TH</sup> St., Ste. 401
Little Rock, AR 72201-3933

**RE:** Restricted Reserve Funds Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Walther:

Pursuant to the provisions of A.C.A. §19-5-1263(c), this letter is a request for a funds transfer of \$4.8 million from the Restricted Reserve Fund to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission — Development and Enhancement Fund of Act 848 of 2021, Section 1(B), for a grant to the Arkansas State Police Foundation to be used by the foundation for improvements to the Arkansas State Police precision driving track.

Arkansas Economic Development Commission Development and Enhancement Fund

For a grant to make improvements to the state police precision driving track, specifically the addition of an observation tower for track safety, a maintenance shop for vehicle operations, and for other purposes, in a sum not to exceed – \$4,800,000.00.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Michael Preston Secretary

Department of Commerce

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0590-CTE - 1,598,229 Fund: JWE0200 MPK

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### **Arkansas Department of Education**

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Asa Hutchinson Governor Johnny Key Secretary

April 29, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration 1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Secretary Walther,

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$28,500,000 for the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Facilities Partnership Program and \$1,598,229 for the Division of Career and Technical Education.

In 2018 the Advisory Committee on Public School Academic Facilities made an adequacy recommendation to provide \$90 million per year for Partnership Programs. This amount would enable the state to fund the statewide estimated facility needs. Based on the current General Revenue and Bonded Debt available the division needs an additional \$28.5 million to fulfil the \$90 million recommendation.

The College and Career Coach Initiative has shown results for nearly a decade by meeting and exceeding established Performance Measure goals including college going rates, ACT Scores, Remediation Rates and Financial Aid application submissions. As part of Governor Hutchinson's focus on workforce development, the Division will use these funds for statewide expansion of the Career Coaches Program.

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Sincerely.

CFO, Arkansas Department of Education



### Division of Higher Education

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Johnny Key Secretary Maria Markham, Ph.D. Director

June 1, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary Department of Finance and Administration 401 DFA Building 1509 West 7th Street Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 1058 of 2021, ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Executive/Legislative 3/5 Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide for the following Higher Education Grants Fund appropriation delineated in Act 699 of 2021:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loans and Scholarships - \$483,000

This funding release will provide for the startup and initial distribution of loans and/or scholarships from the Osteopathic Rural Medical Practice Student Loan and Scholarship Program. No funds will be disbursed to students until the Board has been established and rules for the program have been promulgated as set forth in A.C.A. §6-81-1803.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Markham, Ph.D.

Director

Cc: Johnny Key, Secretary

Arkansas Department of Education



BA 0700 MPK New FC and Fund will be created after passage.

## **Division of Higher Education**

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Johnny Key Secretary

Maria Markham, Ph.D. Director

June 1, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary Department of Finance and Administration 401 DFA Building 1509 West 7th Street Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 1058 of 2021, ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Executive/Legislative 3/5 Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide for a new cash fund appropriation as requested for transfer from Section 28 of Act 997 of 2021:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

New Cash Fund Appropriation - \$12,490,000

This funding release will provide for the expansion of graduate medical residency programs in the State of Arkansas.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Markham, Ph.D.

Director

Cc: Johnny Key, Secretary

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Johnny Key Secretary Maria Markham, Ph.D. Director

June 1, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary Department of Finance and Administration 401 DFA Building 1509 West 7th Street Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Pursuant to the provisions of Act 1058 of 2021, ADHE is requesting the release of funds from the Executive/Legislative 3/5 Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund to provide for the following Development and Enhancement Fund appropriation delineated in Act 890 of 2021:

Arkansas Division of Higher Education

For grants for scholarships for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and for personal services and operating expenses as determined by the Department of Higher Education for outreach programs to promote awareness of the scholarships for Historically Black Colleges and Universities- \$4,000,000

This funding release will support scholarships and the promotion of scholarships for Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria Markham, Ph.D.

Director

Cc: Johnny Key, Secretary

Arkansas Department of Education



Asa Hutchinson Governor

Daryl E Bassett Secretary

May 21, 2021

BA: 0209

Fund: NAH0000

FC: E31

CC: 158203 CI: See below

FY: 2022

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Larry W. Walther
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Re:

Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing - Arkansas Athletics Commission

Request for FY22 Restricted Reserve Fund for \$325k

**Dear Secretary Walther:** 

The Department of Labor and Licensing is respectfully requesting \$325,000 from the FY22 Restricted Reserve Fund to help provide funds to the Arkansas Athletics Commission Operations (BA 0209). This request is made due to a reduction in funding caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

Description	<b>Commitment Item:</b>	Amount
Regular Salaries	501:00:00	\$ 85,588.00
Personal Service Match	501:00:03	\$ 35,981.00
Operating Expenses	502:00:02	\$ 88,431.00
Professional Fees	506:00:10	\$ 20,000.00
Refunds/Reimbursements	511:00:14	\$ 20,000.00
Capital Outlay	512:00:11	\$ 75,000.00
Total		\$ 325,000.00

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Daryl E. Bassett

Secretary



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#### State of Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson

#### DEPARMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

1 State Police Plaza Drive Little Rock, Arkansas 72209 Office: (501) 682-2260 Fax: (501) 682-1582 BA: 9913 FA: SFTY FC: Z36

Fund: TCR0101 CI: 511:00:15 KDR 05/28/21

May 28, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Walther:

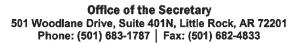
This letter is a request for a transfer of \$2,000,000.00 from the Restricted Reserve Fund, MRR0000, to the Crime Victims Reparations Revolving Fund, TCR0101, within Business Area 9913 to provide for payment of claims of the Crime Victims Reparation Program.

Your support of this request will allow the Department of Public Safety to continue to provide financial compensation to victims who have suffered personal injury or death as the result of violent crime.

Sincerely,

Jami L. Cook Secretary





FY21 FC: 224 Fund: HUA2201 FA: HHS JTR

NATHANIEL (NATE) TODD Secretary

ASA HUTCHINSON Governor

May 4, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration 1590 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401 Little Rock, AR 72203

Dear Secretary Walther,

Act 941 of the 2021 Regular Legislative Session created an incentive structure to ensure that county veteran service officers (CVSO) are maintaining the necessary tools and training to best serve Arkansas veterans. More specifically, Act 941 provides counties financial assistance in an amount of \$500 per quarter for each quarter the CVSO maintains accreditation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and an additional \$500 per quarter for each quarter the CVSO obtains or maintains proficiency and access to the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' Veterans Benefits Management System.

The expected cost of this important incentive is \$300,000 per year and remains unfunded by general revenue in FY2022. Accordingly, the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs requests \$300,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to initiate the effort in FY2022.

Pending your approval, of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Sincerely,

Colonel (ret.) Nate Todd

Secretary, Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs



May 28, 2021

Secretary Larry W. Walther
Department of Finance & Administration
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Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: Restricted Reserve Fund

Dear Secretary Walther,

North Arkansas College respectfully requests \$3,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund. This state funding will be used to partially fund the planned construction of the \$8M **Center for Robotics and Manufacturing Innovation** facility. Other funding will consist of federal grant funds, private and local contributions, local grant funds and college reserves.

The estimated construction start date is October 2021. (Fund Center: 291 – State Operations, Fund CWN0000)

Your review and favorable consideration of this request is great appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Stipe

Vice President for Finance & Administration