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Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Subcommittee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 25 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

 Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission – Broadband Equity Access Deployment \$13,943,800

Sincerely

James L. Hudson

Secretary

Attachment(s)

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021 APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST SECTION 37 OF ACT 152 OF 2024



Agency:		COMM - AEDC- Broadband					Business Area Code: 0790				0790
Program Title: Broadband Equity Access Deployment (BEAD)											
Granting Orga	ranting Organization: Dep				t of Commerce - NTIA			#:11.035 BEAD			
Effective Date of Authorization:			Beginning:	Beginning: 11/7/2024			Ending: 6/30/2025				
Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): The federal BEAD grant program will fund broadband infrastructure grants as outlined by federal requirements and Arkansas' BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 2 document, as approved by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Commerce. These requirements include awarding broadband infrastructure grants to internet service providers (ISPs) to provide broadband access to approximately 84,000 homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. Additional projects include the support of digital safety and social media education for elementary students, broadband-specific workforce development, and the production and submission to NTIA of the BEAD Final Proposal, which will include all provisional grant awards. Funding included within the federal grant include salaries, personal service match, M&O, travel, training, broadband infrastructure subgrants, subgrantee management, and professional services. Appropriation requested below is for six months (Jan June 2025).											
Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding Continuation of Existing Program:											
									X		
Program Funding Amount											
Regular Salari	es										274,500
Extra Help											
Personal Services Matching 92,600											
Operating Exp	enses										102,500
Conference &	Travel Exp	enses									26,200
Professional F	ees										13,400,000
Capital Outlay											48,000
Data Processi	ng										
Grants and Ai	d (CI: 04)										
Other: CI46											
Other:											
Total				\$							13,943,800
Anticipated Du				11/07/2024 -	- 06/30/20	32		ested for in with Tech	formation	n technolog ans as subi	Date By must be in mitted to DFA
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Unit	Area	SubArea	Center	Number	Item	Positi	ion Title	100	Code	Grade	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:											
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Robert Brech 1/16/25 Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date											Date