

**ALC-Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER)
ALC Subcommittee Report for
Emergency Action
January 11, 2022**

On January 11, 2022, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, and Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from Larry Walther, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting emergency approval of a request for American Rescue Plan appropriation.

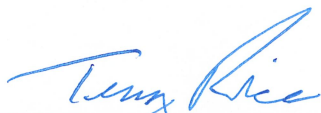
Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on January 11, 2022, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency approval was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER subcommittee may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to the request, and state herein that the requests shall be filed as approved and reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the request given emergency approval:

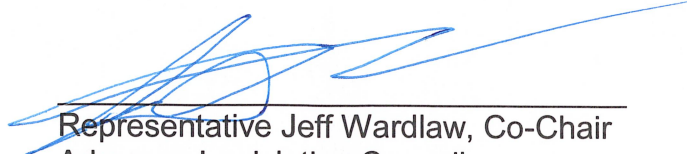
American Rescue Plan Appropriation Request

Department of Health - St. Bernards - \$2,565,000
Department of Health - Mercy Hospital NW - \$4,052,160
Department of Health - Mercy Fort Smith - \$3,600,000
Department of Health - Conway Regional - \$7,650,000
Department of Health - CHI St. Vincent Little Rock - \$6,750,000
Department of Health - CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs - \$6,750,000
Department of Health - Washington Regional - \$1,440,000
Department of Health - Unity Health White County - \$7,875,000
Department of Health - Baptist Health Conway - \$3,528,000
Department of Health - Baptist Health Van Buren - \$4,410,000
Department of Health - Arkansas Children's Hospital - \$1,500,000

Respectfully Submitted,



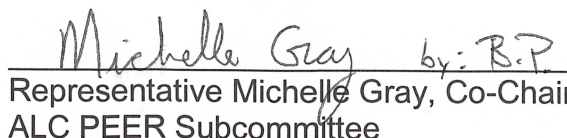
Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
ALC PEER Subcommittee



Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
ALC PEER Subcommittee



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January 10, 2022

Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there are items for Legislative Council approval that require your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an emergency approval of these items, which have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

These items are American Rescue Plan Act requests. The requests are required to allow the Arkansas Department of Health to partner with multiple hospitals in the state to increase the hospital bed capacity statewide.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Larry W. Walther'.

Larry W. Walther,
Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration

CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee



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José R. Romero, MD, Secretary of Health

January 11, 2022

Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

This is a request for emergency Legislative Council review of appropriation requests from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to increase COVID-19 hospital bed capacity. In response to the strain that the COVID-19 Omicron variant has imposed on hospitals statewide, ADH partnered with nine (9) hospital systems across the state to request a total of \$50,120,160 from the ARPA Steering Committee to secure an additional 265 ICU and medical hospital beds. The funding requests were approved and your consideration to allocate appropriation would be greatly appreciated.

As ADH has done with previous ARPA funding awards, if able to proceed with expending the funding, we will submit proof of ARPA expenses to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement. All reimbursed funds would be returned to the State's budget by transfer to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, ADH respectfully asks that you please institute emergency action procedures and consider the appropriation requests outside of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council. I welcome any comments or questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

José R. Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAAS, FIDSA, FPIDS
Arkansas Secretary of Health
Director, Arkansas Department of Health

CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee
Renee Mallory, ADH Chief of Staff

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-St. Bernards Medical Center
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committtee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and St. Bernards Medical Center have partnered on a proposal to request \$2,565,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 13 COVID beds and 8 COVID ICU beds, or a total of 21 beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with St. Bernards Medical Center that will include the reimbursement of 30 days X 13 COVID beds X \$3,500/day and 8 COVID ICU beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$2,565,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645H Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AK5 Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCSB22 Steering Comm. Approved: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	2,565,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,565,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: February 11, 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	Emnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: José R. Remelón 2/11/22 [Signature] 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$2,565,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with St. Bernard’s Medical Center – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and St. Bernard’s Medical Center have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$2,565,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 21 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 13 medical COVID beds at \$3,500 per bed and 8 ICU COVID at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with St. Bernard's Medical Center in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Mercy Hospital NW
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Hospital NW have partnered on a proposal to request \$4,052,160 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 18 COVID ICU beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Hospital NW that will include the reimbursement of 30 days X 18 COVID ICU beds X \$7,504/day, which will not exceed \$4,052,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645P Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCMH22 Steering Comm. Approved: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	4,052,160
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 4,052,160

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: February 23, 2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved by: [Signature] 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$4,052,160

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Mercy Hospital NW – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Hospital NW have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$4,052,160 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 18 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 18 ICU COVID beds at \$7,504 per bed for a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Hospital NW in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Mercy Fort Smith
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Fort Smith have partnered on a proposal to request \$3,600,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 16 COVID beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Fort Smith that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 16 COVID beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$3,600,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645P Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCMH22 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 3,600,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 5, 2022

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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	Comt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: Jose R. Romero 1/11/22 Office of Budget 1/11/22 Office of Personnel Mgmt _____
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$3,600,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Mercy Fort Smith – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Fort Smith have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$3,600,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 16 COVID medical beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Fort Smith in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Conway Regional Health System
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 has placed upon hospitals The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Conway Regional Health System have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$7,650,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 15 COVID beds; 19 COVID ICU beds, or a total of 34 beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$7,650,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Fund Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645Q Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCCR22 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 7,650,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 3, 2022

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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: Jose R. Romero 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$7,650,000

**“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Conway Regional Health System
– Proposal”**

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Conway Regional Health System have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$7,650,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 34 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 19 medical COVID beds and 15 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Conway Regional Health System in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-CHI St.Vincent's Little Rock
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 has placed upon hospitals The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and CHI St. Vincent have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 30 COVID beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$6,750,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645G Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AK6 Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCSV22 Steering Comm. Approved: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	6,750,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total:	\$ 6,750,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 3, 2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date: _____
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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

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Approved by:

Joan R. Parnell 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt. Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$6,750,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and CHI St. Vincent have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 30 medical and ICU COVID beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-CHI St.Vincent's Hot Springs
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 has placed upon hospitals The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and CHI St. Vincent have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 30 COVID beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$6,750,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Fund. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645G Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AK6 Internal Order/WBS Element: R1BCSV22 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 6,750,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 3, 2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Approved by:

Jae R. Ramez 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$6,750,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with CHI St. Vincent, Hot Springs – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and CHI St. Vincent have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 30 medical and ICU COVID beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Washington Regional
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Washington Regional Medical Center have partnered on a proposal to request \$1,440,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 8 COVID beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with Washington Regional that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 8 COVID beds X \$4,000/day, which will not exceed \$1,440,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Fund Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645R Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCWR22 Steering Comm. Approved: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	1,440,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,440,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 2, 2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Emnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

Justin R. Borman 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$1,440,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Washington Regional Medical Center – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Washington Regional Medical Center have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$1,440,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 8 COVID medical beds can be made available at \$4,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Washington Regional Medical Center in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Unity Health, White County
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Unity Health, White County (Unity) have partnered on a proposal to request \$7,875,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 18 COVID beds and 17 COVID ICU beds, or a total of 35 beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with Unity that will include the reimbursement of 45 days X 35 COVID beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$7,875,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645C Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AJ8 Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBC0022 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 7,875,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: March 10, 2022

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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	Emnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

Scott R. Roney 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt. Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$7,875,000

**“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Unity Health, White County
Medical Center – Proposal”**

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Unity Health, White County Medical Center have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$7,875,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 35 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 18 medical COVID beds and 17 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Unity Health, White County Medical Center in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Baptist Health Conway
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 has placed upon hospitals The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Conway have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$3,528,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent that will include the reimbursement of 28 days X 24 COVID beds; 4 COVID ICU beds, or a total of 28 beds X \$4,500/day, which will not exceed \$3,528,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645B Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AJ7 Internal Order/WBS Element: RACF0022 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 3,528,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: February 18, 2022

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date _____
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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

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Approved by: *Joan R. Powell* 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date
[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date
 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$3,528,000

**“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Baptist Health, Conway –
Proposal”**

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Conway have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$3,528,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 28 hospital beds can be made available, 4 ICU COVID beds and 24 medical COVID beds at \$4,500 per bed for 28 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Baptist Health, Conway in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Baptist Health Van Buren
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 has placed upon hospitals The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Van Buren have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$4,410,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent that will include the reimbursement of 28 days X 35 COVID beds X \$4,500/day, which will not exceed \$4,410,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645B Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AJ7 Internal Order/WBS Element: RACF0022 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 4,410,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: February 18, 2022

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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	Comt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

Jose R. Ramirez 1/11/22 [Signature] 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$4,410,000

**“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Baptist Health, Van Buren –
Proposal”**

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Van Buren have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$4,410,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 35 COVID medical hospital beds can be made available at \$4,500 per bed for 28 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Baptist Health, Van Buren in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Increased Bed Capacity-Arkansas Children's Hospital
 Granting Organization: ARPA Steering Committee CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: _____ Beginning: 1/10/2022 Ending: 6/30/2022

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Due to the stress that COVID-19 Omicron variant has placed upon hospitals in Arkansas, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) have partnered on a proposal to request \$1,500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to make available 4 COVID beds and 6 COVID ICU beds or a total of 10 beds. ADH will enter into a memorandum of agreement with ACH that will include the reimbursement of 30 days X 10 COVID beds X \$5,000/day, which will not exceed \$1,500,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Fund Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP6455 Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: _____ Internal Order/WBS Element: RIBCA22 Steering Comm. Approved: x

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	1,500,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,500,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: February 19, 2022

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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	Comt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:

Jose K. Ramirez 1/11/22
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

[Signature] 1/11/22
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Arkansas Department of Health
American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request
Requested Amount: \$1,500,000

“Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Arkansas Children’s Hospital – Proposal”

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Arkansas Children's Hospital have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$1,500,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 10 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 4 medical COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed and 6 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Arkansas Children's Hospital in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing reimbursement for services.