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July 7, 2023

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

RE: FY 24 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 796 of 2023, 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 Health – Health Division – Strengthening STD Prevention \$1,743,229
- Arkansas Department of Transportation – Rural Area Formula Program and Rural Transit Assistance Program \$1,154,271
- Arkansas Department of Transportation – Enhanced Mobility \$472,024

Pursuant to Section 36 (02) of Act 796 of 2023, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission – Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery \$5,000,000
- Arkansas Game and Fish Commission – Shirey Bay Rainey Brake Wild Life Management Area \$5,000,000
- Department of Finance and Administration – Pharmacists Association \$3,682,573
- Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism – Outdoor Recreation Grants \$1,800,000
- Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism – State Park Improvements \$10,000,000
- Department of Human Services – Assisted Living Facilities \$2,000,000



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- Department of Human Services – Arkansas State Hospital Secured Restoration \$10,000,000
- Department of Finance and Administration – Alvarez & Marsal – Rural Hospital \$1,877,800

Sincerely,

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

Larry W. Walther  
Secretary

Attachment(s)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 37 OF ACT 199 OF 2022

Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645  
Program Title: Strengthening STD Prevention-Coronavirus Disease Supplemental  
Granting Organization: DHHS Centers for Disease Control CFDA #: 93.977  
Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
This is year 3 funding that the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) Infectious Disease Branch received through the the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for its Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Prevention Program. Funding will be used to continue activities for statewide implementation of Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS). The CEDIS will perform case investigations and contact tracing, linkage to prevention and oversight, and outbreak response of infectious diseases. The STD Prevention Program will partner with other entities through a statewide competitive selection process for CEDIS program implementation.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP645J Direct Funding: X  
Funds Center: AN5 Internal Order/WBS Element: RSTH0023 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	191,980
Extra Help	-
Personal Services Matching	70,683
Operating Expenses	29,656
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	-
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1,375,000
Other: 590:00:46	75,910
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,743,229

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 01/01/2021-12/31/2023


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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 *

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:  5/31/23  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director      Date

Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
Office of Budget      /Date

CRB 6/12/2023

Office of Personnel Mgmt      Date

Arkansas STD Prevention Program  
Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments  
CDC-RFA-PS19-1901 CDC DIS Workforce Supplement

The Arkansas Department of Health, Center for Health Protection, Infectious Disease Branch has been awarded \$1,743,229 from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to support the governmental public health response to infectious diseases. Funding to the Arkansas STD Prevention program is for five years.

Supplemental funding will be utilized by the Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program supporting salary and fringe of existing program staff, partner with the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSN) for technical assistance and coordination of a disease intervention specialist (DIS) needs assessment (which is a current funding deliverable the program must complete), and partner with the NCSN for implementation of STD self-testing statewide. In addition, funding will continue to support an increase in workforce efforts for continued statewide implementation of Community Embedded Disease Intervention Specialist (CEDIS) for performing case investigations and partner services for infectious diseases such as STD, TB, HIV, and Hepatitis C.

The Infectious Disease Branch, STD Prevention Program has awarded a sub-recipient organization for hiring, training, and retaining disease investigative personnel. The disease investigative personnel will conduct prevention and linkage case activities for STD, TB, Hepatitis C, and other infectious diseases of public health concern. The efforts performed will include linkage to prevention, treatment, and outbreak response. The sub-recipient is awarded a one-year sub-grant with six renewal options.

Efforts of sub-recipients will be statewide and serve an estimated number of 200,000 persons.

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Arkansas Dept of Transportation Public Transportation Programs Business Area Code: 0090  
 Program Title: Section 5311 ARPA 2021 Rural Area Formula Program and Rural Transit Assistance Program  
 Granting Organization: Federal Transit Administration CFDA #: 20.509  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

These funds may be used to assist state and project administration, preventive maintenance, operating in rural and intercity areas, and the Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) that have been affected and continue to be affected by COVID-19. Please see the attached comments for more thorough information.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: TRAN Fund Code: FRP0902 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: A0090ARP20509AR18X043 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	1,154,271
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,154,271

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 01/02/2023 - 12/31/2027

**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	Crnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: Donna H. Judon 6/6/23 Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

### SECTION 5311 - RURAL AREA FORMULA PROGRAM

This project consists of eleven public transit systems providing service to rural areas across the State and one agency that provide training. Eligible categories for assistance under this award are project administration, preventive maintenance, operating, and intercity operating. A description of each system follows:

Black River Area Development Transit (BRAD) is a non-profit organization located in Pocahontas and serves Clay, Lawrence and Randolph Counties. This system is "demand response" service.

Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC) dba: South Central Arkansas Transit (SCAT) is a non-profit organization located in Malvern and serves Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Garland, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Saline, Sevier and Union Counties and Hot Springs Village. This is primarily "demand response" service, but includes an intercity "fixed route" connection to Greyhound Lines from Magnolia, El Dorado and Camden.

Crowley Ridge Development Council dba: North East Arkansas Transit (NEAT) is a non-profit organization located in Jonesboro and serves Craighead, Cross, Crittenden, Greene, Jackson, Mississippi, Poinsett, St. Francis and Woodruff Counties. This system is "demand response" service.

Eureka Springs Transit (EST) is city-owned and located and serves the City of Eureka Springs in Carroll County. This system is primarily "fixed route" with complementary paratransit service, and includes "demand response" in Benton and Washington Counties.

Mid-Delta Community Development (Mid-Delta Transit) is a non-profit organization located in Helena-West Helena and serves Arkansas, Lee, Monroe, Phillips and Prairie Counties. This system is "demand response" service.

North Arkansas Transportation Service (NATS) is a non-profit organization located in Harrison and serves Baxter, Boone, Fulton, Izard, Marion, Newton and parts of Carroll, Madison and Searcy Counties. This system is primarily "demand response" service, but also includes deviated fixed routes.

Ozark Regional Transit Authority (ORT) is a non-profit organization located in Springdale and serves Benton, Carroll, Madison and Washington Counties and the City of Fayetteville. This system is primarily "demand response" service to the rural areas.

Southeast Arkansas Transportation (SEAT) is a non-profit organization located in Pine Bluff and serves Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln and parts of Calhoun, Dallas, Lonoke (south of I-40), and Union Counties. This system is "demand response" service.

Western Transit System (WTS) is a non-profit organization located in Fort Smith and serves Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Perry, Polk, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, and Yell Counties. This system is "demand response" service.

Greyhound Bus Lines is operating several intercity service routes in Arkansas, including approval of a new 5-day route for intermediate communities in Memphis, TN, Ft. Smith, AR, and Oklahoma City, OK.

Jefferson Lines is operating numerous intercity service routes in Arkansas, including a new route from Fayetteville to Tulsa.

Arkansas Transit Association (ATA) is a non-profit organization that provides technical assistance and training to the rural areas transit systems and to human service transportation providers statewide.

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Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc.

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ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

MINUTE ORDER

District: Statewide  
County: Statewide  
Category: Miscellaneous

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**WHEREAS**, the Department was authorized by Arkansas Act 192 of 1977 to administer United States Department of Transportation funds and any other funds available for public transportation assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Transit Administration apportions funds annually to the State of Arkansas for providing capital equipment and operation grants to organizations serving the public transportation needs in Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Arkansas has designated the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department as the recipient of Federal Transit Administration grants.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Director is hereby authorized to develop and implement programs of projects for these designated Federal funds and enter into the necessary grant agreement awards and contracts to expend these funds for the support of public transportation programs.

Approved:



Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member

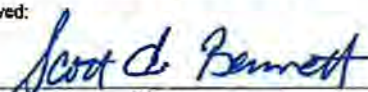
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Submitted By:

  
Assistant Chief Engineer - Planning

Approved:

  
Director

Minute Order No.

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Date Passed

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ARP SECTION 5311 - RURAL AREAS FORMULA PROGRAMS

Row	Capital (Equipment/Preventive Maintenance)	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Project	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount
1	Black River Area Development (BRAD)	Pocahontas	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 40,000
2	Central AR Development Council dba South Central AR Transit (SCAT)	Benton	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 300,000	\$ -	\$ 300,000
3	Crowley Ridge Development Center dba: North East AR Transit (NEAT)	Jonesboro	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000
4	Eureka Springs Transit	Eureka Springs	Government	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 82,675	\$ -	\$ 82,675
5	Mid-Delta Community Development (Mid-Delta Transit)	Helena-West Helena	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 75,200	\$ -	\$ 75,200
6	North AR Transit (NATS)	Harrison	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 42,600	\$ -	\$ 42,600
7	Ozark Regional Transit Authority (ORT)	Springdale	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ 30,000
8	Southeast AR Transit (SEAT)	Pine Bluff	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ 225,000
9	Western Transit System (WTS)	Fort Smith	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.7A.00 Preventive Maintenance	Preventative Maintenance	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
CAPITAL (EQUIPMENT/PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE) SUBTOTAL							\$ 875,475	\$ -	\$ 875,475
Row	Operating Intercity	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Project	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount
1	Central AR Development Council dba South Central AR Transit (SCAT)	Benton	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	30.09.00 Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$ 34,496		\$ 34,496
2	Greyhound Bus Lines	Dallas, TX	For-Profit	050000 -- Arkansas	30.09.00 Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
3	Jefferson Lines	Minneapolis, MN	For-Profit	050000 -- Arkansas	30.09.00 Operating Assistance	Operating Assistance	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
OPERATING INTERCITY SUBTOTAL							\$ 154,496	\$ -	\$ 154,496
Row	RTAP	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Project	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount
1	Arkansas Transit Association	North Little Rock	Private-Non-profit	050000 -- Arkansas	43.50.01 Training	Rural Transit Assistance Program	\$ 124,300	\$ -	\$ 124,300
RTAP SUBTOTAL							\$ 124,300	\$ -	\$ 124,300
SECTION 5311 - RURAL AREAS FORMULA PROGRAM TOTAL					FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$1,154,271		\$ 1,154,271	\$ -	\$ 1,154,271

Note: Amounts may be off due to formula (rounding).

\$ 1,154,271  
2021 ARP Apportionment

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Arkansas Dept of Transportation Public Transportation Program Business Area Code: 0090  
 Program Title: Section 5310 ARPA 2021 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program  
 Granting Organization: Federal Transit Administration CFDA #: 20.513  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024

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

These funds may be used to assist public and private non-profit agencies that have been affected by COVID-19 purchase vehicles so they may continue to meet, preserve and continue services for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Please see attached comments for more thorough information.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: TRAN Fund Code: FRP0901 Direct Funding: X  
 Funds Center: BH7 Internal Order/WBS Element: A009ARP20513AR16X018 Steering Comm. Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	472,024
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 472,024

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 01/31/2023 - 12/31/2025

**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:

Eric H. Juder 6/6/23  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

Date

Robert Breh 7/6/2023

Office of Budget

Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt

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06/15/23



**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**  
**SECTION 5310 ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS**  
**AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES**

The Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) as the "Designated Recipient" of Federal Transit Administration funds is applying for 49 U.S.C. Section 5310, Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds. This application has been developed to assist public and private non-profit organizations to purchase specialized vehicles. These organizations meet the eligibility requirements and are proposing to serve the seniors and individuals with disabilities as described in their work program. Projects have been included in a locally developed coordination plan. Attached is a listing of the organizations approved for funding.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) SECTION 5310 - ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM																	
Row	Large Urban - Northwest	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Vehicle Length/Type (New Vehicle - Year, Make and Model Unknown Until the Contracts are Awarded)	ADA	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	FTA # of Replacement Vehicle	VIN # of Replacement Vehicle	Year of Replacement Vehicle	Age of Vehicle Being Replaced (Van Useful Life 4 years or 100,000 miles - Bus 5 years or 150,000 miles)	Make/Model	Final Mileage of Replacement Vehicle at Time of Release	Coordination Plan Date & Page
1	Adult Dev. Ctr. of Benton Co. (Open Avenues)	Rogers	Private Non-Profit	053250 -- Fayetteville/Springdale	11.13.15 (Exp Van)	#07 22' Ford Transit High-Roof Conversion Extended Van without WC Lift (12-Pass.)	No	\$ 38,532	\$ 9,633	\$ 48,165							1, 5/31/2019, 19
LARGE URBAN - NORTHWEST						FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$38,532		\$ 38,532	\$ 9,633	\$ 48,165							
Row	Large Urban - Little Rock	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Vehicle Length/Type (New Vehicle - Year, Make and Model Unknown Until the Contracts are Awarded)	ADA	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	FTA # of Replacement Vehicle	VIN # of Replacement Vehicle	Year of Replacement Vehicle	Age of Vehicle Being Replaced (Van Useful Life 4 years or 100,000 miles - Bus 5 years or 150,000 miles)	Make/Model	Final Mileage of Replacement Vehicle at Time of Release	Coordination Plan Date & Page
1	A.E.D.D. (Ark. Enterprises for the Dev. Disabled)	Little Rock	Private Non-Profit	050990 -- Little Rock	11.13.04 (Exp Bus <30 FT)	#09 22' Ford E-350 Small Cutaway Bus without WC Lift (13-Pass.)	No	\$ 73,983	\$ 18,496	\$ 92,479							1, 5/31/2019, 19
LARGE URBAN - LITTLE ROCK						FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$73,983		\$ 73,983	\$ 18,496	\$ 92,479							
Row	Large Urban - West Memphis	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Vehicle Length/Type (New Vehicle - Year, Make and Model Unknown Until the Contracts are Awarded)	ADA	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	FTA # of Replacement Vehicle	VIN # of Replacement Vehicle	Year of Replacement Vehicle	Age of Vehicle Being Replaced (Van Useful Life 4 years or 100,000 miles - Bus 5 years or 150,000 miles)	Make/Model	Final Mileage of Replacement Vehicle at Time of Release	Coordination Plan Date & Page
1	East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging	West Memphis	Private Non-Profit	050380--West Memphis	11.13.04 (Exp Bus <30 FT)	#09 22' Ford E-350 Small Cutaway Bus without WC Lift (13-Pass.)	No	\$ 6,029	\$ 1,507	\$ 7,536							1, 5/31/2019, 19
LARGE URBAN - WEST MEMPHIS						FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$6,029		\$ 6,029	\$ 1,507	\$ 7,536							
Row	Small Urban	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Vehicle Length/Type (New Vehicle - Year, Make and Model Unknown Until the Contracts are Awarded)	ADA	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	FTA # of Replacement Vehicle	VIN # of Replacement Vehicle	Year of Replacement Vehicle	Age of Vehicle Being Replaced (Van Useful Life 4 years or 100,000 miles - Bus 5 years or 150,000 miles)	Make/Model	Final Mileage of Replacement Vehicle at Time of Release	Coordination Plan Date & Page
1	Focus, Inc.	Jonesboro	Private Non-Profit	054350 -- Jonesboro	11.13.04 (Exp Bus <30 FT)	#15 23' Ford E-450 Medium Cutaway Bus with WC Lift (12-Pass. or 12/2 WC)	Yes	\$ 72,720	\$ 18,180	\$ 90,900							1, 5/31/2019, 19
2	The Learning Center of N.E. Ark. Inc.	Jonesboro	Private Non-Profit	054350 -- Jonesboro	11.13.15 (Exp Van)	#07 22' Ford Transit High-Roof Conversion Extended Van without WC Lift (12-Pass.)	No	\$ 59,284	\$ 14,821	\$ 74,105							1, 5/31/2019, 19
Small Urban						FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$132,004		\$ 132,004	\$ 33,001	\$ 165,005							
Row	Rural	City	Sub Type (private-Non-profit/government)	UZA Code	ALI Code	Vehicle Length/Type (New Vehicle - Year, Make and Model Unknown Until the Contracts are Awarded)	ADA	Federal Amount	Local Amount	Total Amount	FTA # of Replacement Vehicle	VIN # of Replacement Vehicle	Year of Replacement Vehicle	Age of Vehicle Being Replaced (Van Useful Life 4 years or 100,000 miles - Bus 5 years or 150,000 miles)	Make/Model	Final Mileage of Replacement Vehicle at Time of Release	Coordination Plan Date & Page
1	Lawrence Co. Cooperative School, Inc.	Portia	Private Non-Profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.12.04 (Repl Bus <30 FT)	#09 22' Ford E-350 Small Cutaway Bus without WC Lift (13-Pass.)	No	\$ 79,310	\$ 19,828	\$ 99,138	3474	1FTSS3EL8BDA48235	2011	11	Ford 12-Pass. Conv. Van w/o Lift	44588	1, 5/31/2019, 19
2	Magnolia Specialized Services, Inc.	Magnolia	Private Non-Profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.12.04 (Repl Bus <30 FT)	#09 22' Ford E-350 Small Cutaway Bus without WC Lift (13-Pass.)	No	\$ 79,310	\$ 19,828	\$ 99,138	3825	1FDEE3FS2HDC33671	2017	5	Ford Small Cutaway Bus w/o Lift	162280	1, 5/31/2019, 19
3	Newhope Specialized Industries, Inc.	Searcy	Private Non-Profit	050000 -- Arkansas	11.13.15 (Exp Van)	#08 22' Ford Transit High-Roof Conversion Extended Van with Rear WC Lift (7-Pass. or 1/2 WC)	Yes	\$ 62,856	\$ 15,714	\$ 78,570							1, 5/31/2019, 19
Rural						FEDERAL ALLOCATED = \$221,476		\$ 221,476	\$ 55,370	\$ 276,846							
ARPA SECTION 5310 - ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM									\$ 472,024	\$ 118,007	\$ 590,031						



Agency:Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC)Business Area Code:0080

Program Title:Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery Water Reuse Project

Granting Organization:American Rescue Plan Act of 2021CFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:07/01/2023Ending:06/30/2024

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

This two-part project aims to significantly reduce the Lonoke Fish Hatchery's annual groundwater consumption through the construction of infrastructure that would allow the reuse of the water used for fish production instead of single-use. By developing water recirculating capabilities in the spawning building, the estimated impact on the Sparta aquifer would be a reduction of 540 million gallons of water annually based on the ability to reuse water with 90% efficiency. The current estimated project cost: \$8,000,000. In addition, upgrades to the outdoor hatchery ponds, including water reuse infrastructure and water storage capability, would further reduce our water use footprint by an estimated 430.1 million gallons annually pumped from the Sparta aquifer based on a reuse rate of 80% efficiency. The estimated Project cost: \$4,000,000. Total cost of the Project is 12,100,000 AGFC is requesting 5,000,000.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:REC

Funds Center:NEW

Fund Code:NEW

Internal Order/WBS Element:

Direct Funding:

State:08/22

Continuation:

	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: Construction (CI: 05)	5,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$5,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:12/31/2026

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

06/20/2023  
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## Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

**Austin Booth**  
Director

June 20, 2023

Larry W. Walther, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 W. 7th St. Suite 401  
Little Rock AR, 72205

Dear Secretary Walther,

Pursuant to Section 36 of Act 796 of 2023, I am requesting the consideration of the attached appropriation requests for two ARPA-funded projects.

### **Shirey Bay Rainey Break WMA GTR Renovations - \$5,000,000**

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### **Lonoke Fish Hatchery External Water Reuse Project and Spawning Building Water Reuse Project - \$5,000,000**

This proposed project will equip AGFC's largest and oldest hatchery with water recirculation capabilities. This will provide the rural communities and farmers that rely on the Sparta Sand aquifer for drinking and irrigation water, a staggering water conservation benefit. Specifically through this project, AGFC will achieve 90% water efficiency and save the Sparta Sand aquifer more than 500 million annually. This is equivalent to the average annual water consumption of roughly 14,000 Arkansans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Austin Booth  
Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission



**Project Name:** Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery Water Reuse Project

**Project Status:** Bids complete. Construction ready Sept 2023.

**Total Project Cost:** \$12,100,000

**ARPA Funding Requested:** \$5,000,000

**Project Description:** The Joe Hogan State Fish Hatchery, located in Lonoke, AR, is both the largest and oldest facility in the AGFC fish culture system. This facility produces an average of 9-10 million fish annually, including catfish, Florida bass, and baitfish. The proposed project includes the following components and is detailed below: 1. Modernization of the 19,200 square foot indoor fish spawning/holding building to allow water reuse for spawning activities. 2. Upgrades to the existing outdoor culture pond water supply/drain lines to allow water reuse. 3. Creation of a water storage pond for water reuse and circulation.

1. **Spawning Building:** This project consists of the construction of a 19,200 sq. ft. modernized indoor production facility that will provide for the complete reuse of water in this new facility. Currently, the groundwater used in two existing buildings for hatching, rearing, and holding fish is used in a one-pass system where the groundwater flows out of the building to the drainage ditches at the same rate it is pumped in. The current designs for this new indoor facility include all the necessary components for a 100% water reuse system, including a settling basin, mechanical filtration system for the removal of solids, a sterilization system, and all the necessary piping so that each culture unit can drain into this system, go through the necessary treatments, and will then be available for additional use throughout the facility.
2. **Fish Culture Ponds:** The Lonoke Hatchery is currently solely dependent on groundwater for filling ponds, and as those ponds are drained during harvest operations, that water flows off the hatchery through underground piping into adjacent

ditches. This project will equip 56 of the 77 current culture ponds with a system allowing ponds to be drained to flow to an on-site storage reservoir. This captured surface water can then pass through a filtration system and a system of valves and pumps that will provide an alternative water source for filling all hatchery ponds and significantly reduce (80% reuse) the hatchery's dependence on groundwater.

3. **Water Storage Reservoir:** The construction of a water storage reservoir that serves as a holding area for water drained from 56 of the 77 fish ponds until it can be treated and reused for future fish production.

**Project Goals and Impacts:** This project is primarily aimed at water conservation. As a state conservation agency, it is important the AGFC leads by example when it comes to water sustainability. In this case, that includes reducing our impact on the critically threatened Sparta Sand Aquifer by minimizing our withdrawals and maximizing our reuse of water on the facility to the extent possible.

By utilizing water-recirculating capabilities in spawning operations and fish ponds, AGFC will achieve 80-90% water efficiency and reduce groundwater use and the annual toll to the Sparta Sand Aquifer by approximately 540 million gallons annually. This is equivalent to the water use of nearly 15,000 "average" Arkansas water users.

### **ARPA Funding Eligibility**

1. **ARPA statutory and regulatory criteria:** In the Treasury Department's Final Rule [31 CFR Part 35 RIN1505-AC77] on the use of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds it states that ARPA provides that SLFRF funds may be used "[t]o make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure". The Treasury determined that the types of water and sewer projects that were authorized under the interim final rule by reference to existing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs would, in all cases, be necessary investments given the conditions applicable to such EPA Programs. This includes the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program. The Final Rule states that eligible uses of the CWSRF are eligible uses of SLFRF in the water and sewer infrastructure category. This includes a broad range of projects that improve drinking water infrastructure, such as building or upgrading facilities and transmission, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines. With respect to clean water and wastewater infrastructure, the interim final rule provided that recipients may use SLFRF funds to construct publicly owned treatment infrastructure, manage and treat stormwater or subsurface drainage water, and facilitate water reuse, among other uses. The document also references measures to conserve and reuse water including subsurface drainage water (groundwater) as a measure of green infrastructure investments and improvements to climate change resiliency.

2. **Clean Water State Revolving Fund Eligibility:** In order to help justify this project's potential positive impacts on the sustainability of groundwater use, its eligibility for inclusion in the Clean Water State Revolving fund guidelines from the EPA was consulted. This document states in the Groundwater Protection and Restoration section that, "Eligible groundwater projects include those that protect and restore the aquifers. This includes pump and treat projects, aquifer recharge projects, and projects that decrease aquifer withdrawals through rainwater harvesting, water conservation, or water reuse."

**Estimated timeline of completion: 2022 - 2026.**

- April 2023: Engineering and Design Completed
- June 2023: Bids Completed
- July 2023 to August 2023: Vendor Negotiation
- September 2023 to March 2026: Construction Underway
- May 2026 - Project Completion

Agency:Arkansas Game and Fish CommissionBusiness Area Code:0080

Program Title:Shirey Bay Rainey Brake Wild Life Management Area Green Tree Reservoirs (GTRs) Renovations

Granting Organization:American Rescue Plan Act of 2021CFDA #:

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:07/01/2023Ending:06/30/2024

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American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:RECFund Code:NEWDirect Funding: State: x

Funds Center:NEWInternal Order/WBS Element:Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
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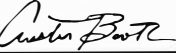
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Sincerely,

Austin Booth  
Director  
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission





**Project Name:** Shirey Bay  
Rainey Brake WMA GTR  
Renovation

**Project Status:** Design and  
Engineering 90% Complete

**Total Project Cost:** \$7,500,000

**ARPA Funding Requested:**  
\$5,000,000

**Project Description:** This 11,308-acre wildlife management area (WMA) has approximately 5,800 acres of forested wetlands occurring in two greentree reservoirs (GTRs), in part flooded with a 6.5-mile water delivery canal. These GTRs provide critical wintering waterfowl habitat and public waterfowl hunting opportunities. Decades of altered hydrology within this WMA and increased rainfall is resulting in significant impacts to forest health, jeopardizing both the long-term sustainability of this valuable habitat and the sustainability of the recreational opportunities the WMA provides to Northeast Arkansas.

The bottomland hardwood forests found at Shirey Bay Rainey Brake WMA are in significant decline, up to and including tree mortality. Major infrastructure renovations are needed to enhance water flows through this WMA to stabilize and improve declining forest health conditions within this vitally important remnant bottomland hardwood forest. Renovations are needed to replace water control structures to improve hydrology by increasing drainage, specifically during the spring and summer, allowing additional water to flow through the WMA and promoting red oak regeneration.

### **Project Goals and Impacts**

1. The proposed project will replace seven water control structures and minimize four other constrictions. These water control structures will be five to six times larger than the existing structures, and the updated style of these structures will enable us to safely and more quickly adapt to changing water levels, unlike with the existing structures. These changes will vastly improve water management capabilities and enable AGFC to be

more adaptive to changing conditions yet provide a sustainable bottomland hardwood forest for both wintering waterfowl and hunters.

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### **Estimated timeline of completion: 2022- 2027**

- June 2023: Engineering and Design Completed
- July 2023: Permitting Complete.
- October 2023: Bid window closes.
- November to December 2023: Vendor Negotiation
- February 2024: Construction begins.
- August to October 2027: Project Completion

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer Business Area Code: 0620  
 Program Title: ARPA - Arkansas Pharmacists Association  
 Granting Organization: US Treasury CFDA #: 21.027  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
 Funding will be used to reimburse over 170 pharmacies for uncompensated and under compensated care for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and therapies (monoclonal antibodies and antivirals) during the pandemic dates of March 1, 2020 through May 11, 2023.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: ADMIN Fund Code: FRP6209 Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0620.ARPPhARMACY-E Steering Comm. Approved: X  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	3,682,573
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 3,682,573

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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Approved by:  6/27/2023  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
 Office of Budget Date  
 DS 6/28/23

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



June 23, 2023

The Honorable Sarah Sanders  
Office of the Governor  
500 Woodlane Street, Suite 250  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Revised ARPA Request

Dear Governor Sanders,

On behalf of community pharmacies across the state, the APA is requesting \$3,682,573 from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funding to reimburse over 170 pharmacies for uncompensated and under compensated care for COVID-19 vaccines, testing, and therapies (monoclonal antibodies and antivirals) during the pandemic dates of March 1, 2020 through May 11, 2023.

In addition to providing almost 3.5 million vaccinations, pharmacists were requested by the ADH infectious disease physicians to administer monoclonal antibody therapeutics during the throes of the delta variant when hospitals were beyond capacity. Within a few short weeks, 110 pharmacies from around the state, mainly in rural areas, were able to join the fight treating over 20,000 patients reducing death and hospitalizations by 70-85%.

This effort has not been without financial, mental, and physical stress on an already taxed system of patient care. This is a workforce issue with many pharmacies struggling to maintain staffing and having to reduce hours available for patient care.

Pharmacists provided services in good faith without requesting any payment from the patients that they served. However, due to insurance companies that did not have an adequate payment mechanism of administration fees without a drug cost and depleted HRSA funds for the uninsured, pharmacies incurred many uncompensated claims. The ARPA funds are designed to help states cover the pandemic response. The APA staff worked with the state DF&A department and community pharmacies to develop a detailed accounting of reimbursable expenses. The Arkansas Pharmacists Association respectfully requests ARPA Funds for Arkansas pharmacies for uncompensated care for uninsured patients and under compensated reimbursements totaling \$3,682,573. Attached you will find claim specific data to support this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Vinson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Vinson, PharmD  
CEO

### ARPA Fund Requests (corrected 6/23/2023)

Pharmacy	City	County	Contact Person	Unpaid Claims
Allcare Pharmacy	Arkadelphia	Clark	Angela Hendrix	\$128,021
Anderson's Discount Pharmacy	Ft. Smith	Sebastian	Amy Gibbons	\$26,550
Atkins Family Pharmacy	Atkins	Pope	Misti Evans	\$5,741
Beebe Drug	Beebe	White	Angela Curtis	\$2,703
Berry Drug	Dardanelle	Yell	Kelly Dearing	\$600
Bono Family Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Lacey Hoggard	\$852
Brian's Pharmacy	Sherwood	Pulaski	Brian Koesy	\$34,904
Bryant's Pharmacy & Health Care Center	Batesville	Independence	Kelly Buffalo	\$17,100
Burrow's Drug Store	Beebe	White	Todd Burrow	\$17,672
Caldwell Pharmacy	Wynne	Cross	Max Caldwell	\$27,797
Camden Drug	Camden	Ouachita	Janna Purifoy	\$3,926
City Drug	Paragould	Greene	Mallory Williams	\$8,046
City Pharmacy	Little Rock	Pulaski	Andy Harp	\$2,372
Clinton Drug	Clinton	Van Buren	Dylan Jones	\$17,229
Coker-Hampton	Stuttgart	Arkansas	James Bethea	\$2,680
Coleman Pharmacy	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Dylan Jones	\$100,211
College Hill Pharmacy	Texarkana	Miller	Dylan Jones	\$8,684
Collier Pharmacy - Fayetteville	Fayetteville	Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Collier Pharmacy- Centerton	Centerton	Benton	Lauren Underwood	\$194,874
Collier Pharmacy - Elkins	Elkins	Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Collier Pharmacy - Har-Ber	Springdale	Benton/Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Collier Pharmacy - Farmington	Farmington	Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Collier Pharmacy - Johnson Willow Creek	Johnson	Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Collier Pharmacy - Prairie Grove	Prairie Grove	Washington	Lauren Underwood	
Community Care Rx	Malvern	Hot Spring	Shelyn Davis	\$47,385
Community Pharmacy	Springdale	Washington	Victoria Hennessey	\$193,819
Corner Drug Store	Melbourne	Hot Spring	Abby Everett	\$1,167
Cornerstone Pharmacy	Little Rock	Pulaski	Eric Shelley	\$1,400
Cornerstone Pharmacy	Greers Ferry	Cleburne	Kenny Harrison	\$960
Cornerstone Pharmacy	Lakewood	Pulaski	Kenny Harrison	\$0
Cornerstone Pharmacy	JFK, NLR	Pulaski	Kammy Krisell	\$1,880
Cornerstone Pharmacy	Otter Creek	Pulaski	Eric Shelley	\$4,920
Cornerstone Pharmacy Rodney Parham	Little Rock	Pulaski	Brittany Marsh	\$16,340

Cornerstone Pharmacy Main	Little Rock	Pulaski	Eric Shelley	\$1,400
Cornerstone Pharmacy Rose City	North Little Rock	Pulaski	Randy Kassissieh	\$2,000
Crawford Pharmacy	Hot Springs	Garland	James Stone	\$840
Daily Dose Drug Store	White Hall	Jefferson	Jordan Harper	\$2,264
Darling Pharmacy	Newport	Jackson	Jamie Darling	\$36,087
Dean's Pharmacy	Dewitt	Arkansas	Dean Watts	
Deans Pharmacy	Stuttgart	Arkansas	Dean Watts	\$3,408
Deans Pharmacy	Marianna	Lee	Dean Watts	
Debbie's Family Pharmacy	Rogers	Benton	Andrew Mize	\$1,765
DeQueen Pharmacy	DeQueen	Sevier	Ellie Coleman	\$291,870
Doctor's Orders	Pine Bluff	Jefferson	Lelan Stice	\$89,502
Don's Pharmacy	Little Rock	Pulaski	Michael Rogers	\$37,433
Dumas Family Pharmacy	Dumas	Desha	Cheryl Stimson	\$6,216
East Gate Pharmacy	Hot Springs Village	Saline	Dylan Jones	\$9,216
Econo Med Cherokee Village	Cherokee Village	Sharp	Greta Ishmael	\$6,100
Express Rx - Cabot	Cabot	Lonoke	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Cantrell	Little Rock	Pulaski	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Heber Springs	Heber Springs	Cleburne	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Hope	Hope	Hemp	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Hot Springs	Hot Springs	Garland	Eric Crumbaugh	\$537,061
Express Rx - Otter Creek	Little Rock	Pulaski	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Paris	Paris	Logan	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff	Jefferson	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Prescott	Prescott	Nevada	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Sherwood	Sherwood	Pulaski	Eric Crumbaugh	
Express Rx - Trumann	Trumann	Poinsett	Eric Crumbaugh	
Family Disco Pharmacy	Heber Springs	Cleburne	Jamie Ivy	\$583
Finley Pharmacy	Benton	Saline	Jason Finley	\$21,428
Flippin Station	Flippin	Marion	Lisa Gardner	\$256
Food Giant Pharmacy	Harrisburg	Poinsett	Natalie Bari	\$4,436
Fountain Lake Family Pharmacy	Fountain Lake	Garland	Dylan Jones	\$4,313
Freiderica Pharmacy	Little Rock	Pulaski	Lyn Fruchey	\$423,572
Futrell Pharmacy	Pocahontas	Randolph	Mark Futrell	\$80
Gammel's Clinic Pharmacy	Crossett	Ashley	Eric Shoffner	\$8,679
Garner Family Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Matt Garner	\$2,211
Goodman Drug Company	Corning	Clay	Cathy Goodman	\$9,000
Gosnell Drugs	Gosnell	Mississippi	Tyson Wallace	\$3,040



Greystone Rx Community Pharmacy	Cabot	Lonoke	Trent Shipley	\$7,753
Gurdon Pharmacy	Gurdon	Clark	Dylan Jones	\$29,840
Harps 127	Bentonville	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 114	Cabot	Lonoke	Duane Jones	
Harps 144	Conway	Faulkner	Duane Jones	
Harps 115	Elkins	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 177	Fayetteville	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 176	Fayetteville	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 124	Fayetteville	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 137	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Duane Jones	
Harps 174	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Duane Jones	
Harps 103	Green Forest	Carroll	Duane Jones	
Harps 111	Greenbrier	Faulkner	Duane Jones	
Harps 202	Harrison	Boone	Duane Jones	
Harps 492	Harrison	Boone	Duane Jones	
Harps 163	Heber Springs	Cleburne	Duane Jones	
Harps 391	Hot Springs	Garland	Duane Jones	
Harps 394	Hot Springs	Garland	Duane Jones	
Harps 133	Huntsville	Madison	Duane Jones	\$192,685
Harps 179	Lincoln	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 228	Lowell	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 308	Morrilton	Conway	Duane Jones	
Harps 135	Mountain Home	Baxter	Duane Jones	
Harps 156	Mountain Home	Baxter	Duane Jones	
Harps 117	Rogers	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 357	Rogers	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 136	Searcy	White	Duane Jones	
Harps 113	Siloam Springs	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 119	Springdale	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 170	Springdale	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 123	Springdale	Benton	Duane Jones	
Harps 352	Van Buren	Crawford	Duane Jones	
Harps 229	Vilonia	Faulkner	Duane Jones	
Harps 180	Waldron	Scott	Duane Jones	
Harps 126	West Fork	Washington	Duane Jones	
Harps 189	Yellville	Marion	Duane Jones	
Harrisburg Clinic Pharmacy	Harrisburg	Poinsett	Brian Fitzwater	\$2,538

Harrison Family Pharmacy	Haskell	Saline	Ray Bob Harrison	\$10,183
Health Care Pharmacy	Morrilton	Conway	Mandi Roller	\$7,240
Health Depot #1	Fort Smith	Sebastian	John Hall	\$3,634
Health Depot #2	Barling	Sebastian	John Hall	\$708
Health Depot #3	Greenwood	Sebastian	John Hall	\$3,118
Hickory Hill Pharmacy	Helena	Phillips	Ed Pat Wright	\$8,088
Hilltop Market Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Katie Thornton	\$2,428
Hudson Pharmacy	Van Buren	Crawford	Natalie Smith	\$14,098
Hyde Pharmacy	Paragould	Greene	Kenny Kuenzel	\$5,710
ICare Pharmacy	Newport	Jackson	Eric Shoffner	\$23,356
Joe's Pharmacy	Searcy	White	Joseph Davis	\$800
Lakeside Pharmacy	Bull Shoals	Marion	Layne Hawkins	\$640
Laws Drug Store	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Joseph Korkames	\$4,594
Lyons Drug	Lonoke	Lonoke	Rick Pennington	\$3,960
Market Place	Little Rock	Pulaski	Daniel Cate	\$1,167
Marmaduke Family Pharmacy	Marmaduke	Greene	Kellie Adele	\$1,440
Mayflower Family Pharmacy	Mayflower	Faulkner	Michael Thilo	\$1,800
McFarlin Pharmacy	Monette	Craighead	Michael McFarlin	\$1,600
McKenney Pharmacy	Piggott	Clay	Jennifer McKenney	\$737
Medi-Quick Pharmacy	Ozark	Franklin	Robert Woolsey	\$15,289
Medical Arts Pharmacy	Fayetteville	Washington	Grant Womack	\$48,485
Medicine Man Pharmacy	NLR	Pulaski	Terry Perkins	\$13,280
Medicine Shoppe	Jonesboro	Craighead	Jett Jones	\$9,450
Medicine Shoppe	NLR	Pulaski	Chrissy Barr	\$3,988
MediSav Homecare Pharmacies	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Jamie Schmalz	\$33,334
Medsker Pharmacy	Carlisle	Lonoke	Connie Medsker	\$2,960
McCoy-Tygart Drug	Sheridan	Grant	Sparky Hedden	\$2,347
Mitchell's Main St Pharmacy	Mt. View	Stone	Eddie Mitchell	\$2,044
Mitchell's Park St	Calico Rock	Izard	Sarah Mitchell	\$0
National Pharmacy	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Jeff Fenwick	\$2,961
Palace Drug of Mammoth Spring	Mammoth Spring	Fulton	Sarah Clark	\$880
Palace Drug of Salem	Salem	Fulton	Sarah Clark	\$5,538
Palestine Family Pharmacy	Palestine	St. Francis	Brent Flowers	\$1,491
Parker Road Specialty Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Mike Soo	\$7,650
Peoples Drug and Gifts	Stamps	Lafayette	Lauren Maloch	\$12,494
Polk Pharmacy	England	Lonoke	Scott Polk	\$3,000
Power Pharmacy	Nashville	Howard	Kim Raulerson	\$7,574

Prince Drug	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Daniel	\$2,824
Professional Pharmacy	Stuttgart	Arkansas	Zack Smith	\$144
Remedy Drug	Little Rock	Pulaski	Laura Lumsden	\$4,220
Salem Pharmacy	Benton	Saline	Taylor Brown	\$3,961
Sheridan Family Pharmacy	Sheridan	Grant	Sparky Hedden	\$10,767
Smith-Caldwell	Benton	Saline	Christina Kelley	\$820
Smith Drug	Hot Springs	Garland	Lance Smith	\$24,827
Smith Family Pharmacy	Conway	Faulkner	Blake Johnson	\$23,181
Soo's Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Tyler Soo	\$4,122
Southern Pharmacy	Leachville	Mississippi	Kyle Lomax	\$4,246
Southern Pharmacy	Monette	Craighead	Kyle Lomax	\$3,354
Southern Pharmacy	Lepanto	Poinsett	Kyle Lomax	\$7,300
Southern Pharmacy	Marked Tree	Poinsett	Kyle Lomax	\$1,397
Southern Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Kyle Lomax	\$28,545
St. Francis Discount Pharmacy	Forrest City	St. Francis	Byron Johnson	\$360
Stanley Pharmacy	Searcy	White	Scott Stanley	\$3,080
Stotts Drug Store	Searcy	White	Peyton Harvey	\$840
Tanglewood	Little Rock	Pulaski	Adam Wheeler	\$880
The Drug Room	Pine Bluff	Jefferson	Brittany Butterfield	\$1,876
The Drug Store	Little Rock	Pulaski	Phillip Judd	\$3,764
The Pharmacy at Wellington	Little Rock	Pulaski	Brittany Sanders	\$178,687
The Pharmacy of Shannon Hills	Shannon Hills	Saline	Callie Bench	\$1,596
Trucare Pharmacy	Fort Smith	Sebastian	Barbie Lofton	\$43,400
Village Pharmacy	Ozark	Franklin	CA Kuykendall	\$43,008
Walling Drug	Cave City	Independence/Sharp	Jennifer Walling	\$1,085
West Gate Pharmacy	Hot Springs Village	Garland	Dylan Jones	\$48,642
West Side Pharmacy	Benton	Saline	Blake Torres	\$331,697
Woodsprings Pharmacy	Jonesboro	Craighead	Lacey Hoggard	\$32,475
Wynne Apothecary	Wynne	Cross	Stacy Cooper	\$2,020

TOTALS

Unpaid Claims  
\$3,682,573

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**C.7**

Agency: Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism Business Area Code: 0900  
 Program Title: Office of Outdoor Recreation - Outdoor Recreation Grants Program  
 Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):

See attached narrative.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: REC Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ State: x  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	150000
Capital Outlay	150000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	1500000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1800000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/30/2026

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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	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by:  6/29/23  
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

dy 6/30/2023

**Attached Narrative: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Program Appropriation and Personnel  
Authorization Request – Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism – Office of Outdoor Recreation**

This project will provide funding to support park, recreation, and trail improvements within the City of Russellville as part of the Russellville Connected Trail System. The project will provide construction funding for a riverwalk connection development project, initiating the establishment of a link between the City of Russellville and the City of Dardanelle. This riverwalk connection is approximately one mile in length and will be constructed along the upper bank of the Arkansas River. Total construction cost of the project is estimated at \$1,500,000. An additional \$150,000 in design/engineering and \$150,000 in easement/right-of-way costs is anticipated. Funding will be provided as a project specific grant from the Office of Outdoor Recreation.



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**C.8**

Agency: Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism Business Area Code: 0900  
 Program Title: State Park Improvements  
 Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Effective Date of Authorization: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginning: 07/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2024  
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information): \_\_\_\_\_

See attached narrative.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: REC Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: \_\_\_\_\_ State: x  
 Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	125000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Construction (CI:05)	9875000
Other:	
Total	\$ 10000000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/30/2026

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**Attached Narrative: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Program Appropriation and Personnel  
Authorization Request – Department of Parks, Heritage, & Tourism – State Parks Division**

This four (4) part project will provide funding to support improvements at the following state park locations: 1. Delta Heritage Trail, 2. Queen Wilhelmina, 3. Pinnacle Mountain, and 4. Petit Jean and other mountain-park locations. For part one, the project at Delta Heritage Trail will provide construction funding for three miles of trail in Arkansas County. The project provides trail development for pedestrian and cycling use, site furnishings, and access improvements. The department is requesting \$3,000,000 in construction funds. For part two, the project at Queen Wilhelmina will provide construction funding for trail and recreation related infrastructure and facility development projects in conjunction with the Trails at Mena Master Plan. The department is requesting \$3,000,000 in construction funds. For part three, the project at Pinnacle Mountain will provide pedestrian and cycling connectivity within the Maumelle Pinnacles Conservation Area. The Maumelle Pinnacles Conservation Area is a collaborative partnership of municipal, county, state, public utility, and non-profit land managers aiming to expand recreational amenities on their property. The State Parks Division plans to expand pedestrian and cycling access through improvements within Pinnacle Mountain State Park. For this part, the department is requesting \$2,000,000 in construction funds. For part four, the project at Petit Jean and other mountain-park locations will provide for facility, trail, infrastructure, and recreational development improvements to relieve congestion and disperse recreational users across our parks' property. The department is requesting \$1,850,000 in construction funds for these improvements. This part of the project includes development of a conservation and recreation management plan for needs assessment and associated recreational improvements including trails, new or renovated facilities, and expanded recreational opportunities, including rock climbing. The conservation and recreation management plan will impact final decisions on development locations for recreational and facility improvements. The department is requesting \$150,000 for the consulting study and plan development.

Agency:Arkansas Department of Human ServicesBusiness Area Code:0710

Program Title:Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) Aid

Granting Organization:State Fiscal Recovery FundsCFDA #:State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2023Ending:6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
Request American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) to assist in their mission "to ensure the right of every Arkansas senior who needs daily assistance to receive the highest quality care in a choice-driven, dignified, safe and clean environment, and to promote independence and maintain the highest quality of life. "

DHS is requesting funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 to cover operational costs of the ALFs to address the negative impacts of the public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Amounts for the various ALFs wll be distributed based on a standard funding formula determined by population served and total number of beds. In addition, funds will only be distributed to ALFs related to serving Medicaid populations. To receive funds, ALFs must also demonstrate and attest to lost revenue and attest to a willingness to submit to an audit.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFund Code: NEWDirect Funding:State: XContinuation:

Funds Center: NEWInternal Order/WBS Element: NEW

	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)	2,000,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$2,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:3/31/2024

DFA IGS State Technology PlanningDate

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

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Approved by:Robert Brech 7/6/2023

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

jmoore 7/3/2023



**DHS Secretary Kristi Putnam  
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June 30, 2023

Larry Walther, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 401  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Secretary Walther:

On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), I respectfully request release of a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to Assisted Living Facilities (ALFs) to assist in their mission “to ensure the right of every Arkansas senior who needs daily assistance to receive the highest quality care in a choice-driven, dignified, safe and clean environment, and to promote independence and maintain the highest quality of life.”<sup>1</sup>

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Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call Misty Eubanks, DHS CFO, at 501-320-6327 if you need additional information to support this request.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> From the 2023 Arkansas Health Care Association website at <https://arhealthcare.com/about-us/assisted-living#:~:text=AALA%20Mission%20Statement&text=AALA%20strives%20to%20ensure%20the,the%20highest%20quality%20of%20life> accessed on June 21, 2023.



Kristi Putnam  
Secretary

KP:mbe

cc: Janet Mann, DHS Deputy Secretary for Health Services

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Agency: DHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710

Program Title: Secured Restoration Act 659 Section 3 (ARPA-SFRF)

Granting Organization: State Fiscal Recovery Funds CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2023 Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):  
On behalf of the Department of Human Services (DHS), I respectfully request release of a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF) Arkansas Allotment to the Arkansas State Hospital to assist in their mission as Arkansas's only state-operated acute psychiatric hospital. It operates on a 24-7 basis and consistently operates at maximum capacity, housing 200+ patients – many of whom are diagnosed with illnesses that could present dangers in less secure environments, and some are criminal defendants with histories of violence.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: NEW State: X  
Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	2,000,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	3,000,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: (CI05)	5,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 10,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2024

**DFA IGS State Technology Planning** **Date**  
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Approved by: [Signature] 6/30/23 Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date  
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DHS is requesting ARPA funds in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the following:

- 1) Implementation of Secured Restoration – This program is authorized by Section 3 of Act 659, to divert lower-acuity restoration patients to a less restrictive environment, thereby providing capacity for higher-acuity patients.

Startup Costs: \$1.25 million  
First Year Operating Costs: \$3.75 million  
Total: \$5 million

- 2) ASH Capital Improvements – The ASH campus has two sections, one built in 2007 and one built in the 1960s. The hospital requires continuous maintenance, due to both facility age and wear and tear from housing acute psychiatric patients at maximum capacity.

Repair/Replace: \$1.8 million  
Roofing Repair/Replace: \$800,000  
Safety/Security Repair/Upgrade: \$500,000  
Bathrooms/Plumbing Repair/Replace: \$1.9 million  
Total: \$5 million

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please feel free to call Misty Eubanks, DHS CFO, at 501-320-6327 if you need additional information to support this request.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristi Putnam', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kristi Putnam  
Secretary

KP:mbe

Cc: Janet Mann, DHS Deputy Secretary for Health Services  
Jay Hill, DAABHS Division Director

Agency: Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing OfficerBusiness Area Code: 0620

Program Title: ARPA - Alvarez & Marsal - Rural Hospital

Granting Organization: US TreasuryCFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2023Ending: 6/30/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information ):  
Funding will be used to support an ongoing contract with Alvarez & Marsal to support the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and DHS in operationalizing the methodology developed by the State to help support Rural Hospitals due to long term financial impacts of the recent pandemic (COVID-19). This support includes but is not limited to reviewing sustainability plans, hospital progress, and supporting efforts by the State to allocate funds based on hospital condition and progress against their plans for sustainability.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: ADMNFund Code: FRP6210Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_

Funds Center: \_\_\_\_\_Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0620.ARPAMRURALHSP-ESteering Comm. Approved: X

Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_

	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)	1,877,800
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,877,800

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.

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Approved by: 6/29/2023  
Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDate

Robert Brech 7/6/2023  
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Devin Shaw 7/3/2023



Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration  
Support for Operationalizing the Rural Hospital  
ARPA Funding Model  
FINAL Scope of Work

June 30, 2023

Prepared by Alvarez & Marsal Public Sector Services, LLC

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## **I. Background**

The State of Arkansas has twenty-six rural hospitals that are either (1) non-system Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs); (2) non-system, non-CAHs located in counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer, which may have been impacted significantly by the COVID-19 pandemic, increases in the cost of care, and/or reduced revenue. With well-publicized financial struggles threatening their viability, the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) requested \$60 million (\$60M) in funding from the Arkansas American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee in September of 2022.

Instead of approving the entire request, a decision was made to approve hospitals on a case-by-case basis. An immediate infusion of \$6M was made for one rural hospital (Ouachita County Medical Center). This decision was based in part on concerns about the long-term financial viability of these institutions and the need to prioritize this use of limited State Fiscal Recovery Fund (SFRF). Within this objective, the State engaged Alvarez & Marsal Public Sector Services, LLC (A&M) as a third party to conduct an independent review of the near- and medium-term financial condition and operating performance of Arkansas' rural hospitals to help inform the State's distribution of SFRF funding. Twenty-six hospitals in the State were eligible to participate in this review based on the established criteria and eighteen agreed to participate and undergo a financial analysis and on-site review conducted by A&M.

Due to the lasting effects of COVID-19 on these hospitals and the long-term effects that hospital closures have on rural communities, the State developed the following methodology for allocating SFRF funds. Participating hospitals will be considered for funding to support financial viability through transformative or strategic operational change. Participating hospitals are required to:

1. Select one of two hospital sustainability plan tracks before requesting funds, and
2. Comply with all ARPA guidelines, including not using funds for legal fees, debt services, tax obligations, pension funding, or court settlement payments.

Participating hospitals should develop a sustainability plan contemplating the information contained in the A&M Final Report on the participating hospital's financial and operational condition. Each plan will vary based on their location in the State, community served, and the availability of and need for medical services. A participating hospital must select one of two sustainability plan tracks described below and are advised to consult with board members, community leaders, patients, providers, legislators, and others to develop their unique plans.

- Track 1 – Transformative Hospital Reform (reclassification or consolidation/merger)
- Track 2 – Strategic Hospital Reform (operational improvement through cost reductions and revenue increases)

Funding will be provided in multiple stages to hospitals as they meet key milestones and demonstrate progress towards the goals outlined in their sustainability plan per the two tracks highlighted above. To support the operationalization of this plan, the State is seeking a third party to support this process and advise the State on hospital plans and progress against those plans.

## **II. Scope of Work**

### **A. Purpose Statement:**

Support the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) and DHS in operationalizing the methodology developed by the State. This support includes but is not limited to reviewing

sustainability plans, hospital progress, and supporting efforts by the State to allocate funds based on hospital condition and progress against their plans for sustainability.

**B. Service Description / Deliverables:**

A&M's support of the State's efforts to operationalize the ARPA funding model for Rural Hospitals will be provided across the following deliverables. Throughout the execution of Deliverables 1-5, A&M will alert the State if any hospital is limiting access to information or is not forthcoming about efforts to transform or progress in their sustainability plans. Any gaps, inconsistencies, or limitations in the hospital-provided data or information shall be noted and reported accordingly.

**Deliverable 1 – Written review summary and potential opportunities for hospital consideration**

☒ Virtual (No travel)

*Duration: 3 weeks*

Week 1 – 3

- Enumerate key areas of concern for each hospital, as identified in the Final Report
- Identify possible actions that the hospital could take to address the enumerated areas of concern (strategic and structural)
- Review written summaries with State
- Finalize written summaries for distribution to hospitals

**Deliverable 2 – Sustainability Plan Reviews [Transformative and Strategic Tracks]**

☒ Virtual (No travel)

*Duration: 4 weeks*

Week 1 – 2

- Review hospital submitted sustainability plans for alignment with identified areas of concern
  - Consolidate data on submitted sustainability plans
  - Identify areas for hospital to provide additional detail on how sustainability plans address areas of concerns
  - Develop feedback for hospitals to inform hospital final sustainability plans
- Schedule follow-up calls with each hospital (as necessary)
- Deliver feedback to hospitals in advance of follow-up calls

Week 3:

- Meet with hospitals to discuss and clarify sustainability plans (as necessary)
- Gather final sustainability plans

Week 4:

- Review final submitted sustainability plans and present final analysis to the State

**Deliverable 3 – 6 Month Review [Transformative and Strategic Tracks]**

☒ Virtual (No travel)

*Duration: 4 weeks*

Week 1 – 2

- Review hospital submitted information and data regarding progress against State approved sustainability plans



- Consolidate data
- Identify gaps in data or inconsistencies in performance against identified metrics
- Develop follow-up questions for hospitals to clarify progress
- Schedule follow-up calls with each hospital (as necessary)
- Deliver questions to each hospital in advance of the follow-up calls


#### Week 3

- Meet with hospitals to clarify progress against defined sustainability plans (as necessary)
- Gather additional information from hospitals on progress

#### Week 4

- Summarize hospital performance against sustainability plans by sustainability track
- Present analysis to the State of progress against sustainability plans

### **Deliverable 4 – 12 Month Review [Strategic Track Only]**

 Virtual (No travel)

*Duration: 3 weeks*

#### Week 1

- Review hospital submitted information and data regarding progress against State approved sustainability plans
  - Consolidate data
  - Identify gaps in data or inconsistencies in performance against identified metrics
  - Develop follow-up questions for hospitals to clarify progress
- Schedule follow-up calls with each hospital (as necessary)
- Deliver questions to each hospital in advance of the follow-up calls


#### Week 2

- Meet with hospitals to clarify progress against defined sustainability plans (as necessary)
- Gather additional information from hospitals on progress

#### Week 3

- Summarize hospital performance against sustainability plans
- Present analysis to the State of progress against sustainability plans

### **Deliverable 5 – Hospital Intensive Follow-up [Transformative or Strategic Tracks]**

 Onsite Travel

*Duration: 2 weeks\**


A 2-week effort would include one to two hospitals and could scale up or down based on need. Up to 4 of these two-week efforts are included in the pricing (see Section VI. Cost). The State may direct the use of this support for a specific hospital due to hospital underperformance against identified sustainability plans or the provision of inadequate information to assess progress.

#### Week 1-2:

- Prepare for onsite hospital follow-up
- 2 days onsite with hospital leadership to review

- Available reporting to monitor key identified metrics
- Performance to-date
- Opportunities to enhance performance
- Presentation (in the form of powerpoint) of findings and recommendations

#### **Deliverable 6 – Legislative and Stakeholder Follow-up / Testimony** [Transformative or Strategic Tracks]

 Virtual or On-Site

*Duration: 1 week*

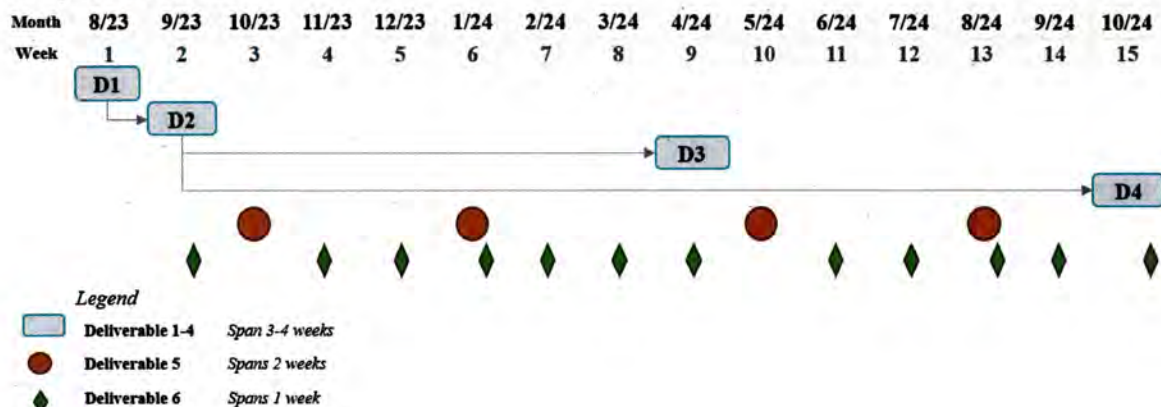
This one-week effort can be used for any of the following based on need. Up to 12 of these one-week efforts are included in the pricing (see Section VI. Cost). Up to 6 of these one-week efforts will be on-site in Little Rock. The State may direct the use of this support as they deem necessary.

- Calls with stakeholders (legislators, hospital reps, etc.) beyond the focused periods of the other deliverables for 1 to 5 hospitals
  - Prep for call(s)
    - Review material
    - Conduct pre-calls with State personnel as needed
  - Participate in the call(s)
- Onsite or virtual legislative testimony (1 to 2 sessions)
  - Attend pre-hearing prep meeting(s) as necessary
  - Prepare for legislative testimony
  - Attend and support legislative testimony

### **III. Timeline**

A notional timeline is provided below, with a project kickoff anticipated in August 2023. Deliverable 1, 2, 3 and 4 have been added as fixed project milestones (in blue), while Deliverable 5 and 6 (in orange and green, respectively) span across the engagement period. Deliverables 5 and 6 are variable, as they can be adjusted as necessary/deemed appropriate by the State. It is important to note current pricing captured in section six includes **four (4)** hospital intensive follow-ups and **twelve (12)** legislative/stakeholder follow-ups.

#### *Project Timeline*





## IV. Qualifications

### Team Structure:

The A&M team for this scope of work includes 4 resources with the required mix of skillsets to complete the requested support. Staff with their proposed roles are noted below:

- Managing Director: Daniel Harlan – Medicaid and ARP SME, Project Oversight
- Managing Director: Diane Rafferty – Hospital operations SME
- 2 Reviewers

### Team Experience:

Name	Years of Experience	Areas of Expertise
Daniel Harlan	15+ years	Financial and operational assessments, business process re-engineering, process improvement, organizational assessment, and strategy development in complex operational environments. Expertise in federal funds management including Medicaid and American Rescue Plan Act funds.
Diane Rafferty	35+ years	Hospital and health system operations, clinical regulatory compliance, care delivery redesign, productivity improvement and leadership/governance development.
John Hazel	10+ years	Hospital and health systems operations, clinical regulatory compliance, performance improvement, hospital finance, organizational assessment
Manpreet Kaur	10+ years	Hospital and health system operations, digital transformation, technology implementation, data and analytics, change management

## V. Estimated Period of Performance

This engagement is estimated to span from August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, to November 2024. The period of performance is subject to change based on the timeline of hospital funding approvals.

## VI. Cost

A&M is proposing a firm fixed price of \$1,877,800 for supporting the State's efforts to operationalizing the Rural Hospital ARPA funding model. Deliverables are inclusive of travel costs as noted above. A&M will invoice the State upon completion of each deliverable.

Duration (Weeks)	Deliverable	Unit Cost	Units	Total Cost
3	1 Review Summary and Options	\$140,000	1	\$140,000
4	2 Sustainability Plan Reviews	\$235,000	1	\$235,000
4	3 6 Month Review	\$235,000	1	\$235,000
3	4 12 Month Review	\$175,000	1	\$175,000
2	5 Hospital Intensive Follow-Up	\$170,000	4	\$680,000
1	6 Legislative and Stakeholder Follow-Up	\$34,400	12	\$412,800
Total				<b>\$1,877,800</b>

## **VII. Assumptions**

- A. This engagement does not require A&M to receive, analyze, store, or transmit Protected Health Information (PHI). A&M staff will work with DFA and/or DHS to establish an appropriate non-disclosure for staff to sign with each hospital where an on-site review is being conducted (if required).
- B. DFA and/or DHS will identify the hospital entities and other stakeholders subject to the activities contained in this SOW.
- C. Hospitals participating will provide timely information and responses to questions / scheduling follow-up calls.
- D. DFA and DHS understand that A&M's review may include the development of projections, recommendations, forward-looking statements and other determinations and/or opinions, and that numerous factors beyond the control of A&M can affect the actual results of the operations of each of the hospitals, which may materially and adversely differ from those projections, recommendations, forward-looking statements and other determinations and/or opinions included in its report.
- E. A&M will be relying on information provided by management of each of the assessed hospitals. A&M makes no representation and does not guarantee that (1) any entity will be financial sustainable, even with an infusion of federal funding and (2) the findings in the assessment including any identified courses of action or recommendations that when implemented, will bring about any expected outcome with respect to the assessed hospitals and/or be acceptable to DFA and DHS and any other constituents.
- F. Hospital progress will be assessed against the Rural Hospital ARPA Funding Model developed by the State.
- G. A&M is not conducting an audit of each hospital entity's financial statements as part of this effort and the review will be dependent on the veracity of the information provided by each hospital. Our review assumes that provided information is accurate, and A&M will be entitled to rely upon the accuracy and completeness of the information and data provided by each hospital without any independent investigation or verification thereof by A&M.
- H. Any recommendations provided are based on the analysis of hospital data and industry best practices. They are intended to be general in nature and may not be applicable to every healthcare institution's unique circumstances or specific patient populations. A hospital must factor in their unique circumstances in implementing any recommendation.