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June 6, 2025

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

RE: FY 26 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025 (3), as amended, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

1. Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education –  
Children’s Educational Freedom Account Set-Aside \$90,000,000
2. Department of Commerce – Economic Development Commission –  
Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside \$25,000,000
3. Department of Education – School for the Deaf – Arkansas School for  
the Deaf/Blind Set-Aside \$35,000,000
4. Secretary of State – HVAC System for North Side of Capitol – State  
Capitol HVAC Upgrade Set-Aside \$9,100,000
5. Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education –  
State and Public School Partnership for Share Cost of School Facilities  
– Education Facilities Set-Aside \$60,000,000
6. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Drug  
Task Force Operations – Various General Discretionary Majority Vote  
Set-Aside \$4,000,000
7. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer –  
Temporary Financial Assistance to UAMS for Angels Program –  
Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside \$2,900,000



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Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)



# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

*Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education*

**Jacob Oliva**  
Secretary

April 28, 2025

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**Stacy Smith**  
Deputy  
Commissioner

**State Board of  
Education**

**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*  
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**Kathy Rollins**  
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**Randy Henderson**  
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**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

**Ken Bragg**  
*Sheridan*

**Leigh Keener**  
*Little Rock*

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7th St  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$90,000,000 from the Children's Educational Freedom Account Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, Section 3(a)(3).

Every Arkansas family deserves access to the best possible school options for their children. The Arkansas Children's Educational Freedom Account Program empowers parents to choose a school based on students' individual needs.

This funding will allow the division to fund EFA accounts for the students during the 25-26 school year. General Revenue funds are dispersed at the end of each month based on the revenues received by the state. Without the release of funding the division will be unable to make first quarter payments prior to the start of the school year.

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

Sincerely,

Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education



Hugh McDonald

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

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May 5, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401  
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY26 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Dear Secretary Hudson:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) requests a funds transfer totaling \$25,000,000 from the Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside as authorized in Section 3(a)(8) of Act 1017 of 2025. This funding will be used by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for Site Infrastructure Grants and Economic Stimulus Activities throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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Hugh McDonald  
Secretary



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ARKANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE

May 29, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Secretary of State's office respectfully requests \$9,100,000 in funding from the State Capitol HVAC Upgrade Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions in Act I017 of 2025 (3) (10).

The Secretary of State will utilize this funding for the HVAC system at the Northside of the Capitol. The appropriation's account funding is:

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Sincerely,

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Kevin Niehaus  
Chief of Staff



## Arkansas Department of Education

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Secretary

May 8, 2025

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Jim Hudson, Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> St  
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Dear Secretary Hudson,

The Arkansas School for the Deaf respectfully requests \$35,000,000 from the Restricted Reserve Fund Set-Aside, pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, Section 3(a)(9). This funding will be utilized for costs associated with a new facility that will house classrooms for students who are deaf or hard of hearing and students who are blind or visually impaired. The facility will include a cafeteria, as well as fine arts and other common spaces large enough for all students. The new structure will replace facilities on the campus that date back more than a century.

Sincerely,

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Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education





# Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Secretary

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**Dr. Sarah Moore**  
*Stuttgart*  
Chair

Dear Secretary Hudson,

**Kathy Rollins**  
*Springdale*  
Vice-Chair

Arkansas public school districts support the education of over 473,000 students each year. It is the state's responsibility to provide students with education facilities suitable for teaching. Studies have found significant correlation between poor structural conditions and low student achievement.

**Adrienne Woods**  
*Rogers*

The Arkansas Department of Education requests \$60,000,000 from the Education Facilities Set Aside of the Restricted Reserve fund pursuant to Act 561 of 2023, Section 3 for the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education Facilities Partnership Program.

**Dr. Gary Arnold**  
*Little Rock*

The program is a financial partnership between the state and public school districts to share the cost of school facilities construction and major renovations. Every two years, school districts have the opportunity to apply for state financial participation for projects that support their facilities master plan. This funding will allow the division to partner with multiple districts across the state and provide for new schools, additions to existing schools, conversions of existing space, and renovations such as replacements of roofs, HVAC, electrical, plumbing or structural system.

**Randy Henderson**  
*Blytheville*

**Lisa Hunter**  
*White Hall*

**Jeff Wood**  
*Little Rock*

Pending your approval of this request, I ask that you schedule this item for consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Budget Committee for appropriate action as required by law.

**Ken Bragg**  
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**Leigh Keener**  
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Greg Rogers  
CFO, Arkansas Department of Education



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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$4,000,000 in funding from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund, Act 1017 of 2025 Section 3 (4)(A) for Fiscal Year 2026.

The Department will utilize this funding for grants for the Drug Task Force operations. Allocations will be determined by the Office of the Prosecutor and the Drug Director, who will work directly with Prosecutors and Drug Task Force commanders to determine need and allocate accordingly.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey  
DFA Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator





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May 29, 2025

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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$2,900,000 in funding from the Various General Discretionary Majority Vote Set-Aside of the Restricted Reserve Fund, Act 1017 of 2025 Section 3 (4)(A) for Fiscal Year 2026.

The Department will utilize this funding to provide temporary financial assistance to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences for the Angels Programs, which use technology-based platforms to support the medical care of Arkansas residents who may have a high-risk pregnancy, are at risk of a stroke, or some other serious medical condition. UAMS's receipt of the full funding amount will be conditioned upon the Department and UAMS identifying changes to the Angels Programs to achieve greater financial sustainability.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey  
DFA Chief of Staff/Chief Financial Officer

Cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator