

State of Arkansas

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95th General Assembly

## A Bill

Regular Session, 2025

HOUSE BILL 1107

By: Joint Budget Committee

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
SERVICES - DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
for the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations for the  
2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual	
		Maximum	Salary Rate
Item	Class	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Code Title	Employees	2025-2026
(1)	N249N DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
(2)	L013N GENERAL PHYSICIAN	1	GRADE MP06
(3)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	2	GRADE MP01
(4)	D063C COMPUTER SUPPORT SPECIALIST	2	GRADE IT05



1	(5)	D071C COMPUTER SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT03
2	(6)	D079C COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE IT02
3	(7)	G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
4	(8)	N102N DHS/DCO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
5	(9)	N080N DHS/DMS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - FISCAL	1	GRADE GS14
6	(10)	G017N ACOM DWS ASST DIR - TANF	1	GRADE GS13
7	(11)	N108N DHS/DCO ASST DEP DIR	2	GRADE GS13
8	(12)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
9	(13)	N167N DHS POLICY & RESEARCH DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS12
10	(14)	N141N DHS/DCO AREA DIRECTOR	7	GRADE GS12
11	(15)	G047C ATTORNEY SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS11
12	(16)	G100C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR III	11	GRADE GS10
13	(17)	G288C ACOM DWS DIVISION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
14	(18)	G110C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
15	(19)	G111C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR II	31	GRADE GS09
16	(20)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	4	GRADE GS09
17	(21)	M014C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR III	12	GRADE GS09
18	(22)	G081C ACOM DWS DIVISION CHIEF	1	GRADE GS08
19	(23)	G128C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER II	3	GRADE GS08
20	(24)	G127C ACOM DWS PROGRAM OPERATIONS MANAGER	5	GRADE GS08
21	(25)	G130C DHS COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR I	39	GRADE GS08
22	(26)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	6	GRADE GS08
23	(27)	G129C DHS/DCO PROGRAM MANAGER	2	GRADE GS08
24	(28)	M100C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	18	GRADE GS08
25	(29)	M018C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR II	33	GRADE GS08
26	(30)	E023C TRAINING PROJECT MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
27	(31)	G149C ACOM DWS FIELD MANAGER I	5	GRADE GS07
28	(32)	G181C ACOM DWS PROGRAM MONITOR	4	GRADE GS07
29	(33)	G209C ACOM DWS PROGRAM SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
30	(34)	G196C ACOM DWS SATELLITE OFFICE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS07
31	(35)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS07
32	(36)	G267C DHS PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY ANALYST	18	GRADE GS07
33	(37)	M042C DHS STAFF SUPERVISOR	2	GRADE GS07
34	(38)	G147C GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE GS07
35	(39)	M099C LTSS - PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	210	GRADE GS07
36	(40)	M025C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY COORDINATOR I	32	GRADE GS07

1	(41)	M037C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SUPERVISOR	108	GRADE GS07
2	(42)	X095C QUALITY ASSURANCE ANALYST	5	GRADE GS07
3	(43)	E040C STAFF DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
4	(44)	A092C ACOM DWS FIELD TAX REP	1	GRADE GS06
5	(45)	G217C ACOM DWS WORKFORCE SPECIALIST	29	GRADE GS06
6	(46)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	14	GRADE GS06
7	(47)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	3	GRADE GS06
8	(48)	G210C DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	5	GRADE GS06
9	(49)	G180C GRANTS ANALYST	7	GRADE GS06
10	(50)	G214C GRANTS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
11	(51)	G178C POLICY DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR	3	GRADE GS06
12	(52)	M066C PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST	822	GRADE GS06
13	(53)	X154C PUBLIC ASSISTANCE INVESTIGATOR	20	GRADE GS06
14	(54)	X136C QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEWER	27	GRADE GS06
15	(55)	B076C RESEARCH PROJECT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
16	(56)	E046C TRAINING INSTRUCTOR	21	GRADE GS06
17	(57)	A091C FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST	2	GRADE GS05
18	(58)	C030C HEALTH RECORDS SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS05
19	(59)	C054C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE SPEC	34	GRADE GS05
20	(60)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	13	GRADE GS04
21	(61)	C072C ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
22	(62)	C043C RECORDS MANAGEMENT ANALYST	1	GRADE GS04
23	(63)	C073C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST II	11	GRADE GS03
24	(64)	C062C LOCAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	400	GRADE GS03
25	(65)	C087C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST I	<u>4</u>	GRADE GS02
26		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,013	

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28       SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for  
 29 the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations  
 30 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or  
 31 temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds  
 32 appropriated herein for such purposes: forty-three (43) temporary or part-  
 33 time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in  
 34 the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this  
 35 act for the appropriate classification.

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SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$90,009,561
(02) EXTRA HELP	503,937
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	36,913,982
(04) OVERTIME	130,000
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	27,469,893
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	124,000
(C) PROF. FEES	19,037,338
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
(E) DATA PROC.	0
(06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>20,356,228</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$194,544,939</u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS - STATE. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants - State for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) AID TO AGED, BLIND, DISABLED	<u>\$4,000</u>

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Grants for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) TANF BLOCK GRANT	\$57,200,764
(02) COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT	13,943,475
(03) SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)	<u>5,378,754</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$76,522,993</u>

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - HUNGER COALITION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the County Operations Fund Account, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Hunger Coalition for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) HUNGER COALITION GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$995,113</u>

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY OPERATIONS - MEDICAID TOBACCO SETTLEMENT PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the Medicaid Expansion Program Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of County Operations - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,677,881
(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	704,614
(03) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	197,197
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	0
(C) PROF. FEES	0
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0

1	(E) DATA PROC.	0
2	(04) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>50,000</u>
3	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,629,692</u></u>

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5 SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. There  
 6 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable  
 7 from the federal funds as designated by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the  
 8 State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of  
 9 County Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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11	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
12	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
13	(01) EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE	<u><u>\$2,131,685</u></u>

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15 SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - SUMMER EBT. There is hereby appropriated, to  
 16 the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as  
 17 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for expenses associated  
 18 with the Summer EBT of the Department of Human Services - Division of County  
 19 Operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

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21	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
22	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
23	(01) SUMMER EBT	<u><u>\$50,555,398</u></u>

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25 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. TRANSFER  
 27 OF TANF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. Each fiscal year, the Department of Human  
 28 Services shall transfer the sum of seven million five hundred thousand  
 29 dollars (\$7,500,000) from the state's federal Temporary Assistance for Needy  
 30 Families block grant to the Department of Education Division of Elementary  
 31 and Secondary Education Public School Fund Account to be used solely for the  
 32 Arkansas Better Chance Program.

33 If the state match for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant  
 34 or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families grant is reduced, the  
 35 amount to be transferred may be adjusted in proportion to the percentage  
 36 change in the state match or the state's Temporary Assistance for Needy

1 Families grant. The amount to be transferred may also be reduced  
2 proportionately if new cost requirements are imposed upon the state as a  
3 result of new or revised Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations  
4 at the federal level.

5 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2024  
6 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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8 SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
9 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.  
10 RESTRICTIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY  
11 FAMILIES PROGRAM.

12 (a)(1) Determining the maximum number of employees, the maximum amount  
13 of appropriation, for what purposes an appropriation is authorized, and  
14 general revenue funding for a state agency each fiscal year is the  
15 prerogative of the General Assembly.

16 (2) The purposes of subsection (a) of this section are typically  
17 accomplished by:

18 (A) Identifying the purpose in the appropriation act;

19 (B) Delineating such maximums in the appropriation act for a  
20 state agency; and

21 (C) Delineating the general revenue allocations authorized for  
22 each fund and fund account by amendment to the revenue stabilization law.

23 (3) It is both necessary and appropriate that the General Assembly  
24 restrict the use of appropriations authorized in this act.

25 (b)(1) Upon the request of the Governor or the General Assembly, the  
26 Department of Human Services shall request a waiver from the federal  
27 government to:

28 (A) Restrict the financial assistance granted to a recipient of  
29 the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program  
30 to purchase goods and services that are considered essential and necessary  
31 for the welfare of the family, including without limitation:

32 (i) Food;

33 (ii) Clothing;

34 (iii) Housing;

35 (iv) Utilities;

36 (v) Child care; and

1 (vi) Incidentals, including without limitation  
2 transportation and medicine or medical supplies or equipment not covered by  
3 either the Arkansas Medicaid Program or the health benefit plan of the  
4 individual; and

5 (B) Restrict the cash withdrawal from an electronic benefit  
6 transfer card account that receives financial assistance under the Temporary  
7 Assistance for Needy Families Program or its successor program by electronic  
8 benefit transfer system.

9 (2) If the federal government denies the waiver application, this  
10 section shall not be implemented.

11 (3) If the division does not request a wavier under subdivision  
12 (b)(1) of this section, the department shall not allocate, budget, expend, or  
13 utilize appropriations under this act for the participation of persons in the  
14 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program.

15 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2024~~  
16 2025 through June 30, ~~2025~~ 2026.

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18 SECTION 12. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
19 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
20 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
21 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
22 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
23 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
24 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
25 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
26 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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28 SECTION 13. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
29 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
30 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
31 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
32 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
33 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
34 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
35 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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1        SECTION 14. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
2 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits  
3 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
4 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
5 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
6 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
7 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
8 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
9 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
10 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
11 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

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