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**E.1**

August 27, 2013

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

RE: FY14 Set-aside Funding Release Request – University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by Section 3(a) (2) of Act 1519 of 2013, the attached request by the Governor for a transfer of \$250,000 from the set-aside funds in the 89<sup>th</sup> Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund. This transfer has my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Weiss".

Richard A. Weiss  
Director

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Attachment(s)

**STATE OF ARKANSAS**  
**MIKE BEEBE**  
**GOVERNOR**

August 15, 2013

Senator Paul Bookout, Co-Chair  
Representative John Charles Edwards, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
315 State Capitol  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Co-Chairs:

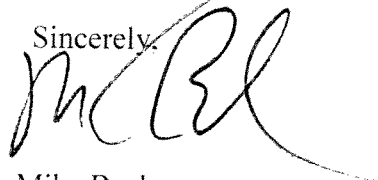
I respectfully request approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council, as required by Section 3(a) (2) of Act 1519 of 2013, to transfer set-aside Rainy Day Funds from the 89<sup>th</sup> Session Projects Account of the General Improvement Fund to the following General Improvement Fund account for the following amount:

University of Arkansas For U of A – System, various institutions and entities, construction, renovation, maintenance, equipment, and operational expenses.	\$250,000
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The transfer of these funds is intended for use by the University of Arkansas- Division of Agriculture for environmental studies related to monitoring swine farming operations within the Buffalo River watershed. The studies will be conducted on behalf of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Mike Beebe

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State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY14 Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

I am forwarding for appropriate action as required by law, the attached Appropriation and/or Fund Transfer Request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Weiss  
Director

RAW:jds

Attachment(s)

August 14, 2013

Mr. Richard Weiss  
Chief Fiscal Officer  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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BRS

Dear Mr. Weiss:

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 21 of Act 1395 of 2013, I request a transfer of \$40,000 be made from the "GRANTS/AIDS - CDBG" line item to the "PROF. FEES" line item in the 2SQ Fund Center.

As a requirement for receiving funds from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the State of Arkansas is required to prepare a five year strategic plan that combines the priorities and spending plans for four different HUD funded programs:

- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program which is administered by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC).
- The Home Investment Partnership (HOME) program administered by the Arkansas Development Finance Authority (ADFA).
- The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program administered by the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH).

As the largest grant recipient, the AEDC has been designated as the lead agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan. AEDC is therefore responsible for the procurement of a consultant to help with the preparation of the plan, along with the annual updates that are required by HUD. As part of that preparation, HUD requires that the State first conduct a detailed Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing (AI) that will be used to guide the funding priorities for each of the four programs.

The current five year plan covers the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015. Given the length of time that will be required to develop the AI and the plan and the scarcity of qualified firms to assist in its development, we would like to begin the process of procuring a qualified consulting firm immediately so that the consultant has ample time to prepare the AI and base the new plan around it.

Also, by beginning the procurement process now we can combine the contract for the AI and the Consolidated Plan into one contract, therefore reducing the overall cost. For the 2010-2015 Plan, the contracts for the AI and the Consolidated Plan

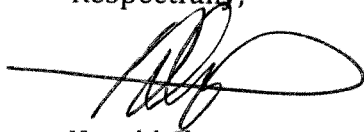
were issued separately. We estimate that by combining the two into one contract we could save approximately \$15,000 in the development cost.

By allowing AEDC to make this transfer, we can accomplish the requirements from HUD in the most efficient and cost conscious manner.

This transfer will not interfere in any conflict or prevent AEDC from meeting its commitment for the Community Development Block Grant.

If there is any additional information you need to approve this transfer, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Sharp', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Harold Sharp  
AEDC Budget Division Director

CC: Basil Julian, AEDC-CDBG Program  
Brandon Sharp, DFA-Budget Administrator  
Amanda DiPippa, DFA-Budget Analyst for AEDC 