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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: FY26 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JL Hudson', written over a horizontal line.

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)



SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

1302 Pike Avenue, Suite C
North Little Rock, AR 72114

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OFFICE OF THE
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FY26

Fund Balance:
\$9,565,324.96
ADS 5/9/25

May 5, 2025

Jim Hudson, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: FY26 Cash Letter
Business Area – 0480
Fund Center – 865
Fund- NDC0100
Commitment Item – (512:00:11) Capital Outlay- \$550,000

Dear Mr. Hudson,

The Arkansas Department of Corrections- Division of Correction is requesting \$550,000 in FY26 cash appropriation for cost associated with vehicles and safety and security equipment within various units. These types of purchases can include transport vehicles, metal detectors, body scanners, x-ray machines, drug testing machines and various other equipment used to keep contraband from entering facilities.

The funding source for this request is provided by cash placed in the Non-Revenue Receipts.

Should you have any questions, feel free to contact our CFO Chad Brown at 501-682-9510

Sincerely,


Lindsay Wallace

Secretary of Corrections

CC: Dexter Payne, Director
Chad Brown, Chief Financial Officer
April Davis, Budget Administrator



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

Jacob Oliva
Secretary

May 9, 2025

0500
EDUC
\$6,929,658
5/14/25
CH

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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**State Board of
Education**

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Chair

The Arkansas Department of Education, Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) requests an increase in cash fund appropriation for the Arkansas Medicaid Claiming Fund for FY26.

Kathy Rollins
Springdale
Vice-Chair

AR Medicaid Adm Claims (4HF – 46 – NED0012) \$5,000,000

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

ARMAC allows school districts and public charter schools to receive reimbursement for costs associated with certain administrative activities that directly support the Arkansas Medicaid program.

Dr. Gary Arnold
Little Rock

The additional appropriation will allow the division to use its administration funds for several initiatives including curriculum and resource development to support K-12 education, an electronic medical record system for school nurses, and a web-based reporting platform for school based health centers.

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

Please contact me at 501-682-4256 if you require additional information.

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

Sincerely,

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

Greg Rogers
Chief Fiscal Officer, Department of Education

Ken Bragg
Sheridan

Leigh Keener
Little Rock

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BA: 0620
FC: CF4
Fund: NDP1100
FA: ADMN
Bal: \$223,932.95
5.14.25
DS

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer from Various State Agencies - Cash, as authorized in Act 1006 of 2025, Section 27 in the amount of \$219,037.00 as follows:

From:

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

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund NDP1100, Fund Center CF4, Commitment Item 510:00:04

The Department will utilize this appropriation to continue to provide grants to city and county hospitals with an emergency room, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments to reimburse fifty percent (50%) of the costs associated with implementing a Safe Haven Baby Box (newborn safety device).

This appropriation is 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan McVey'.

Alan McVey
CFO/Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

BA: 0790
Func. Area: COMM
FC: CE3
Fund: NDE1400
Cash Balance as of 05/13/25:
\$10,251,623.84
KDR

May 9, 2025

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

RE: FY26 Cash Appropriation Request

Dear Secretary Hudson:

Pursuant to Act 1017 of 2025, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) requests FY2026, Cash appropriation totaling \$34,992,585 funded by a new and prior transfer from the Economic Stimulus Programs Set-Aside as authorized in Section 3(a)(8) of Act 1017 of 2025 and Section 3(a)(23) of Act 561 of 2023. This appropriation will be used by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for Site Infrastructure Grants and Economic Stimulus Activities throughout the state.

BA: 0790
Func. Area: COMM
Funds Center: CE3
Fund: NDE1400
Commitment Item: 510:00:04

Sincerely,

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Hugh McDonald
Secretary



Hugh McDonald

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

BA: 0810

Functional Area: COMM

FC: CB9

Fund: NWS0400

CI: 590:00:46

Fund Balance as of 05/14/25: \$2,325,603.71

KDR

May 9, 2025

Jim Hudson
Secretary
Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
1509 W. 7th St, Room 401
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Arkansas Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services (DWS) is requesting appropriation in the amount \$2,359,630 in a cash fund to continue workforce activities related to the Adult Education program. The funding is provided through reimbursements from the DHS SNAP program.

BA: 0810
Func. Area: COMM
Funds Center: CB9
Fund: NWS0400
Commitment Item: 590:00:46

Sincerely,

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Hugh McDonald
Secretary



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Department of Transformation and Shared Services

Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Secretary Leslie Fiskien

May 8, 2025

BA: 9914
Fund: New
ADMN
CTM
Fund Balance as of
5/19/25: \$0

Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
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RE: Cash Appropriation FY26 Request – Department of Transformation and Shared Services
Employee Benefits Division

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Transformation and Shared Services Employee Benefits Division (EBD) respectfully requests \$10,000,000 in commitment item 511:00:14 cash appropriation for FY26 to reimburse employees through payroll as part of a new spousal integration health reimbursement program. A new cash fund will be created in funds center DE9 to reimburse employees directly from EBD through payroll and will be funded by transfers from the EBD Arkansas State Employee Health Plan account.

Thank you for considering this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James Caldwell", is written over a horizontal line.

James Caldwell, Chief Fiscal Officer
Arkansas Department of Transformation and Shared Services.



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Daryl E. Bassett
Secretary Labor and
Licensing

May 12, 2025

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair
PEER/Review Subcommittee, ALC
State Capital Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

BA: 0203
FC: A25
Fund: NPA0000
FA: PROF
Bal: \$2,452,053.24
5.19.25
DS

RE: Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy

Dear Co-Chairs,

The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – AR State Board of Public Accountancy is requesting a cash appropriation of \$100,000.00. This appropriation is associated with the cost of the Accounting Career Awareness program at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas. Where it will be developed and designed to expose 8th grade students to the accounting profession as a career choice. It will focus on the variety of careers available in the accounting field as well as the associated traits and impacts of being an accountant, including teamwork, leadership, mentoring, and community involvement and assistance. It is hoped that the program can be pilot tested in the Spring of 2026 with implementation in all Arkansas 8th grade classrooms in the Fall of 2026.

Business Area	BA0203	Additional
Business Title	AR State Bd of Accountancy	
Fund	NPA0000	
Fund Center	A25	
Commitment Item	590:00:46 Exam Fees	\$ 100,000.00
Funding Source	License and Application Fees	
Cash Available to Spend	\$2,495,282.72	
Justification:	\$100k is associated with the costs of the Accounting Career Awareness program at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas.	

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Daryl E. Bassett, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing
Cc: Steven Guntharp, Chief of Staff
Tyler Cain, Chief Fiscal Officer



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BA: 0203
FC: A25
Fund: NPA0000
FA: PROF
Bal: \$2,452,053.24
5.19.25
DS

RE: Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy

Dear Co-Chairs,

The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy is requesting a cash appropriation of \$150,000.00. This appropriation is for fee increases in the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Inc (NASBA) exam billings.

Business Area	BA0203	Additional
Business Title	AR State Bd of Accountancy	
Fund	NPA0000	
Fund Center	A25	
Commitment Item	590:00:46 Exam Fees	\$ 150,000.00
Funding Source	License and Application Fees	
Cash Available to Spend	\$2,495,282.72	
Justification:	\$150k is for fee increases in National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Inc. (NASBA) exam billings.	

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Daryl E. Bassett, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing

Cc: Steven Guntharp, Chief of Staff
Tyler Cain, Chief Fiscal Officer

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor



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BA: 0203
FC: A25
Fund: NPA0000
FA: PROF
Bal: \$2,452,053.24
5.19.25
DS

RE: Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy

Dear Co-Chairs,

The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy is requesting a cash appropriation of \$250,000.00. This appropriation is for the Arkansas Resident Initial Exam Support (ARIES) program. On May 1, 2024, the Arkansas State Board of Public Accountancy initiated its Arkansas Resident Initial Exam Support (ARIES) program. This is a three-year, \$250,000 pilot program undertaken to assist individuals that qualify to sit for the CPA exam. The ARIES program allows initial Arkansas applicants for the CPA exam who qualify with resident status to request a reimbursement for their first registered exam section fee.

Business Area	BA0203	Additional
Business Title	AR State Bd of Accountancy	
Fund	NPA0000	
Fund Center	A25	
Commitment Item	590:00:46 Exam Fees	\$ 250,000.00
Funding Source	License and Application Fees	
Cash Available to Spend	\$2,495,282.72	
Justification:	\$250k for the ARIES (Arkansas Resident Initial Exam Support) program.	

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Daryl E. Bassett, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing
Cc: Steven Guntharp, Chief of Staff
Tyler Cain, Chief Fiscal Officer



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BA: 0212
FC: 81J
Fund: NBE0000
FA: PROF
Bal: \$332,683.72
5.19.25
DS

RE: Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Barber Examiners

Dear Co-Chairs,

The Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing – Arkansas State Board of Barber Examiners is requesting a cash appropriation of \$40,000.00. Barber Examiners need additional appropriation for the Enterprise License Platform (ELP), AR Inspect Contract payments, mileage, and other reimbursements.

Business Area	BA0212	Additional
Business Title	AR State Bd of Barber Examiners	
Fund	NBE0000	
Fund Center	81J	
Commitment Item	502:00:02 Operating	\$ 40,000.00
Funding Source	License and Application Fees	
Cash Available to Spend	\$343,005.93	
Justification:	ELP, AR Inspect Contract payments, and employee mileage.	

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Request in compliance with approved IT plan on file DFA IGS State Technology Planning	
	5/21/25
Signature	Date

Daryl E. Bassett, Secretary
Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing

Cc: Steven Guntharp, Chief of Staff
Tyler Cain, Chief Fiscal Officer



COL. MIKE A. HAGAR
Secretary

State of Arkansas
Governor Sarah Huckabee Sanders

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

1 State Police Plaza Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72209
Office: (501) 618-8235

May 9, 2025

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

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Division of Emergency Management is requesting additional appropriation authorized under Section 27 of Act 1006 of 2025, in the amount of \$800,000. This appropriation will be utilized for Fire Protection Services grants. This request is funded by special revenues in the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund.

If there are any questions, please contact Karen Perry at 501-618-8333.

Business Area: 0995
Functional Area: SFTY
Funds Center: NEW
Fund: NEM0013
Commitment Item: 510:00:04

Sincerely,

Col. Mike A. Hagar #225

Mike A. Hagar
Secretary



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May 29, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of Budget
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Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer of \$4,000,000 in appropriation for SFY 2026 from the Cash Fund Holding Appropriation as authorized in Act 1006 of 2025, Section 27 (1) as follows:

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

To:
Business Area 0620, Fund NDP1000, Fund Center CE5, Commitment Item 510:00:04

The Department will utilize this appropriation 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey
Chief of Staff/CFO

cc: Melanie Hazeslip



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ADMN
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Secretary Jim Hudson
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Office of Budget
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration requests a transfer of \$2,900,000 in appropriation for SFY 2026 from the Cash Fund Holding Appropriation as authorized in Act 1006 of 2025, Section 27 (1) as follows:

From:

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

To:

Business Area 0620, Fund NDP1700, Fund Center *New*, Commitment Item 510:00:04

The Department will utilize this appropriation 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.

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

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey
Chief of Staff/CFO

cc: Melanie Hazeslip