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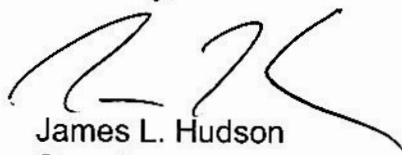
RE: FY 26 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 1006 of 2025, I am forwarding the attached Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

1. Department of Energy & Environment – Division of Environmental Quality –
Water Quality Management Planning \$202,216

Sincerely,



James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 1006 OF 2025**

Agency: AR Dept of Energy & Environment: Division of Environmental Quality Business Area Code: 0930

Program Title: AR Water Quality Management Planning, CWA 604b

Granting Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.454

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 funding will be used to cover the cost of analyzing samples for the Water Quality Management Planning program. This project is vital to the State of Arkansas and its effort to monitor ambient waters, surface waters, and lakes across the state. This appropriation request covers the remaining funding available to spend during liquidation period for the FY25 grant (\$25,216) and the IJJA portion of the new FY26 award for \$177,000.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII9303 Continuation of Existing Program: X
Funds Center: BB8 Internal Order/WBS Element: I09302510125/I09302510126 Change in Existing Program: _____
New Program: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	172,216
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	30,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 46	
Other:	
Total	\$ 202,216

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2026

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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 *

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:

 9/12/2025
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Cayce Raney 09/30/25
Office of Budget Date

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Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

Attachment 1 - Project Description

This agreement is to fund the State of Arkansas' Water Quality Management Planning program to improve impaired water and protect unimpaired waters across the state by conducting planning that informs and supports implementation of Clean Water Act programs. In accordance with Clean Water Act section 205(j)(3), unless a waiver request is approved by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the recipient will jointly develop workplans with and provide at least 40% of this award to regional or interstate watershed management planning agencies. Arkansas did not receive any proposals from any of the regional or interstate watershed management planning agencies and the Governor has requested all funds be given to the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – Division of Environmental Quality. The request has been approved.

The activities to be performed include the following water quality management planning activities:

Objective 1: Generate defensible, quality data to facilitate appropriate decision making on critical water quality issues including, but not limited to: developing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), developing water quality standards, revising water quality standards, and generating the integrated report [305(b) report and 303(d) list].

Objective 2: Evaluate the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)'s most current List of Impaired Surface Waters [303(d) List] to identify waters and stream segments that are lacking current water quality data. Waters and stream segments will be determined to be lacking current water quality data if it is not available for those waters or stream segments within the last five calendar years. Using this evaluation, ADEQ will develop a plan to sample those identified waters and stream segments and analyze the samples for water quality parameters to obtain updated water quality data for those waters and stream segments. DEQ will, at a minimum, collect the required amount of data to meet temporal requirements for use in assessment.

Objective 3: Generate water quality and chlorophyll a data to establish a robust and scientifically defensible database that can be utilized to revise ecoregion water quality standards as well as develop site-specific standards, as needed. ADEQ has completed similar studies in other ecoregions with the same objective. Previous studies not only produced invaluable water chemistry information but also produced extensive physical and biological information that yields a greater understanding of the unique characteristics of individual waterbodies. This project will continue the work in the Mississippi Alluvial Plains (MAP) ecoregion and will build on a previous study by the United States Geological Study (USGS) by collecting additional information from the expansive MAP ecoregion in Arkansas.

Objective 4: Continue to identify and evaluate potential source contributors of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), emerging contaminants of concern, determine site locations for sampling, and sample surface waters to determine the extent of PFAS in Arkansas's surface waters.

The deliverables to be provided under this agreement are semi-annual and final project reports. The expected outcomes resulting from these efforts include restoring Arkansas' impaired waters and protecting healthy waters. The intended beneficiaries are the residents of the State of Arkansas.

No subawards are included in this assistance agreement.