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Senator Ben Gilmore Co-Chair Representative Les D. Eaves, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol, Room 315 Little Rock, Arkansas 72201



Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is submitting its quarterly report on storm damage repairs at the Arkansas State Hospital (ASH), funded through restricted reserves. Phase I, involving asbestos abatement, was completed in June 2024. Phases II and III-flood damage remediation for Units 3 and 4, respectively-have been delayed due to bid amounts exceeding the allowable threshold for on-call or emergency procurement work.

As a result, DHS issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on February 16 and 23, 2025, with submissions due by April 9, 2025. Following interviews on May 14, Lockeby & Associates was selected to develop design plans for both units. As this is a project-specific design contract, the \$2 million on-call limit does not apply, allowing the work to proceed based on available funding. Restoring each unit is estimated to cost over \$4 million.

The design contract was submitted and reviewed during legislative review in August 2025. The design plan will be submitted to DBA The week of September 8th. Upon approval it will be sent to DBA Construction for bid. A bid is anticipated within approximately 60 days. While Units 3 and 4 are included in a single RFQ, DHS plans to prioritize Unit 3, which will house a new 16-bed Secured Restoration program.

No new additional expenses have been incurred since the last report.

For further information, please contact Rosaura Page, OSAMH Deputy Director for Grants and Operations, at 501-320-6392.

Sincerely,

Janet Mann, Secretary

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Andy Babbit, Administrator DFA-Office of Accounting

Arkansas State Hospital (ASH) 2.28.2025

ASH Storm Damage Repair Status as of 02/28/2025

Legislature Provided Funding MOF #05182

			To DBA	To DBA	Low Bid	Bid Status/Notice		Est. Cost	Project Exp. As of		AASIS Funds	Approv.		Design	Div. to
Unit	DBA Proj. #	Project Description	For Review	For Bid Date	Amount	To Proceed	MOF#	Of Const.	11/30/2024	Cost String	Obligated by Req/PO	In AASIS	Status	Professional	Proceed Y/N
	Design	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	7-Jun-24				05182		\$ 46,494.09	418057-10/1DE/HHAX01XX	Various	Approv.	Complete	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Complete
	Construction	Phase I - Asbestos Abatement All Units	28-Sep-23	19-Jan-24	\$ 433,000.00	24-Feb-24	05182	433,000.00	433,000.00	418081-02/BV9/NHS2023	4502204077	Approv.	Complete - Inv. Outstanding	Env. Protection Assoc., Inc.	Complete
	Design	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	7-Jun-24				05182	1	92,016.90	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.	Complete	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Complete
	Construction	Phase II - Flood Damage Remediation Unit #4	18-Mar-24	8-Aug-24	\$ 3,095,144.00	On Hold	05182	1,967,900.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1000994561	Deleted	Exceeded DBA On-Call Threshold	Baldwin & Shell Const.	Hold
	Design	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3	28-Mar-24				05182	i	147,859.61	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	4502192766	Approv.	Current	Morris AE/Lockeby Eng.	Current
	Construction	Phase III - Flood Damage Rem. Unit #3	28-Aug-24	9-Dec-24	\$ 3,190,313.00	On Hold	05182	2,000,000.00	-	418081-10/BV9/NHS2023	Req. #1001008116	Deleted	Exceeded DBA On-Call Threshold	Kinco Construction	Hold
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ASH Total Est. BV9 Funds: \$4,400,900.00 \$ 719,370.60

\$ 46,494.09 \$ 92,016.90 \$ 35,868.94 Previous Design Prof Exp: \$ 174,379.93 New Total Design Exp: \$ 286,370.60 Additional Design fees since last report: \$ 111,990.67