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August 6, 2021

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

RE: FY 22 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 38 (01) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Arkansas State University – Jonesboro – Direct Student Aid and Institutional Expenses \$4,100,240
- Arkansas Tech University – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0
- Northwest Arkansas Technical Institute – Direct Student Aid and Institutional Expenses \$889,176
- Department of Health – National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among High-Risk & Underserved Communities \$40,411,710
- Department of Energy & Environment – Division of Environmental Quality – Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program \$5,769,188
- Arkansas State University – Beebe – Lost Revenue Reimbursement, Grants \$2,318,994
- Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases \$90,894,777



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Pursuant to Section 38 (02) of Act 997 of 2021, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – State Fiscal Recovery Funds – Administrative Costs \$15,000,000
- Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – Arkansas Rural Connect Program \$108,444,507

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther
Cabinet Secretary

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Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas State University Jonesboro Business Area Code: 0125
 Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan)
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/25/2020 Ending: 1/16/2022
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (Include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: UNIV Fund Code: 205ARPA Direct Funding
 Funds Center Code: D81 Internal Order/WBS Element _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Capital Construction	4,100,240
Other:	
Total	\$ 4,100,240

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 1/16/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Approved by: [Signature]
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date 11/10/2021

[Signature] 8-6-21
 Office of Budget Date

CH 8/2/21



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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July 30, 2021

Larry W. Walther, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding –(Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas State University System respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 39 of Act 997 of 2021 for HVAC improvements on the ASU Jonesboro campus. The total funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for Arkansas State University (ASU) Jonesboro is \$4,100,240. Please find attached the forms and documentation including the Method of Finance which has concurrently been submitted to Review Committee.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles L. Welch". To the right of the signature is a small, stylized flourish or mark.

Charles L. Welch
President



Arkansas State University System

American Rescue Plan Act - Institutional

Institution	Total Institutional Grants
ASU Jonesboro	\$13,236,085

ASU Jonesboro

Request Purpose	Total Requested
Replacement/Upgrade of HVAC	\$4,100,240
TOTAL	\$4,100,240

TOTAL REMAINING	\$3,733,297
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DFA-OFFICE OF ACCOUNTING
Request for Approval of Method of Financing

Agency: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro Date: 7/28/2021
Project Name: Campus Wide HVAC ARPA Request No.: _____
Project Description: (in detail): For replacement of HVAC's as dictated by the terms of the American Rescue Plan Act.

Appropriation Authority: Act(s): Act 135 of 2020
Estimated Date of Commencement: 9/1/2021
Estimated Date of Completion: 5/1/2022
Estimated Total Project Cost: \$ 4,500,240.00

Estimate of Cost

	Initial Projected Cost	Revised Projected Cost	Final Project Cost
(1) Construction: (Include cost of built-in equipment)	\$ 3,836,364.00		
(2) Architect/Engineer Fees: <u>8</u> % of Item (1)	280,240.00		
(3) Contingencies: [Not to exceed 10% of Item (1) and (2)]	383,636.00		
Total Base Cost:	\$ 4,500,240.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.
(4) Other Costs:			
(A) Land Purchases:			
(B) Art (Act 1079 of 1985):			
(C)			
Total Other Costs:	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.
(5) Movable Equipment and Furniture:	0.00		
(6) Total Cost of Project:	\$ 4,500,240.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.

	Source	Appropriated	Original	Revised	Final
	Bus Area	Funds Center	Commit Item Fund %	Amount %	Amount
(7) Appropriated Funds:					
General Improvement:					
Agency Bank Funds:	0125	A70	5090005 2050000	100%	400,000.00
Source of Bank Funds(Specify):	University Rese <u>res</u>				
Federal Grant Funds:					
Trust Funds:					
Special Revenue Funds:					
Other Appropriated Funds:					
Total Appropriated Funds:				\$ 400,000.00	\$ 0.00 \$ 0.
(8) Other Funds:					
Bond Proceeds:					
Others (Specify):	American	Rescue Plan Act			
	0125	A70	5090005 2050000	100%	\$ 4,100,240.00
(9) TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE:				100%	\$ 4,500,240.00 100% \$ - \$ -

Submitted by: Agency: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro Date: 7-29-21
By: [Signature] Title: VC for Finance & Administration
Approved by: Major Department Approval: [Signature] Date: _____
By: _____ Title: _____
DFA Approval: Office of Accounting Date: _____
By: _____ Title: _____

Revised 9/15/2009

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Tech University Business Area Code: 0130
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E/84.425F
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 6/30/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 This request is to reallocate appropriation that was approved by Arkansas Legislative Council in July 2021. Detailed explanation attached.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: UNIV Fund Code: 210ARPA
 Funds Center Code: D80 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	405,000
Capital Outlay	(405,000)
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6-30-2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

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Approved by: *Supreme McCall* 8-3-21
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

John 8-6-21
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 8-3-21



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MEMO

TO: DFA, Office of Budget

FROM: Linda Birkner, Asst. VP for Administration & Finance

Date: July 28, 2021

RE: American Rescue Plan – ATU Appropriation Reallocation

In July, 2021 ATU submitted and Arkansas Legislative Council approved a request for \$5,550,000 of Arkansas Rescue Plan to be used for HVAC projects. Since the projects are over \$100,000, we are required by law to use a licensed engineer for each project. The expenditures for engineering services' appropriation should have been requested as professional fees, it is necessary to ask for a reallocation of appropriation from the original request. ATU requests that \$405,000 of the \$5,550,000 previously approved as capital outlay be reallocated to the professional fees category. This will result in a remaining balance of \$5,145,000 in capital outlay.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: Northwest Technical Institute Business Area Code: 0552

Program Title: American Rescue Plan

Granting Organization: U S Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E 84.425F

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/16/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Student grants and institutional expenses. Please see attached.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: VTCH Fund Code: FRP5520, FRP5521 Direct Funding: X

Funds Center: Internal Order/WBS Element: Steering Comm. Approved:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses FRP05521 FUND	300,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees FRR5521	18,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04) FRP05520 FUND	571,176
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 889,176

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning **Date**
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

* unclassified positions only

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: Jim Keelms 7/8/2021 [Signature] 8-6-21

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

CH 7/9/21



Northwest Technical Institute
P.O. Box 2000
709 South Old Missouri Road
Springdale, Arkansas 72765

July 8, 2021

Larry Walther
Director of Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Suite 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Mr. Walther,

Northwest Technical Institute is appreciative of the funding opportunity provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and has made thoughtful consideration of the best ways to distribute these funds to benefit our school and our students.

As required by the American Rescue Plan Act, NWTI is requesting appropriation to distribute \$571,176 as emergency financial aid grants to students who were or are enrolled at NWTI since the COVID-19 national emergency began. The attached HEERF III Student Emergency Grant Distribution Plan details student eligibility, the award process, and award amounts for these NWTI students.

NWTI is also requesting appropriation of \$318,000 to be used toward the installation of an HVAC system in the NWTI Collegiate Center to help with air filtration to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The estimated costs for the HVAC system is \$300,000. Professional services required for the design of this HVAC system is estimated at \$18,000. This will replace an outdated HVAC system in the building occupied by the NWTI allied health programs.

Thank you for your consideration of the appropriation of these funds. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jim Rollins
President of NWTI

American Rescue Plan Act Student Emergency Grant Distribution Plan

July 8, 2021

Overview: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide additional economic relief due to COVID-19. As part of the American Rescue Plan, institutions of higher education are eligible for funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) to provide emergency financial aid grants to students enrolled in eligible institutions during the COVID-19 national emergency. The ARP requires that institutions prioritize students with exceptional need, such as students who receive Pell Grants or students with exceptional financial circumstances. Northwest Technical Institute has been awarded \$571,176 in HEERF funds to distribute as emergency grants to students.

Eligibility: All students who were enrolled at Northwest Technical Institute during the COVID-19 National Emergency (on or after March 13, 2020) are eligible for an emergency student grant.

Distribution Process and Distribution Chart: Student emergency grants will be distributed in two ways.

1. Students with a FAFSA on file during the time they were enrolled will be automatically eligible for a student emergency grant based on their FAFSA expected family contribution (EFC) on their most recent FAFSA on file with NWTI. Funds will be distributed as on the following chart:

EFC	Grant Distribution Amount
0 EFC	\$1,500
10 - 5,000 EFC	\$1,200
5,000 – 10,000 EFC	\$1,000
10,000 + EFC	\$800

2. Students who were enrolled during the COVID-19 emergency but do not have a FAFSA on file, will be eligible for an emergency student grant based on the NWTI Application for an Emergency Student Grant. The application will require students to provide a description of their financial need and award amounts will vary based on the need of the student. These grants may be awarded from \$0-\$1,500 depending on need.

Funds will be distributed to student by check. Students will be notified once checks are available. Checks will be made available for students to pick up at the NWTI front desk, unless otherwise requested in writing by the student. If a student does not pick up their check within two weeks, the check will be mailed to the address on file for the student.

American Rescue Plan Act Institutional Expenditure Plan

July 8, 2021

Overview: The American Rescue Plan (ARP) was passed by Congress and signed into law to provide additional economic relief due to COVID-19. As part of the American Rescue Plan, institutions of higher education are eligible for funding from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for certain expenses related to the COVID-19 National Emergency. Northwest Technical Institute has been awarded \$571,176 in American Rescue Plan HEERF funds to use toward eligible institutional expenses.

Requested Appropriation:

HVAC System with Air Filtration System	\$300,000
Professional Design Services (6%)	\$18,000

Statement of Support: Northwest Technical Institute is in need of replacing an outdated HVAC system at our Collegiate Center building on the NWTI campus. This new HVAC system will increase the air quality with a new unit that has a filtration system to decrease the ability of the COVID-19 virus to spread through the building. The Collegiate Center houses the NWTI nursing and CNA programs and prevention of COVID-19 for these healthcare students is important. NWTI is requesting appropriation of \$318,000 for the procurement of the HVAC system and the cost of a professional design team.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency:Arkansas Department of HealthBusiness Area Code:0645

Program Title:National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities

Granting Organization:Centers for Disease Control and PreventionCFDA #:93.391

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2021Ending:6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
COVID-19 has disproportionately affected populations placed at high risk and who are medically underserved, including racial and ethnic minority groups, and people living in rural communities who are at higher risk of exposure, infection hospitalization, and mortality. This grant will provide funding to address COVID-19 and advance health equity (strategies, interventions, and services that consider systemic barriers and potentially discriminatory practices that have put certain groups at higher risk for diseases like COVID-19) that increase the severity of COVID-19 infection and might experience barriers to accessing testing, treatment, or vaccination against the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus which causes COVID-19.

Direct Funding to the agency

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: HHSFund Code:

Funds Center Code:Internal Order/WBS Element:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	663,410
Extra Help	2,213,530
Personal Services Matching	799,654
Operating Expenses	1,018,680
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	470,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	34,503,764.00
Other: Indirect Costs	742,672
Other:	
Total	\$ 40,411,710

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:06/01/2021 - 05/31/2023

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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22173583			609068		501:00:00	ADH Branch Manager	L013C	GS11	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Chief Epidemiologist	L019N	GS12	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Public Information Manager	P004C	GS09	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Health Program Specialist III	L043C	GS08	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Nurse Practitioner	L018N	MP04	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Health Program Specialist II	L048C	GS07	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Research & Statistics Manager	AO72C	GS07	
22173583			609068		501:00:00	Public Information Manager	P004C	GS09	

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Approved by:



Joe R. Romero

7/6/21

Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director



8-6-21

Office of Budget



7/7/21

Office of Personnel Mgmt

SD 7/6/21

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Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request – Overview
\$40,411,710 Award from the
CDC-National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Health Disparities
Among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, including Racial & Ethnic Minority
Populations and Rural Communities

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic exposed longstanding health inequities and has reinforced the need for advancing health equity to reduce health disparities, which disproportionately affect marginalized populations. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) awarded the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) \$40,411,710 to address these COVID-19-related disparities. The funding, part of a \$2.25 billion nationwide investment, seeks to advance health equity by expanding state, local, US territorial, and freely associated state health department capacity and services. The effective period of the award is June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2023.

Purpose

The ADH's Office of Health Equity (OHE) and Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) will collaborate with programmatic areas within ADH and partners across the state to address COVID-19 health disparities. The non-ADH partnerships will be facilitated through community-based sub-grants. The OHE and ORHPC has consulted with organizations already addressing health disparities among minority populations and rural communities and asked for proposals that could help expand their work. These potential partners were given an overview of the scope of the grant award and asked to indicate which strategy their proposed activities would address, along with a proposed budget. Additionally, a statewide competitive selection process will also be conducted to ensure that all potential community partners who provide services to the target population are included.

Efforts to reduce COVID-19 health disparities will be addressed through the four strategies outlined by the CDC. These strategies are:

1. Expand existing and/or develop new mitigation and prevention resources and services to reduce COVID-19 related disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved
2. Increase/improve data collection and reporting for populations experiencing a disproportionate burden of COVID-19 infection, severe illness, and death to guide the response to the COVID-19 pandemic
3. Build, leverage, and expand infrastructure support for COVID-19 prevention and control among populations that are at higher risk and underserved
4. Mobilize partners and collaborators to advance health equity and address social determinants of health as they relate to COVID-19 health disparities among populations at higher risk and that are underserved

Goals

Utilizing the strategies listed above, the OHE and ORPHC will work with several community organizations, civic groups, institutions of higher learning, and faith-based organizations to conduct activities, including vaccination and testing events. In addition, health promotion and education on the risks of COVID-19 and other essential resources will be provided to the target population. The intended outcomes of the sub-grants and the associated activities as outlined by the CDC are to:

- Reduce COVID-19-related health disparities
- Improve & increase testing among populations that are at higher risk & are underserved, including racial & ethnic minority groups & people living in rural communities; and
- Improve state, local, US territorial, and freely associated state health department capacity and services to prevent and control COVID-19 infection.

Sustainability

The OHE and ORHPC plan to utilize both full-time and extra help employees to meet the goals of this grant. The proposed number of full-time and extra help positions to be funded through this grant is 40 (8 new FTE and 32 extra help). These staff will be in various ADH departments, including the Office of Health Communications, the Office of Faith-based Outreach, the Chronic Disease Branch, and the Center for Local Public Health. ADH hopes to sustain the FTE positions at the end of the funding period by seeking additional funding through grants and leveraging partnerships with the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Response Systems, the Chronic Disease Branch, and the Infectious Disease Branch. This will allow us to build upon the progress that will be made over the next two years and ensure continuity of services and activities aimed at reducing health disparities and advancing health equity in the state of Arkansas.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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Agency: ARKANSAS DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Business Area Code: 0930
Program Title: LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Granting Organization: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CFDA #: 93.568
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/28/2021 Ending: 9/30/2023

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded Arkansas Energy and Environment a funding of \$5,769,188.00. The \$5,769,188.00 appropriation will be allocated to the salaries, data processing and grant/aid budget line items which will provide a water assistance program to the Community Action Agencies to assist low-income households in meeting their immediate home water assistance needs. This is the initial federal award of \$5,769,188.00 for this program and will accommodate award number 2103ARLWC5 for \$7,361,484.00 which is the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP9305 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: Steering Comm. Approved:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	74,640
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	27,236
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	5,132,854
Other: (44 Data Processing)	534,458
Other:	
Total	\$ 5,769,188

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2023

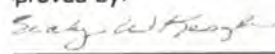
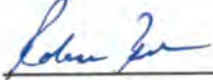
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Approved by:  08.05.21  8-6-21 Date
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget MT 8/5/21 Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

**Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)
Proposed 2021 State Plan for Arkansas**

Eligibility, Priorities for Service, and Benefits

LIHWAP assists income-eligible applicants with drinking water and wastewater costs; no other charges on the water bill are allowable. Additionally, one-time benefits for current water bills where households are not behind in paying their bills, will be paid from a benefits matrix based on household sizes and income levels, for drinking water and for wastewater.

Arkansas proposes a one-time maximum crisis benefit of \$1,000.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY		PRIORITIES FOR SERVICE	BENEFITS
<i>Representative Household size:</i>	<i>Annual Income:</i>	<i>Vulnerable population:</i>	<i>Crisis categories:</i>
1	\$ 22,303*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elderly • Persons with disabilities • Young children in home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnected • In threat of disconnection • Arrearages on bill
4	\$ 42,891*		
8	\$ 66,990**		

**60% of Arkansas median income **150% of federal poverty level*

Community action agencies (CAAs) that administer the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) will accept applications to determine eligibility and make LIHWAP pledges to water companies.

Outreach

Applicants determined eligible for LIHEAP are automatically eligible for LIHWAP and will be contacted to assess needs for additional support. The program will explore the possibility of including TANF and SSI recipients in the LIHWAP eligibility pool. Other outreach activities, utilizing water companies, news, and social media will be used to inform the public about LIHWAP benefits. In addition, direct contact with water customers behind in paying water bills is planned.

Water Companies

LIHWAP has identified 600+ water companies in Arkansas through the Arkansas Water Works and Water Environment Association (AWWWEA), the Arkansas Rural Water Association, the Arkansas Municipal Power Association, the Arkansas Health Department, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- A survey will be sent to all water companies to gather more information about existing need in Arkansas and how water companies can interface with LIHWAP.
- Each water company will be required to sign an agreement specifying how funding will be applied to customer accounts and acknowledging requirements for accepting LIHWAP funds.

Funding and Management

Program integrity will be addressed by strictly adhering to the applicant eligibility process, by verifying eligible water charges with utility companies, and overseeing payments to water companies.

\$13.1 million in LIHWAP funds will be used as follows:

Household benefits (required minimum)	75%
Outreach/Eligibility – CAAs and third-party provider	10%
Administration: (federal cap is 15%)	
State personnel	2%
State management: third-party technology and CAA operations	13%

Arkansas's LIHWAP Plan is due to U.S. DHHS by August 9, 2021.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas State University - Beebe Business Area Code: 0120

Program Title: Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan Act)

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425F & 84.425E

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/25/2021 Ending: 1/16/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2 to provide emergency support to students and to support institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 206ARPA Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D52 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Steering Comm. Approved: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,846,162.50
Other: Reimburse Lost Revenue from Discharge of Student Debts	472,831.00
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,318,993.50

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 1/16/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: [Signature] 8/10/21 [Signature] 8-13-21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Office of the Chancellor



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August 9, 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: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Walther:

The Arkansas State University System respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized in Section 38 of Act 997 of 2021 to (1) provide direct grants to Fall 2021 students for emergency relief under the provisions provided by the US Department of Education, (2) reimburse the ASU-Beebe for lost revenue as a result of discharged student debt whose balances originated in summer 2020, Fall 2020 or Spring 2021.

This request is for FY2022. The total funding to be disbursed or reimbursed from the Education Stabilization Fund (American Rescue Plan) for Arkansas State University – Beebe is \$2,318,993.50. Please find attached the forms and documentation.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jennifer Methvin
Chancellor

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Arkansas State University - Beebe

American Rescue Plan Act - Student Relief Portion Plans

Institution	Total Student Grants
ASU - Beebe	\$3,642,583

Purpose: To distribute relief grants to full-time and part-time students prioritizing students with exceptional need.

ASU Beebe

Estimated Distribution Schedule	Amount Estimated to Distribute	Amount Remaining to Distribute
Sep-21	\$ 1,846,162.50	\$1,796,420.50

Category	Number of Students	Award Amount	Total
1-5 Hrs/EFC=0	21	\$ 325.00	\$ 6,825.00
1-5 Hrs/EFC = 1-999	3	\$ 243.75	\$ 731.25
1-5 Hrs/EFC>1000	12	\$ 162.50	\$ 1,950.00
1-5 Hrs/EFC = n/a	217	\$ 162.50	\$ 35,262.50
6-8 Hrs/EFC=0	60	\$ 650.00	\$ 39,000.00
6-8 Hrs/EFC = 1-999	8	\$ 487.50	\$ 3,900.00
6-8 Hrs/EFC>1000	31	\$ 325.00	\$ 10,075.00
6-8 Hrs/EFC = n/a	132	\$ 325.00	\$ 42,900.00
9-11 Hrs/EFC=0	66	\$ 975.00	\$ 64,350.00
9-11-8 Hrs/EFC = 1-999	9	\$ 731.25	\$ 6,581.25
9-11 Hrs/EFC>1000	41	\$ 487.50	\$ 19,987.50
9-11 Hrs/EFC = n/a	96	\$ 487.50	\$ 46,800.00
=>12 Hrs/EFC=0	654	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 850,200.00
=>12 Hrs/EFC = 1-999	112	\$ 975.00	\$ 109,200.00
=>12 Hrs/EFC>1000	582	\$ 650.00	\$ 378,300.00
=>12 Hrs/EFC = n/a	354	\$ 650.00	\$ 230,100.00



Arkansas State University - Beebe

American Rescue Plan Act - Institutional

Institution	Total Institutional Grants
ASU - Beebe	\$3,535,336

ASU Jonesboro

Request Purpose	Total Requested
Discharge student debt as lost revenue	\$472,831
TOTAL	\$472,831

TOTAL REMAINING	\$3,062,505
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**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases
 Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CFDA #: 93.323
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2020 Ending: 7/31/2021

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, Congress appropriated emergency supplemental funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to provide recipients the ability to support comprehensive screening testing for K-12 schools (public and private). This funding is to establish screening testing programs in schools around the country in April 2021, extending through the end of the school year and into summer activities and subsequent school year, as funds allow.

Direct Funding

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Functional Area Code: HHS Fund Code: PHD0000
 Funds Center Code: 34PV Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other: Misc. Commitment 51	90,894,777
Total:	\$ 90,894,777

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2022

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved by:

[Signature] 8/13/21
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 8-13-21
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) APPROPRIATION REQUEST

Title: ELC Reopening Schools: Support for Screening Testing to Reopen and Keep Schools Operating Safely

Funding Period: August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

Funding Amount: \$90,894,777.00

Executive Summary:

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has received federal funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Cooperative Agreement to support K-12 school districts to operate safely and effectively during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, the funding is intended to provide testing resources to our State's K-12 school districts to identify cases rapidly and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the school setting.

The ADH plans to utilize ELC Reopening Schools funds to directly support K-12 school districts in the following ways: 1) provide funding to K-12 school districts to augment salary or other costs associated with devoting staff time to performing COVID-19 specific duties, including but not limited to coordinating COVID-19 testing for students and staff, reporting important testing information (e.g. patient details for positive cases), liaising with the ADH, etc. and 2) solicit, select and implement turn-key surveillance testing programs from third party testing vendors for K-12 school districts who wish to participate in a COVID-19 surveillance testing program. (Note: K-12 school district participation in any future COVID-19 surveillance testing program will be entirely optional at both the school and individual level).

The process by which funding will be provided to the K-12 school districts to support staff devoted to COVID-19-related activities will be by developing sub-grants with each of the sixteen education cooperatives, who will in turn direct funds to schools. Based on the existing relationships that the education cooperatives have with school districts statewide, invitations for proposals will be extended to each in order to establish the sub-grant agreements. ADH will establish criteria for the cooperatives to apply in determining the funds to be allocated to each school district. The cooperatives will be responsible for reporting monthly to ADH. Additionally, to be eligible for the funding, school districts served by these cooperatives must have points of contact dedicated at least partially to COVID-19 activities. This process is more efficient and less time consuming than developing direct funding links to individual schools. The education cooperatives will be provided administrative costs for their part in this process. Private school districts, which are not represented by the education cooperatives, will have funds made available through a similar sub-granting process with associations devoted to private schools.

The selection of a third-party testing vendor will be based on a competitive selection process. The ADH will solicit bids from testing vendors for a period of 14 days, after which proposals will be carefully evaluated by a panel of ADH experts and a representative from the Arkansas Department of Education. Broadly, proposals will be evaluated based on feasibility, ease of implementation, pricing, testing turnaround times, sample transport plans, and ability to rapidly communicate results to patients and the ADH. While the process will indeed be competitive, ADH intends to establish a contract with the selected vendor through emergency procurement. This is a necessary step to ensure that a surveillance testing

program is made available to K-12 school districts as rapidly as possible. Arkansas is currently in the midst of a severe surge of COVID-19 that is resulting in record numbers of Arkansans, especially young Arkansans, becoming hospitalized.

Background:

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) has been provided numerous supplemental funding awards from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) grant to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In early 2021, the ADH received \$90,894,777.00 allocated specifically to ensure the safe reopening and continuous operation of schools amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Generally, this funding is intended to provide direct support to K-12 school districts for establishing surveillance testing programs to facilitate the rapid identification and isolation of cases to prevent spread in schools. The funding period for this award is August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022.

Implementation Plan:

The ADH's plan to expend these particular ELC funds includes two overarching strategies: 1) provide direct financial support to K-12 school districts to augment the cost associated with devoting staff to COVID-19-specific duties and 2) solicit, select and implement turn-key surveillance testing programs from third party testing vendors.

Financial Support to School Districts

Since the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year, K-12 school districts in Arkansas have maintained staff who are responsible for a myriad of COVID-19 activities. These staff members have been a vital facet to the successful operation of schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. Duties have included coordinating testing, reporting case and contact information to the ADH, and liaising with ADH officials during periods of increased activity. Through this funding mechanism, the ADH now has the opportunity to provide direct financial support to K-12 school districts to maintain or potentially even expand their staff devoted to COVID-19 activities.

There are currently sixteen education cooperatives in Arkansas that serve each of the more than 260 K-12 school districts. The ADH will funnel funds through the education cooperatives to school districts by way of sixteen sub-grants. School districts served by these cooperatives must have points of contact dedicated at least partially to COVID-19 activities to be eligible for funding. This process is more efficient and less time-consuming than establishing sub-grants to each of the individual school districts. The education cooperatives will be provided administrative costs to offset any burden associated with this process. Since private schools are not represented by the education cooperatives, a similar process will be established with associations devoted to private schools.

Solicitation, Selection, and Implementation of Surveillance Testing Vendors

The ADH will establish and offer a voluntary surveillance testing program to K-12 school districts through a third-party testing vendor. The process by which a testing vendor will be selected will be competitive. The ADH will solicit bids from potential vendors for a period of 14 days. Proposals that are received will be evaluated by a panel of ADH experts and at least one representative from the Arkansas Department of Education. The ADH experts will include the ELC Principal Investigator, clinical staff, epidemiology staff,

and laboratory staff. The panel will evaluate proposals for a period of no more than 7 days on criteria that include but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Ability to offer pooled PCR testing, via some sampling method that is minimally intrusive (anterior nares-just inside nose, or saliva/spit)
2. Optimal pricing (e.g. "per test/pool" price)
3. Ability to offer "lab pooling" (individual samples arrive to lab, then are combined to test pool; increases speed of identifying positive cases in the pool)
4. Ability to offer personnel who can come in and perform the testing within the school
5. Ability to provide "variant"/genome testing
6. Turnaround time from sampling to results reporting. (Ideally around 24 hours)
7. Ability to offer comprehensive and rapid couriering services for samples.
8. Must communicate results to (a) school, (b) parents, AND (c) ADH (reporting requirements to ADH are described in the following sections).

The proposal that most closely aligns with evaluation criteria and is agreed upon by the majority of panel members will be selected. The contract with the selected vendor will be established through an emergency procurement process. This is a necessary step to ensure that a surveillance testing program be made available to K-12 school districts as quickly as possible. At the time of this writing, Arkansas is experiencing a severe surge of COVID-19, mostly related to the highly infectious and virulent Delta variant. Record numbers of hospitalizations have been recorded, and more children were hospitalized due to COVID-19 in July than any period since the pandemic began. The ability to offer testing to K-12 school districts is critical, especially since a vaccine is not currently available for individuals under 12 years old. Although surveillance testing will be offered to all K-12 school districts, participation will be voluntary. Additionally, ADH will not require any student or staff member to test within school districts that voluntarily participate in surveillance testing

The testing vendor that is selected will be subject to specific requirements related to reporting data to the ADH. Specifically, the testing vendor will report the following patient information on all positive and negative tests conducted within 24 hours of a result:

1. Patient first and last name
2. Date of birth
3. Street address
4. City of residence
5. County of residence
6. Specimen collection date
7. Test result date
8. Test result
9. School and School district where patient attends

These data will be reported to the ADH electronically, preferably via Health Level 7 (HL7) electronic laboratory reporting mechanisms, to reduce burden associated with data entry and increase speed of information flow. The electronic feed between the testing vendor and ADH will be maintained for at least the duration of the contract.

The testing vendor will provide ADH with quality assurance reports at regular intervals so that the ADH can maintain appropriate oversight of testing activities. In particular, the testing vendor will provide

testing turnaround times, number of overall tests conducted, number of tests conducted by school districts, and other relevant measures established by ADH experts. The ADH will carefully examine the testing vendor performance and provide corrective action in a timely manner when required.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021

Agency: DFA Disbursing Officer Business Area Code: 0620
Program Title: State Fiscal Recovery Funds - Administrative Costs
Granting Organization: US Treasury CFDA #: 21.019
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/20/2021 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
This is part of ARPA - State Fiscal Recovery. The department received approval from the ARPA Steering Committee to process reimbursements to state agencies for a list of preapproved items. These items are necessary at the state agency level to help prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to; masks, gloves, sanitization, thermometers, batteries, etc.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: ADMN Fund Code: FRP6200 Direct Funding: _____
Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: F.0620.ARPPREAPPR22-E Steering Comm. Approved: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	15,000,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 15,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

DFA IGS State Technology Planning	Date
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.	

Positions to be established: (list each position separately) * unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: Larry W. Watkins 8/3/21 Robert J. ... 8-6-21
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
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STATE OF ARKANSAS
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August 6, 2021

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

Dear Secretary Walther:

The American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) Executive Steering Committee released \$15 million dollars of ARPA funds to the Department of Finance and Administration to reimburse state agencies for their cost of purchasing person protective equipment (PPE) from the attached pre-approved list to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Arkansas.

State agencies will purchase approved items from the attached list as needed for the safety of their employees with their funds and appropriation. They will request reimbursement by filing a claim with DFA Disbursing Officer that includes enough verifiable documentation to support the claim. DFA will verify the documentation and disburse the funds to the state agency.

I respectfully request your approval of the process outlined above and request that the Office of Budget present the appropriation request for DFA Disbursing Officer to the Arkansas Legislative Council to allow for the disbursement of the funds.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul S. Louthian', is written over a horizontal line.

Paul S. Louthian, CPA
State Comptroller

LIST OF PRE-APPROVED ITEMS FOR PURCHASE

Initial 07/20/2021

The following items have been pre-approved for purchase by the Arkansas ARPA Steering Committee. If you have purchased items from the list below and would like to request reimbursement, you will need to complete the Reimbursement Request Form.

If you wish to purchase an item not listed below, you will need to complete the Request for ARPA Act Steering Committee Approval form and provide adequate information and justification to support your request.

All purchase must be supported by document dated March 3, 2021 or after.

Services and programs to contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including

Personal Protective Equipment

N95 Masks
KN95 Masks
Surgical Masks
Cloth Masks
Face Shields
Goggles/Safety Glasses
Isolation Gowns
Gloves

Public Health Expenses

No Touch Thermometers
Forehead Thermometers
Ear Thermometers
Thermometer Covers
Wristbands (paper)
Batteries
Basic First Aid Kit
Rubbing Alcohol
Hand Sanitizer
Siphon Pump (for Hand Sanitizer in drum or bucket)
Plastic Bottles (for Hand Sanitizer in drum or bucket)
Bleach
Mop Bucket
Mop Handle
Mop
Trash Cans with Lids
Garbage Bags
Clear Shower Curtain (used to separate customer from employee)
Shower Curtain Rods (used to separate customer from employee)
Plexiglass Dividers for Social Distancing (includes materials and installation costs)

Sanitization and related expenses:

Sanitizing Sprays
Sanitizing Cleaners
Sanitizing Soaps
Sanitizing Wipes
Contractual Services of a Janitorial/Sanitization/Decontamination Company
Purchase of Air Ionization Sanitization Equipment for in-house Office/Building Cleaning

Disposable Food-Related Expenses Specific to Inmate or Residential Care Facilities:

Styrofoam - food containers or cups

Plastic - food containers, plates, cups, utensils or straws

Cardboard/Paper containers

Paper - plates, cups or straws

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 997 OF 2021**

Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Business Area Code: 0790

Program Title: America Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Arkansas Rural Connect Program

Granting Organization: 117th Congress of the United States CFDA #: _____

Effective Date of Authorization Beginning: 07/01/2021 Ending: 06/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

To utilize funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for continuation of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission's rural broadband program, grant awards, operations, purchase of equipment and construction expenses necessary to assist in the deployment or improvement of broadband infrastructure into unserved or improvement to unserved communities in Arkansas; cost of infrastructure equipment required to provide broadband network service; regular salaries and personal services matching for staff; fees for management consultants and strategic program design advisory services, including customizable software services and program management support; engineering costs for project design; legal costs related to the acquisition of real estate rights or easements; costs of media, electronics, cabling, and communications equipment; make ready costs for utility pole attachments; boring and splicing cost for infrastructure construction; educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll for extra help staff or contract labor; to ensure timely and proper implementation of network construction, related equipment and material installation necessary to expand the broadband footprint in Arkansas. These funds will support essential infrastructure improvements that will allow Arkansans to compete in today's digital economy, enhance healthcare outcomes through telemedicine, and improve access to education.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

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approved

Functional Area Code: COMM Fund Code: FRP7900
Funds Center Code: A13 Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0790.ARPRRESCUEPL21

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	108,444,507
Other:	
Total	\$ 108,444,507

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2022

M. Lythia Li 8/12/2021
DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers Sub Area	Cost Center	Position Number	Commit. Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

Michael Preston 08/11/2021
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date
Michael Preston, Ark. Dept. of Commerce

John P. ... 8-13-21
Office of Budget Date
ey 8/11/2021

Office of Personnel Management Date

Prospective Projects: 08/06/2021

No.	ISP/Company	Project	Amount	Technology
1	AR Valley Electric Coop	Rural Logan County	\$2,064,000.00	Fiber
2	ARTelco	Edgemont - Cleburne County	\$2,890,040.00	Fiber
3	ARTelco	Shirley	\$1,359,201.00	Fiber
4	ARTelco	Fairfield Bay - Phase 2	\$5,484,052.00	Fiber
5	Ashley-Chicot Electric Cooperative	Chicot County	\$2,436,336.00	Fiber
6	CableSouth Media3 SwyftConnect	Grady	\$1,393,589.44	Fiber
7	CableSouth Media3 SwyftConnect	Ashley	\$2,819,973.00	Fiber
8	Clay County Connect	Greene County	\$678,173.00	Fiber
9	Clay County Electric Coop	Clay County Phase 2	\$3,699,119.00	Fiber
10	Clay County Electric Coop	Randolph County Phase 2	\$5,020,895.00	Fiber
11	East AR Video	Wheatley	\$991,000.00	Fiber
12	East AR Video	St. Francis County	\$77,350.00	Fiber
13	Extreme Broadband	Waldron	\$4,004,218.00	Fiber
14	IndCo Cable TV	White County	\$3,880,028.00	Fiber
15	Madison County Telco MCTC	Kingston	\$2,944,836.00	Fiber
16	Madison County Telco MCTC	Aurora	\$1,794,386.00	Fiber
17	Mountain View Telephone CO	Hubb Willis	\$435,761.00	Fiber
18	Ritter	Lee County	\$8,404,265.00	Fiber
19	Ritter	Crittenden County	\$5,182,308.00	Fiber
20	SATCO	Warren	\$3,895,629.00	Fiber
21	TCW	Faulkner County	\$5,817,677.00	Fiber
22	Windstream	Searcy County	\$6,383,106.00	Fiber
23	Windstream	Grant County	\$10,782,386.00	Fiber
24	Windstream	Sevier County	\$7,041,252.00	Fiber
25	Windstream	Carroll County	\$4,867,453.00	Fiber
26	Windstream	Van Buren	\$586,047.00	Fiber
27	Windstream	Faulkner County	\$7,584,168.00	Fiber
28	WOW	Hartman	\$1,208,310.00	Fiber (Resubmitted)
29	WOW	Coal Hill	\$2,218,948.17	Fiber (Resubmitted)
Total			\$105,944,506.61	

Arkansas Rural Connect Program, Project Management Engagement Summary, Aug. 2021

Objectives and Scope

- Utilizing American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) federal funding, the Arkansas Department of Commerce Broadband Office (Broadband Office) will request an online portal solution be built and delivered to receive and store applications from local government entities and internet service providers (ISPs) aiming to deploy broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Arkansas
- The portal will have the ability to allow all data provided by applicants to be reviewed by a team of technical reviewers from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine Institute of Digital Health and Innovation (UAMS)
- The functionality of the portal will allow for the creation and submission of applications, eligibility review by desired reviewers, and reporting of the grant administration and documentation

Arkansas Rural Connect Program, Project Management Engagement Summary, Aug. 2021 (Cont.)

Performance Standards

- Provide strategic program design advisory services to the Broadband Office managers, applicants (i.e., local government entities, ISPs), and UAMS technical reviewers regarding regulatory requirements for the program, the eligible uses of funding, proper documentation of expenditures, and required reporting of expenditures, to ensure program delivery compliant with regulatory requirements for federal funding
- Construct an online application portal allowing the web-based submission of applications using questions and required data points provided by the Broadband Office
- Construct the online review portal that will allow program manager evaluation of the application information and allow analysis, reporting, and review of the applicant information
- Provide regular updates regarding the design and development of the application portal and the review portal
- Incorporate change requests and conduct testing prior to the delivery of the application and review portals

Arkansas Rural Connect Program, Project Management Engagement Summary, Aug. 2021 (Cont.)

Performance Standards (Cont.)

- Upon request by the Broadband Office, establish a call center to support end users, Mon. through Fri., 8 am to 5 pm, or similar hours
- Upon request by the Broadband Office, provide support for other languages such as Spanish or Marshallese
- Allow applicants, local government entities and ISPs, to create a login for application creation and submission
- Provide portal logins and appropriate access to users requested by the Broadband Office
- Provide regularly updated online reporting (i.e., dashboards and views) that display the number of applications received, the status, qualifying or disqualifying attributes of the application, and other pertinent information requested by the Broadband Office
- Incorporate communication tools (i.e., notifications, comments, and notes) into the portal to be utilized by the Broadband Office, consultants, and UAMS technical reviewers

Arkansas Rural Connect Program, Project Management Engagement Summary, Aug. 2021 (Cont.)

Performance Standards (Cont.)

- Based on the data received through all applications, assist the Broadband Office and UAMS technical reviewers with data extraction and analysis to better inform the decision for an allowable grant determination
- Utilizing spatial data sources currently in use by the Broadband Office and spatial files submitted by an applicant, provide GIS services needed to support final grant awards
- Where applicable, once grants are approved, interface with the State of Arkansas accounting system or Arkansas Administrative Statewide Information System (AASIS) for payment processing
- Based on program requirements and duration (through Dec. 2022) and the establishment of a forward-facing applicant portal, an internal review portal, policy support related to proposals, project management team, and a staff augmentation team to support the applicants and the UAMS reviewers, the budget for this work has been set at \$2.5 million with an estimated completion date in calendar quarter 4Q 2021