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December 5, 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: FY25 Cash Appropriation Increase Request(s)

Dear Co-Chairs:

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

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor
Shea Lewis
Secretary

November 6, 2024

BA: 0900
FC: 986
Fund: NPT0104
Func. Area: REC
Cl: 509:00:05
Amount: \$1,000,000
Fund Balance as of 11/8/24: \$15,162,783
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Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72201

Re: FY2025 Various State Agencies – Cash Appropriation Fund Increase for Division of State Parks – NPT0104

Dear Mr. Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism, Division of Arkansas State Parks request a Various State Agencies – Cash Appropriation increase for the division’s Cash Operations FY2025 appropriation.

The department is requesting an increase for FY2025 of \$1,000,000 in Commitment Item 509:00:05 Miscellaneous Construction, Fund NPT0104 and Fund Center 986.

The appropriation is requested for Ozark Folk Center State Park to address extensive repairs needed due to storm damage sustained on June 25, 2023.

This appropriation request is substantiated by insurance proceeds to cover storm-related damages. The requested appropriation will be used exclusively for repairs to restore the park’s structures and grounds to their pre-storm condition.

Please contact me or Jami Fisher at 501-682-7613, jami.fisher@arkansas.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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Shea Lewis

CC: Jami Fisher
Jeff King



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November 26, 2024

Secretary Jim Hudson
 Department of Finance and Administration
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 1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer of \$2,000,000 in appropriation from the Various State Agencies – Cash Appropriations, Act 152 of 2024, Section 27 as follows:

From:

Business Area 0620, Fund 9990000, Fund Center A08, Commitment Item 590:00:33

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund NDP1200, Fund Center (New), Commitment Item 510:00:04

The Department will utilize this appropriation to provide a grant to Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled Inc for additional funding to construct the Jobs 4 You Cabot Workforce Training Center in Lonoke County. Please see the attached Executive Summary dated November 20, 2024 for details.

This appropriation will be funded by the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions of Act 561 of 2023, Section 18.

Please contact Melanie Hazeslip (501) 682-5229 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alan McVey
 CFO/Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator

Jobs 4 You Cabot Workforce Training Center
Executive Summary
November 20, 2024

The Jobs 4 You Cabot Workforce Training Center will be a newly constructed facility for adults with developmental disabilities. The Center will be located on 3.79 acres at 3544 Hwy 367 South, near Cabot in Lonoke County. When the complex opens, 38 new jobs will be created, and the workforce program has the capacity to train up to 60 adults each year who have the opportunity to be placed in meaningful community employment. In addition, an ADA-compliant park will be constructed that includes a ½ mile walking trail, benches, and fitness equipment designed for those with disabilities, including seniors, those with handicaps, and those needing rehabilitation. The park will be open to the public year-round and maintained by Lonoke County. Pinnacle Structure Company in Cabot agreed to donate the metal outdoor pavilion for the park.

Specialists will train those attending the Jobs 4 You center to identify their best skill set and match them to local employers in the community. Jobs 4 You Cabot will serve North Pulaski, Faulkner, Lonoke, Prairie, and White Counties. Transportation is billed through Medicaid and will be offered daily at no cost to and from the homes of those attending the workforce instruction. All adults with disabilities will receive instruction at no cost to them or their families. In addition, a community room in the facility will be available to the community for events, meetings, and civic purposes. The room will accommodate up to 100 people and includes a catering kitchen, seating, and A/V equipment.

The cost of the 10,000 sq. ft. workforce center is \$3.7 million and is designed by Taggart Architects. To date, \$1.5 million has been raised from the Delta Regional Authority, Community Development Block Grant, and Attorney General Settlement Funds. Arkansas Enterprises for the Developmentally Disabled, Inc. (AEDD) purchased the land for \$571,000 and will fund all costs above the lowest construction bid.

DHS estimated that there are over 3,000 adults, ages 18 through 60, who could be eligible to attend the Jobs 4 You program, along with 475 high school seniors representing fifteen public high schools in this five-county region. The workforce center would be the first of its kind in Arkansas and could serve as a pilot project for other regions of the state with a desire to move their population of citizens with developmental disabilities into the workforce. This model for Arkansas is moving adults away from institutions, away from sheltered workshops, and into local communities. Providing workforce-ready employees contributes to the local economy and lessens dependency on state and federal subsidies for those with developmental disabilities.

With the State providing the \$2 million requested by AEDD, construction work can begin in 2025, with the Jobs 4 You Cabot Workforce Center opening in 2026. In addition, two new transitional homes will be constructed in Cabot, which will accommodate 16 adults who are at risk of homelessness. AEDD employees 300 people, serves seventeen counties in Arkansas, and partners with over fifty employers who hire adults graduating from their workforce program.