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August 8, 2024

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

RE: FY 25 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Arkansas Tech University – Lost Revenue Offset \$195,227
2. Department of Health – ELC for Prevention/Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases \$10,534,734
3. Department of Education – Office of Early Childhood – EFAP Reach and Resiliency \$206,442
4. Department of Energy & Environment – Environmental Quality – NAAQS Air Pollutant Monitoring – Reallocation of Previously Approved Appropriation \$0

Pursuant to Section 36 (02) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

5. Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism – Parks & Tourism Division – Broadband at State Parks & Welcome Centers – Plan Change Only \$0

Sincerely

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

C.1

Agency: Arkansas Tech University Business Area Code: 0130

Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act 2021

Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425T

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 6/12/2024 Ending: 10/1/2024

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
\$195,277 in ARPA funds will be used to offset lost revenues resulting in enrollment impacts directly related to coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The lost revenue will result from comparing actual tuition, fee, or student funded resources from the FY2021 to FY2022 and FY2022 to FY2023.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 210ARPA Direct Funding: _____
Funds Center: D80 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
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: Lost Revenue	195,227
Other:	
Total	\$ 195,227

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 10/1/2024

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date

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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 *

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: *Suzanne McCall* 6-12-2024 *Robert Brech* 08/07/24
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Mr. Jim Hudson,

Arkansas Tech University has \$195,226.81 funds available from the U.S. Department of Education under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. For consideration in the July 2024 meeting of the Peer Committee and the Legislative Council, Arkansas Tech University is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$195,226.81 for ARPA funds that will be utilized as identified below.

\$195,226.81 in HEERF funds will be used to offset the lost revenues resulting in enrollment impacts directly related to the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The lost revenue will result from comparing actual tuition, fees, or student funded resources from the FY21 to FY22 and FY22 to FY23 financial/budgetary reporting cycles.

Thank you for the consideration,



Suzanne McCall

Interim-Vice President Administration and Finance

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
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Agency: Arkansas Department of Health Business Area Code: 0645
 Program Title: Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC)
 Granting Organization: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) CFDA #: 93.323
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2024 Ending: 06/30/2025

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

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) was provided additional federal funding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Epidemiology and Laboratory Cooperative Agreement entitled "SHARP 2". This CDC funding will assist ADH with projects associated with the strengthening and securing of resources for the current Healthcare-Associated & Antimicrobial Resistant Infections (HAI/AR) Program across 5 project areas: the HAI/AR Program Network for Prevention and Outbreak Response, Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network, Antibiotic Stewardship, Enhancing the Use of the National Healthcare Safety Network, and Project Firstline to provide frontline healthcare worker education. The CDC grant titled AMD Sequencing & Analytics 2 (Supplemental) will provide funding for addressing lab needs for next generation sequencing, bioinformatics and advanced molecular testing of emerging diseases. The ADH Public Health Lab requests appropriation for the granted funds. Also, the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) was provided federal funding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through a grant titled "Data Modernization 2". The CDC grant will assist ADH with projects associated with the Data Modernization Initiative proposed by the CDC through its pioneering grant "Data Modernization 1" awarded to ADH in August 2020. This funding will specifically address project associated with maintenance of health information systems and enhancements to the State's electronic disease surveillance system and the Public Health Lab's Laboratory Information Management System.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: New Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: New Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	3,137,212
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	1,072,790
Operating Expenses	5,296,457
Conference & Travel Expenses	44,306
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	106,917
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	877,052
Other:	
Total	10,534,734

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2027

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Approved by: Renee Mallory 6/6/24
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 08/07/24
 Office of Budget Date
 CRB 6/13/2024

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant SHARP - \$10,534,734

- New funds ELC Supplemental \$10,534,734. This supplemental covers Data Modernization (DM), Strengthening HAI & AR Program Capacity (SHARP), & Advanced Molecular Detection (AMD) Sequencing.
 - Data Modernization (DM): We're requesting appropriation in Salaries to cover existing staff and in operating expenses to cover existing contracts, IT software, and upgrades to the ERAVE system.
 - AMD Sequencing: The funds in this grant will be utilized in our Public Health Lab to cover existing staff salary, laboratory supplies and existing laboratory contracts.
 - 901490
 - SHARP 2 (Strengthening HAI & AR Program Capacity): The funds in this grant will be utilized in our Outbreak, Prevention, and Response Section. The funds will cover existing staff salary, operating costs to include laboratory supplies, travel, and stewardship summit.

Agency: ADE - OEC Business Area Code: 0500

Program Title: TEFAP Reach and Resiliency

Granting Organization: USDA CFDA #: 10.568

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
To provide funds to the food banks and food storage agencies to make food more available and accessible to citizens of Arkansas.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUC Fund Code: FRP5006 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: BW7 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
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: ARPA Grant (CI: 46)	206,442
Other:	
Total	\$ 206,442

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/25

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Approved by: [Signature] 5/10/2024 Robert Brech 08/07/24
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
CH 6/24/24

PROPOSAL FOR AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDS TEFAP REACH AND RESILIENCY GRANT

The Commodity Distribution Unit (CDU) was notified on May 31, 2022, that it would receive \$592,370.00 from the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Reach and Resiliency grant. The contract starts on June 13, 2022, and it ends on June 30, 2025. The funding will be used to provide equipment to assist agencies in providing USDA foods through the TEFAP program to underserved areas of the State of Arkansas.

The coherent goal for the grant funding is to expand outreach and distribution efforts to improve the accessibility of USDA foods available to TEFAP clients. The CDU will be working with partnering food banks and/or community action agencies to distribute food to underserved participants residing in remote counties or rural areas.

The state of Arkansas will enter a partnership with Eligible Recipient Agencies' (ERA) to improve the distribution and outreach of TEFAP foods. The ERA will be awarded sub grants to assist with the purchase of new transportation or replacement of aging transportation, provide improved long-term storage of TEFAP foods at both ERA facilities and distribution sites through the addition of cold and dry storage equipment, renovate facilities to increase long-term cold storage, and remodel distribution sites to increase the number of clients served.

With the distribution of sub grants to our partnering agencies, we are expected to see an increase of up to 15 percent of USDA foods served to TEFAP clients. We anticipate the funded projects will allow for greater distribution to underserved clients in counties and areas where under 40 percent of persons in poverty are served. The grant will allow partner ERA to better serve participants residing in underserved areas by increasing the amount of TEFAP foods distributed to various distribution sites.

The CDU will monitor all monthly client served reports from partnering agencies, proposed research and outreach documents, progress of activities, invoices for purchased equipment and renovations, representation at community/stakeholder meetings, and consistent communication with partnering agencies through quarterly meetings and emails. The CDU will visit partnering agencies to ensure that equipment, materials and supplies, and renovations that have been purchased or contracted are being used for the specified purpose.

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Agency: Arkansas Division or Environmental Quality Business Area Code: BA0930
 Program Title: Section 103 Direct Award for Enhancing Continuous Monitoring of PM 2.5 and Other NAAQS Air Pollutants
 Granting Organization: United States Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.034
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 08/01/2024 Ending: 06/30/2025

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

The Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality requests a reallocation from Capital Outlay to Operating Expenses. The agency has received approval for this budget adjustment from the EPA Grants Specialist assigned to this grant.

This award is intended to address health outcomes from the COVID-19 pandemic by supporting enhanced monitoring of particulate matter and five other air pollutants regulated by the national ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. This award provides for 100% of the cost to purchase 9 particulate monitors, 7 ozone analyzers, a trace carbon monoxide analyzer, and a trace sulfur dioxide analyzer. This is a direct grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. There is no cost-share requirement for the state.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP9302 Direct Funding:
 Funds Center: BC3 Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0930.10314-22 State:
 Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	33190
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	-33190
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 0

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: Through 12/31/2024

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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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Approved by:  7/24/24 Robert Brech 08/07/24
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding

Total Amount to be Reallocated - \$33,190

The State of Arkansas, Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting the reallocation of grant funds in the amount of \$33,190 from Capital Outlay to Operating Expenses.

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus bill passed by the 117th United States Congress and signed into law on March 11, 2021, to aid recovery from the economic and health effects of COVID-19. ARPA funds support a broad array of programs and services that focus on public health initiatives, including those supporting the goals of the Clean Air Act related to public health and drinking water, air quality, and pollution reduction.

DEQ received ARPA funding in the amount of \$400,178 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to advance enhanced monitoring of Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5) or other National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) pollutants to better protect the health of Arkansans. More specifically, EPA awarded this funding to DEQ to purchase ambient air quality monitoring equipment for implementation in the statewide air monitoring program. This is a one-time direct grant from EPA, funded under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. There is no cost-share requirement for the state.

This one-time ARPA grant fully funded the purchase of nine (9) particulate matter monitors, seven (7) ozone analyzers, one (1) trace carbon monoxide analyzer, and one (1) trace sulfur dioxide monitor. The purchase price for this equipment totaled \$366,988.

DEQ requests that remaining funds from this grant be reallocated to Operating Expenses, in the amount of \$33,190. The reallocated funds will be used to purchase supplemental supplies for the DEQ Air Lab to be used in the statewide air monitoring program. The supplies purchased will be used in conjunction with the particulate monitors, ozone analyzers, and trace carbon monoxide analyzer that were previously purchased with funding provided from this grant. The supplies and monitors together will be used for enhanced monitoring of particulate matter and five other air pollutants regulated by the national ambient air quality standards under the Clean Air Act. DEQ has received approval for this budget adjustment from the EPA Grants Specialist assigned to this grant.

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AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

C.5

Agency: Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism Business Area Code: 0900
 Program Title: Broadband infrastructure needs within Arkansas State Parks and AR Welcome Centers
 Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism (Department), State Parks Division (State Parks), is reallocating American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding within our current total appropriation of \$261,443 for Broadband Implementation for State Parks and Tourism Welcome Centers. The Department has completed all projects with the previous scope of work and recognized savings due to value engineering solutions associated with the projects. With these savings, our request is to reallocate the remaining funds to further implement broadband installations within State Parks. Prioritizing campground and camping overnight experiences and continuing to build our broadband connectivity with State Parks are recommendations of the Natural State Initiative to showcase Arkansas as a premier outdoor destination. Reallocation of these savings will allow for expansion of wi-fi coverage at select campgrounds where cellular service provides minimal coverage for both emergency communications and guest experiences.

July FY25 Project Scope Change - FC AP9

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: Rec Fund Code: FRP9002 Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: AP9 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: 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)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2025

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Approved by: Janwil CFO 6-14-24 Robert Brech 08/07/24
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date
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Office of Personnel Mgmt Date **9**



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

Governor

Shea Lewis

Secretary

June 14, 2024

Mr. Jim Hudson
Secretary, Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson,

On December 13, 2021, the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism received approval from the Arkansas American Rescue Plan Act Steering Committee for the use of \$2,483,890 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for implementation of broadband at 27 locations within Arkansas State Parks and Arkansas Welcome Centers. On December 17, 2021, the Arkansas Legislative Council approved use of the funds.

The Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, State Parks Division (State Parks), is seeking to reallocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding within our current total remaining appropriation of \$261,443 for Broadband Implementation for State Parks and Tourism Welcome Center. The Department has completed all projects with the previous scope of work and was able to achieve a savings of \$266,443 due to value engineering solutions associated with the projects. With these savings, our request is to reallocate this savings amount in ARPA funding to further implement broadband installations within State Parks. Prioritizing campground and camping overnight experiences and continuing to build out broadband connectivity with State Parks are recommendations of the Natural State Initiative to showcase Arkansas as a premier outdoor destination. Reallocation of these savings will allow for expansion of wi-fi coverage at select campgrounds where cellular service provides minimal coverage for both emergency communications and guest experience.

Sincerely,


Jami Fisher
Chief Fiscal Officer