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August 1, 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 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 35 (01) of Act 1006 of 2025, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Department of Health – Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases \$10,284,659
2. Arkansas Tech University – ALIGN Program \$124,394
3. University of Arkansas Fort Smith – Mercy ALIGN Revision \$0
4. University of Arkansas Fort Smith – WATC ALIGN Revision \$0
5. Department of Education – Elementary and Secondary Education – Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund \$31,544,469

Pursuant to Section 35 (02) of Act 1006 of 2025, I am forwarding the attached American Rescue Plan Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

6. Department of Commerce – Workforce Services – Office of Skills Development – Statewide Initiative for Nursing Staff \$17,744,597
7. Department of Agriculture – Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Irrigation Projects Revision \$0



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized "J" followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 35 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025

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: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
ADH is requesting appropriation to cover expenses for FY26. 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: FRP6455 Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: CF1 Internal Order/WBS Element: HAISP24, RCALSQ24, RCAODM2 State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	3,137,212
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	1,072,790
Operating Expenses	5,046,382
Conference & Travel Expenses	44,306
Professional Fees	-
Capital Outlay	106,917
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other: IDC 590:00:46 CF1A	877,052
Total	10,284,659

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 07/31/2027

Gary Zhou 7/8/25
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)

* 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: J. Dan Adams 5-28-25 Cayce Raney 07/30/25
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
CRB 6/3/2025

Epidemiology Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant SHARP - \$10,284,659

- **New funds ELC Supplemental \$10,284,659. 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.**

ELC Grant

The Center for Public Health Practice is submitting request for 4 MFGS for Grants that we have received.

1. ELC Supplemental – This is a new request for appropriation. This supplemental covers Data Modernization (DM), SHARP, & AMD Sequencing. There will be no new position requests for this funding source. We will continue our same items on the awards we received prior to this supplemental. All funds will be utilized to cover salaries of existing staff, software contracts to include R Server and Syndromic Surveillance maintenance, laboratory supplies, travel, and training for staff of the Outbreak and Data Modernization section. All funds will be exhausted from DM1, SHARP 1, and AMD1 before we start to spend from the supplemental. We will be requesting 3 new Internal Orders that will cross 3 Centers. Funds will expire 07/31/2027. This funding source had 4 funding sources – we only applied for 3 of the 4 sources.

AMD 2

- Existing Salaries
- Equipment for lab
- Laboratory Supplies
- Maintenance contracts
- Contractor to work on laboratory instruments.
- Server licenses

DM 2

- Existing salaries
- Peer2Peer Training
- Software upgrades
- Software Maintenance Support (Inductive Health)
- Server licenses
- Maintenance contracts (R-Server)
- Upgrades with ERAVE system for FHIR Interoperability (Vital Statistics)

Mantech, Ind. HTH, R-Server
are included in IT plan

SHARP 2

- Existing Salaries
- Summit
- Laboratory Supplies

Jim / Keith Burns

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 35 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

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Agency: Arkansas Tech University Business Area Code: 0130
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
 Granting Organization: US Department of Education CFDA #: 84.425E/84.425F
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

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

The project plan for Ozark Campus, in partnership with Johnson County Health and Rehab (JCHR), is structured around an academic-practice partnership with the practical nursing (PN) program and long-term care. This partnership will allow for increased program capacity, initially by four students per cohort for the first year, and six more per cohort the second year if outcomes support additional increase. The PN program accepts two cohorts per academic year, which would result in eight to twelve more students accepted annually. The partnership guarantees clinical rotations at the facility to support additional students, and the healthcare partner has guaranteed adequate staffing to support quality clinical experiences for the students. The additional staffing and guaranteed clinical access for students is the source of in-kind funding. The matched funding will be used in four ways to support the program and provide additional opportunities for students. The funds will be used to pay for the additional adjunct faculty required to support the increased program capacity while maintaining the program standards. The program will also need technologies, furniture, and supplies to support the increased capacity. PN program faculty will be attending nurse educator conferences to empower them to provide high-quality learning experiences and to promote faculty retention. Funds will be used to support PN students by paying for students who have completed the pharmacology coursework to take the MA-C test, if desired. The program serves many non-traditional and low-income students. Providing this additional funding will allow students access to an increased income while completing the program and while

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 210ARP1 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D80 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	24,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	6,000
Operating Expenses	38,636
Conference & Travel Expenses	30,000
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	25,758
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 124,394

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6-30-2026

State Technology Plan Approval	Date
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Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to the Division of Information Systems.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: 
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Cayce Raney 07/30/25
 Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 7-9-25



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Stephanie Isaacs
DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT
AND

The Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas
Acting for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith

MOU # ALIGN 252615

ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the related regulations to each. Each Party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to waive the sovereign or statutory immunities of either Party.

PERIOD COVERED: This MOU shall take effect on May 17, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

PARTIES: Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas, Acting on Behalf of the University of Arkansas Fort Smith (UAFS). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of workforce training programs in Arkansas. The University of Arkansas Fort Smith is a four-year, state-funded institution that serves to advance the profession of nursing by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

BACKGROUND: The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs. Each institution is required to provide a healthcare partner contribution, with a two-to-one match by the state for every dollar contributed.

PURPOSE OF MOU: To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at UAFS.

FUNDING: The approved budget which is incorporated into this MOU shows all eligible expenses for reimbursement by OSD. OSD will reimburse UAFS on a monthly basis for expenses corresponding to the budget categories. Invoicing for reimbursement should be submitted by the 15th of each month for the preceding month’s expenses.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Bonnie Casey at bonnie.b.casey@arkansas.gov.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

UAFS will provide reports to OSD at the end of each semester (including summer sessions), or as reasonably requested by OSD. These reports shall contain:

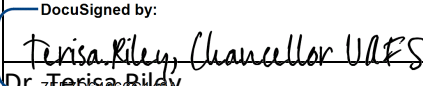
- Healthcare Partner Contribution
- Total expenditures including equipment, salaries, and tuition reimbursement
- Number of students enrolled in each program (LPN, RN, BSN)
- Number of students attaining degree each semester
- Student Wages during training
- Employment Outcomes and Wages at the end of training

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Parties agree to abide by the privacy and nondisclosure provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, its associated federal regulations, and Arkansas privacy laws to the extent they apply.


MODIFICATION: This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

DocuSigned by:  Terisa Rildy Chancellor University of Arkansas Fort Smith			6/14/2024 Date		
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STATE STAFF:

Stephanie Isaacs, Director, Office of Skills Development Arkansas Department of Commerce		Date 6/16/2024	
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Bonnie Casey, Associate Director Office of Skills Development	Date 6/16/2024
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FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOU Expiration Date	APPROPRIATION CODE	APPROPRIATION FUND	APPROPRIATION CHARACTER	SOURCE OF FUNDS	REVENUE CODE	Office of Skills Dev. Cost Ctr
09/30/2026	BX7	FRP9020	04	FEDERAL	N/A	B902102000

Total MOU Funding	\$2,033,375.00
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Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

PERSONNEL	Salary	Fringe	FTE/PTE	Total	Request	Line #
Faculty Member Hourly Pay for Venipuncture Boot Camp	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	2.00	\$ 16,000.00		1
Faculty Member Hourly Pay for EKG Monitor Tech Boot Camp	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	2.00	\$ 32,000.00		2
Grant Administrator	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	0.50	\$ 40,000.00		3
Grant Administrator (30% of Salary)		\$ 40,000.00	0.30	\$ 12,000.00		4
Total Personnel				\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/TRAINING	Quantity	Each	Total			
Supplies for Venipuncture Skill Training	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			5
Life Form Advanced Venipuncture & Injection Arm	5	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 8,060.00			6
Boot Camp Admin	1	\$ 8,811.00	\$ 8,811.00			7
Total Equipment/Supplies/Training			\$ 24,871.00		\$ 24,871.00	
U of A Fort Smith ALIGN Award					\$ 124,871.00	
Mercy Fort Smith						
PERSONNEL	Salary					Line #
SIM Lab Managers Midpoint (\$50/hr)	\$244,370.00					8
Educator Midpoint (\$39/hr)	\$195,072.00					9
Director AR Region	\$153,619.00					10
Clinical Instructor Midpoint (\$39/hr)	\$200,000.00					11
Total Personnel	\$793,061.00				\$ 793,061.00	
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	Quantity	Each	Total		Request	
SIM Adult w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$ 69,795.00	\$ 69,795.00			12
SIM ICU w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$ 82,490.00	\$ 82,490.00			13
SIM L & D w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$116,710.00	\$116,710.00			14
SIM Pediatric w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$ 86,780.00	\$ 86,780.00			15
SIM Term Neonate w/ Continuous Control Room + svc plan	1	\$ 65,875.00	\$ 65,875.00			16
SIM Premie Neonate w/ Continuous Ctrl Room + svc plan	1	\$ 29,245.00	\$ 29,245.00			17
Computers (Wall Mount) at Bedside	4	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00			18
Patient Beds	4	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00			19
Ventilator	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			20
Simulated IV Fluids & Code Medications	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			21
Crash Cart	1	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00			22
Cardiac Monitor	1	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00			23
Training Headwalls (flow meters/suction)	4	\$ 3,704.00	\$ 14,816.00			24
Medication Dispenser	1	\$ 25,042.00	\$ 25,042.00			25
Virtual Reality (VR) Simulaiton	15	\$ 6,215.00	\$ 93,238.00			26
VR Subscription - 1Year Subscription (\$46,619/yr)	2	\$ 46,619.00	\$ 93,238.00			27
Computer Infrastructure	1	\$ 11,068.00	\$ 11,068.00			28
MISD Labor	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			29
Computers	15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25,000.00			30
Computer Workstations	15	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 25,000.00			31
Total Equipment/Supplies/Training			\$816,947.00		\$ 816,947.00	
SCHOLARSHIPS						
Summer Extern Program	\$ 98,496.00					32
Win from Within	\$200,000.00					33
Total Scholarships	\$298,496.00				\$ 298,496.00	
Mercy Fort Smith ALIGN Award					\$1,908,504.00	
Total ALIGN Funding					\$2,033,375.00	

Agency: University of Arkansas - Fort SmithBusiness Area Code: 0195

Program Title: ARPA UAFS ALIGN MERCY

Granting Organization: Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of this grant program has not changed. However, after processing our first reimbursement request, it was noted that the original submission was not categorized correctly. This adjustment is being requested to correct that error.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIVFund Code: 216ARP1Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D71Internal Order/WBS Element: State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	(45,600)
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	12,000
Operating Expenses	33,600
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Subrecipient Expenditures	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2026

State Technology Plan Approval

Date

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Approved by: Carey Tucker7/10/2025
Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDate

Cayce Raney07/30/25
Office of BudgetDate

Office of Personnel MgmtDate

MPK 7/11/25

February 4, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) has been fortunate to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development (OSD). The *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program* award totals \$2,033,375. The University (UAFS) hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detail plan for these expenditures during FY2025.

The University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide a program that will upskill lower-level professionals, expand nursing apprenticeships, increase nurse educator recruitment and retention, expand clinical rotations, increase nursing program capacity where relevant, reimburse tuition, purchase equipment, implement simulation centers and expand labs.

Please find attached the Appropriation Request and Memorandum of Understanding which includes the budgeted expenditures.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terisa C. Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.
Chancellor



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

Stephanie Isaacs
DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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PROGRAM REPORTING:

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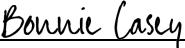
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AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

DocuSigned by:		6/14/2024
 Dr. Terisa Rildy Chancellor		Date
University of Arkansas Fort Smith		

STATE STAFF:

Stephanie Isaacs, Director, Office of Skills Development Arkansas Department of Commerce	Date 6/16/2024
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Bonnie Casey, Associate Director Office of Skills Development	Date 6/16/2024
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FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOU Expiration Date	APPROPRIATION CODE	APPROPRIATION FUND	APPROPRIATION CHARACTER	SOURCE OF FUNDS	REVENUE CODE	Office of Skills Dev. Cost Ctr
09/30/2026	BX7	FRP9020	04	FEDERAL	N/A	B902102000

Total MOU Funding	\$2,033,375.00
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Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith

PERSONNEL	Salary	Fringe	FTE/PTE	Total	Request	Line #
Faculty Member Hourly Pay for Venipuncture Boot Camp	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	2.00	\$ 16,000.00		1
Faculty Member Hourly Pay for EKG Monitor Tech Boot Camp	\$ 16,000.00	\$ -	2.00	\$ 32,000.00		2
Grant Administrator	\$ 80,000.00	\$ -	0.50	\$ 40,000.00		3
Grant Administrator (30% of Salary)		\$ 40,000.00	0.30	\$ 12,000.00		4
Total Personnel				\$100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES/TRAINING	Quantity	Each	Total			
Supplies for Venipuncture Skill Training	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			5
Life Form Advanced Venipuncture & Injection Arm	5	\$ 1,612.00	\$ 8,060.00			6
Boot Camp Admin	1	\$ 8,811.00	\$ 8,811.00			7
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Mercy Fort Smith						
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Director AR Region	\$153,619.00					10
Clinical Instructor Midpoint (\$39/hr)	\$200,000.00					11
Total Personnel	\$793,061.00				\$ 793,061.00	
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SIM L & D w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$116,710.00	\$116,710.00			14
SIM Pediatric w/ Continuous Control Room + service plan	1	\$ 86,780.00	\$ 86,780.00			15
SIM Term Neonate w/ Continuous Control Room + svc plan	1	\$ 65,875.00	\$ 65,875.00			16
SIM Premie Neonate w/ Continuous Ctrl Room + svc plan	1	\$ 29,245.00	\$ 29,245.00			17
Computers (Wall Mount) at Bedside	4	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 10,000.00			18
Patient Beds	4	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00			19
Ventilator	1	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			20
Simulated IV Fluids & Code Medications	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00			21
Crash Cart	1	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00			22
Cardiac Monitor	1	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 16,400.00			23
Training Headwalls (flow meters/suction)	4	\$ 3,704.00	\$ 14,816.00			24
Medication Dispenser	1	\$ 25,042.00	\$ 25,042.00			25
Virtual Reality (VR) Simulaiton	15	\$ 6,215.00	\$ 93,238.00			26
VR Subscription - 1Year Subscription (\$46,619/yr)	2	\$ 46,619.00	\$ 93,238.00			27
Computer Infrastructure	1	\$ 11,068.00	\$ 11,068.00			28
MISD Labor	1	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00			29
Computers	15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 25,000.00			30
Computer Workstations	15	\$ 1,667.00	\$ 25,000.00			31
Total Equipment/Supplies/Training			\$816,947.00		\$ 816,947.00	
SCHOLARSHIPS						
Summer Extern Program	\$ 98,496.00					32
Win from Within	\$200,000.00					33
Total Scholarships	\$298,496.00				\$ 298,496.00	
Mercy Fort Smith ALIGN Award					\$1,908,504.00	
Total ALIGN Funding					\$2,033,375.00	

Agency: University of Arkansas - Fort SmithBusiness Area Code: 0195

Program Title: ARPA UAFS ALIGN WATC

Granting Organization: Office of Skills DevelopmentCFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of this grant program has not changed. However, after processing our first reimbursement request, it was noted that the original submission was not categorized correctly. This adjustment is being requested to correct that error.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIVFund Code: 216ARP2Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D71Internal Order/WBS Element: State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	(40,000)
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	40,000
Operating Expenses	(15,000)
Conference & Travel Expenses	2,000
Professional Fees	13,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2026

State Technology Plan Approval

Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to the Division of Information Systems.

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: 7/10/2025
Cayce Raney 07/30/25
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 7/11/25

February 4, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) has been fortunate to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development (OSD). The *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program* award totals \$470,589. The University (UAFS) hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detailed plan for these expenditures during FY2025.

The University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide a program that will support the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program at the Western Arkansas Technical Center (WATC) at UAFS by addressing the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to WATC for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

Please find attached the Appropriation Request and Memorandum of Understanding which includes the budgeted expenditures.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Terisa C. Riley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.
Chancellor



Hugh McDonald
SECRETARY OF
COMMERCE

Stephanie Isaacs
DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ARKANSAS OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

AND

Western Arkansas Technical Center

MOU # ALIGN 252630

ASSURANCES AND COMPLIANCE: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the related regulations to each. Each Party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Nothing in this MOU may be construed to waive the sovereign or statutory immunities of either Party.

PERIOD COVERED: This MOU shall take effect on August 1, 2024, or the date signed by both Parties. The MOU shall continue through September 30, 2026.

PARTIES: Parties to this MOU are the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD) and Western Arkansas Technical Center (WATC). OSD is a state agency authorized to award strategic grants to public and private organizations for the development and implementation of Arkansas workforce training programs. WATC serve to advance nursing profession by preparing graduates to meet ever-changing client needs for health care.

BACKGROUND: The State of Arkansas has recognized the challenge that the healthcare industry faces due to the nursing shortage that exists across the United States. OSD and Arkansas institutions of higher education have been empowered to design, develop, and implement innovative programs to fill this ever-increasing gap through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program*. This grant program is aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment and retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, reimbursing tuition, purchasing equipment, implementing simulation centers, and expanding labs.

PURPOSE OF MOU: To provide funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the *ALIGN Program* at WATC, which will deliver a program of study in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN). WATC is a multi-district vocational center located on the University of Arkansas Fort Smith and PEAK Innovation Center campuses in Fort Smith. This MOU addresses the budget deficit between the vocational center aid, based on LPN program enrollment, allocated to WATC for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

FUNDING: The funding available under this MOU shall not exceed \$470,589.26. This funding shall be reduced by the vocational center aid awarded for state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The resulting amount

shall cover actual expenditures incurred by WATC during state fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The funding deficit covered by this MOU involves expenditures for instructor salaries, classroom equipment and textbooks, student supplies, and other fees necessitated by the LPN program offered through WATC.

Itemized descriptions of covered expenses are detailed in the document titled “WATC Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding,” which is attached to and incorporated with this MOU.

OSD will reimburse WATC upon receipt of documentation, expenses consistent with the “WATC Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding” that have been incurred.

Invoices and supporting documents shall be submitted to OSD, Lesia Edwards at lesia.edwards@arkansas.gov.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

WATC will provide reports to OSD as requested. These reports shall contain:


- Verified enrollment data
- Certifications/credentials earned
- Expenditures
- Concurrent credit hours earned
- Employment outcomes

INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY: The Parties agree to abide by the privacy and nondisclosure provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act, its associated federal regulations, and Arkansas privacy laws to the extent they apply.

MODIFICATION: This MOU may be modified only by written agreement signed by both Parties.

MOU NOT VALID UNLESS SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES AND ALL INFORMATION FILLED OUT:

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:

<div>Signed by:  7FF7D640B6C140A...</div> <div>8/19/2024</div>		
<div>Dr. Terisa Riley, Chancellor</div> <div>Date</div>		
University of Arkansas Fort Smith	(479) 788-2005	terisa.riley@uafs.edu

STATE STAFF:

Stephanie Isaacs, Director, Office of Skills Development Arkansas Department of Commerce	Date
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Cody Waits, Director, Workforce Connections Arkansas Department of Commerce	Date
<div>Signed by:  02750508128F4ED...</div> <div>8/19/2024</div>	

FUND ACCOUNT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

MOU Expiration Date	APPROPRIATION CODE	APPROPRIATION FUND	APPROPRIATION CHARACTER	SOURCE OF FUNDS	REVENUE CODE	Office of Skills Dev. Cost Ctr
09/30/2026	BX7	FRP9020	04	FEDERAL	N/A	B902102000
Total MOU Funding	\$ 470,589.26					

WATC					
Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding					
	Year 1	Year 2	Total	Line #	
Salaries/Benefits				Year 1	Year 2
A&P Instructor (Fall)	\$ 15,151.50	\$ 15,151.50	\$ 30,303.00	1	20
Medical Terminology Instructor (Fall)	\$ 9,593.17	\$ 9,593.17	\$ 19,186.34	2	21
2 - LPN Instructors (23.5 per semester) LPN classes are 7 credit hours, with 14 total hours per semester (includes 3 lecture, 4 lab, 6 clinical)	\$ 72,649.50	\$ 72,649.50	\$ 145,299.00	3	22
Executive Director (required by Board of Nursing, LPN program is only available to WATC students with 80% of ED allocated to budget)	\$ 76,745.34	\$ 76,745.34	\$ 153,490.68	4	23
2-LPN Instructors (18 per semester) LPN classes are 7 credit hours, with 14 total hours per semester (includes 3 lecture, 4 lab, 6 clinical)	\$ 72,649.50	\$ 72,649.50	\$ 145,299.00	5	24
LPN Instructor (% of Standifer Salary) LPN classes are 7 credit hours, with 14 total hours per semester (includes 3 lecture, 4 lab, 6 clinical)	\$ 23,308.00	\$ 23,308.00	\$ 46,616.00	6	25
LPN Adjuncts for Lab/Clinical	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	7	26
Total Salaries/Benefits	\$ 285,097.01	\$ 274,097.01	\$ 559,194.02		
Classroom/Lab Equipment					
iPads per student for one cohorts	\$ 19,000.00		\$ 19,000.00	8	27
Student Supplies/Expenses					
Textbooks	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	9	28
ATI Software - NCLEX exam prep (per semester cost)	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 18,360.00	10	29
TEAS Exam	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 4,030.00	11	30
CPR Certification	\$ 234.00	\$ 234.00	\$ 468.00	12	31
N95 Masks	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00	13	32
Supplies	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 21,500.00	12	33
Drug Tests	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	13	34
TB Skin Test	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	14	35
Background Checks	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00	15	36
Insurance	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 700.00	16	37
LPN Pins for Pinning Ceremony	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,300.00	17	38
NCLEX	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 12,730.00	18	39
Mileage reimbursement for students	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	19	40
Total Student Supplies/Expenses	\$ 88,094.00	\$ 86,594.00	\$ 174,688.00		
Total Adjusted Request	\$ 392,191.01	\$ 360,691.01	\$ 752,882.02		
Projected VCA from OSD	\$ (118,250.00)	\$ (118,250.00)			
Total Budgeted	\$ 273,941.01	\$ 242,441.01	\$ 516,382.02		
Total Adjusted Budgeted (91.132% of Total)	\$ 249,647.92	\$ 220,941.34	\$ 470,589.26		

Agency: ADE - DESEBusiness Area Code: 0500

Program Title: American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP)

Granting Organization: USDECFDA #: 84.425

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2025Ending: 6/30/2026

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
Funds are provided to State educational agencies and school districts to help safely reopen and sustain the safe operation of schools and address the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the Nation’s students.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: EDUCFund Code: FRP5000Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: E65Internal 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: ARP Grant - 46	31,544,469
Other:	
Total	\$ 31,544,469

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 3/31/2026

State Technology Plan Approval

Date

Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

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: Cayce Raney 07/30/25

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

CH 7/14/25

June 26, 2025

Dear Colleague,

On March 28, 2025, the Department of Education (the Department) [issued a letter](#) to State Education Chiefs rescinding its prior extensions of the liquidation period for COVID-related grants awarded under the Education Stabilization Fund (ESF) program. On April 3, the Department followed up with [an additional letter](#) outlining the process for requesting extensions for specific projects.

On May 6, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered a preliminary injunction in *New York et al. v. Department of Education et al.*, 1:25-cv-02990-ER, enjoining the Department from “enforcing or implementing as against Plaintiffs” the March 28 revocation of the extension period for 16 plaintiff states and the District of Columbia.

On May 11, the Department [issued a letter](#) notifying the plaintiffs in the *New York* litigation that the Department was modifying the period to liquidate obligations under the ESF program to terminate on May 25.

On June 3, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered another preliminary injunction in the *New York* litigation that enjoined the Department from “enforcing or implementing as against Plaintiffs” the directives in the May 11 letter.

Recently, on June 20, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit denied the Department’s motion to stay the District Court’s June 3, 2025 injunction.¹

The original intent of the policy announced on March 28 was to treat all states consistently with regards to safeguarding and refocusing their remaining COVID-era grant funding on students. The ongoing litigation has created basic fairness and uniformity problems—many states, such as yours, have continued to be covered by the March 28 policy, while the plaintiffs in the *New York* litigation have not been subject to that policy due to events in the litigation.²

As such, given the uniformity and fairness problems set forth above, during the pendency of this litigation and unless and until the Department is allowed to uniformly apply the policy described in the March 28 letter to all states, the Department has decided to address these fairness and uniformity problems in this interim period by returning non-plaintiff states to the liquidation process in place prior to the issuance of the March 28 letter. Thus, as of today, all states can

¹ *New York et al. v. Department of Education et al.*, No. 25-1424 (2d Cir. 2025).

² Considering any reliance interests in the Department’s post-March 28 policy, as required by *Food & Drug Admin. v. Wages & White Lion Invs., L.L.C.*, 604 U.S. ___, 145 S. Ct. 898, 917 (2025), we view them as minimal given that the pre-March 28 process affords greater flexibility for all states to liquidate their remaining ESF COVID-era grant funds.

submit reimbursement or route pay requests (depending on the specific state) for their ESF programs, and they will be reviewed and evaluated consistent with that prior process. States that have already submitted requests and receipts as part of the review and appeals process do not need to resubmit — see our FAQ for more details.

Note that in the *New York* litigation, the Department opposed the entry of injunctions on the grounds that, among other reasons, the Department is unlikely to be able to recover funds even if the Department ultimately prevails in the litigation. To mitigate those concerns, and consistent with the prior process, we will carefully review requests in order to ensure they continue to adhere to governmentwide grant cost principles and that, broadly, expenditures are intended to “prepare, prevent, and respond to coronavirus.”³

There are some specific circumstances, including the disposition of pending prior project-specific requests and pending administrative appeals, addressed in a new set of [FAQs available here](#).

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for all you are doing to support our Nation’s students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda McMahon", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Linda E. McMahon

³ CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281, 564 (Mar. 27, 2020); Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 1924 (Dec. 27, 2020); *see* American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Pub. L. 117-2, 135 Stat. 4, 19, sec. 2001 (Mar. 11, 2021).

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 35 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

C.6

Agency: Division of Workforce Services - Office of Skills Development Business Area Code: 0810
 Program Title: ARPA-Statewide Initiative for Nursing Staff
 Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Treasury CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2026

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

Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program:

1. A 2-1 match by the state for every dollar contributed to a college, technical or vocational college or a university by a healthcare partner.
2. Office of Skills Development (OSD) will manage the grant
3. Grants are aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment/retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, tuition reimbursement, equipment purchasing, simulations centers, etc.

Career Center LPN Pathway Developemnt:

1. Career Centers provide high school juniors and seniors with the opportunity to earn college credit while in school.
2. Only three of the 31 Career Centers currently participate in the LPN Pathway Pilot Program.
3. This investment would provide start-up funding to help expand Career Center LPN Pathways, including equipment and capital investments.
4. Reduces times to completion and out-of-pocket expenses, increases earning potential, and expands the nursing pipeline.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM
 Funds Center: NEW

Fund Code: NEW
 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

Direct Funding: _____
 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: 590:00:46	17,744,597
Total	\$ 17,744,597

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2026

State Technology Plan Approval	Date
Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.	

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: A Hatfield 7/1/25
 Cabinet Secretary _____ Date _____

Cayce Raney 07/30/25
 Office of Budget _____ Date _____
 KDR 07/14/2025

Office of Personnel Mgmt _____ Date _____

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7/1/25

Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program **\$13.7 million**

- A two-to-one match by the state for every dollar contributed to a college, technical or vocational college, or university by a healthcare partner
- Office of Skills Development (OSD) will manage the grant program
- Grants shall be aimed at upskilling lower-level professionals, expanding nursing apprenticeships, increasing nurse educator recruitment/retention, expanding clinical rotations, increasing nursing program capacity where relevant, tuition reimbursement, equipment purchasing, simulation centers, etc.

Career Center LPN Pathway Development **\$4 million**

- Career Centers provide high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to earn college credit while in school
- This investment would provide start-up funding to help expand Career Center LPN pathways, including equipment and capital investments
- Reduces time to completion and out-of-pocket expenses, increases earning potential, and expands the nursing pipeline

Total Request **\$17.7 million**

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 35 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025

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Agency:Arkansas Department of AgricultureBusiness Area Code:9901

Program Title:American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Water Related Projects, Wastewater and Stormwater Projects, Irrigation Projects

Granting Organization:117th Congress of the United StatesCFDA #:12.027

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:07/01/2025Ending:06/30/2026

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

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture requests combining two ARPA appropriations for water, wastewater, and stormwater related projects into a single appropriation. All received funds have been committed to these projects, which are currently under construction. This adjustment allows the department to reallocate funds as needed, covering budget shortfalls in some projects while reallocating savings from others.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMMFund Code: FRP9901Direct Funding:State: XContinuation:

Funds Center: AZ1Internal Order/WBS Element:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Other 590:00:46 ARPA - Water Related Projects (46)	-70,840,324.00
Other 590:00:47 ARPA - Waste/Storm Water (47)	-46,893,194.00
Other: 590:00:53	117,733,518.00
Other:	
Total	\$0.00

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:12/31/2026

State Technology Plan ApprovalDateItems requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.


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:

6-23-25Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDate

Cayce Raney07/30/25Office of BudgetDatejmoore 7/15/2025

Office of Personnel MgmtDate

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Water Related Projects, Wastewater and Stormwater Projects, Irrigation Projects

Summary:

The Department received \$280,000,000 in ARPA funding in 2022, which was awarded to two Irrigation projects totaling \$10,000,000, 105 Water projects totaling \$134,673,713.00 and 52 wastewater and stormwater related projects totaling \$135,326,287.00.

As of 7/24/25, 64 projects totaling \$96,949,544.75 have fully disbursed the approved ARPA funding, 88 projects totaling \$173,050,455.25 are under construction or plan to start construction soon. This appropriation modification request will allow the Department to reallocate any returned funds to other projects regardless if it is water or wastewater and stormwater related project.