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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 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.

- Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \$3,060,063
- 2. Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant \$368,671
- 3. Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management Pre-Disaster Mitigation 2024 \$8,000,000

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

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The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Division of Emergency Management is requesting additional appropriation to align with additional funds awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) 22 grant award. Additional appropriation totaling \$3,060,063 will be utilized for administrative costs of the program as well as additional funds to award subgrants to local entities.

Background:

ADEM is the recipient of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program (BRIC) awarded by The Federal Emergency Management Agency. ADEM has been the recipient of BRIC funding since the implementation of the program by FEMA in 2020.

Purpose/Goal:

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant program makes federal funds available for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.

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Agency: Arkansa	as Division of	Emergency	/ Management			Business Area Code:	0995	
Program Title:			Haz	ardous Mat	terials Emergen	cy Prepardness Grant (HMEP) 202	5	
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The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Division of Emergency Management is requesting Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriation in the amount of \$368,671 for the 2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. This is the 1st year of the 3-year HMEP program, and the award encompasses personnel costs, operational costs of the program including training, and subgrants.

Background:

The HMEP grant program was established in 1990 by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act. In 1993, PHMSA began issuing grants to assist States, Territories, and Native American Tribes to "develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans" within the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986. The HMEP grant program is designed to allow grantees the flexibility to implement training and planning programs that address differing needs for each location based on demographics, emergency response capabilities, commodity flow studies, and hazard analysis. Relevant trainings are found in the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents publication and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations found in 29 CFR § 1910.120.

Governors in each State, or their counterparts within Territories or Tribes, designate an agency to receive the HMEP grant funds. Agencies submit grant applications to PHMSA annually requesting funds for proposed activities. PHMSA reviews and evaluates applications to make certain the proposed activities support the program mission to ensure the safe transportation of hazmat. If approved, PHMSA offers the agency a Notice of Grant Award (NGA) for acceptance and signature. Once executed, the agency may distribute grant funds in accordance with the planned activities identified in the grant application within the State, Territory, or Tribe to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and first responder organizations.

Purpose/Goal:

ADEM's purpose is to protect against the risks to life, property, and the environment that are inherent to the transportation of hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce. Through the HMEP program ADEM designs, develops, and delivers comprehensive preparedness and response training to public sector employees. ADEM will also maintain staff to manage this training effort.

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The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Division of Emergency Management is requesting Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriation in the amount of \$8,000,000.00 for the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program.

Background:

The Arkansas Division of Emergency Management is the recipient of the Pre-Disaster Grant Program (PDM) awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and reauthorized through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). This grant program is designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from future natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

Purpose/Goal:

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program (PDM) aims to implement projects that reduce risks posed by natural hazards and reduce future losses, by funding priority projects and activities. Priorities include the risk reduction of both acute events and chronic stressors, which are either observed or expected. To achieve these goals, two projects have been selected that meet the criteria for the PDM Grant for Arkansas. This award will be used to provide subgrants to state and local entities for pre-disaster preparedness and risk reduction efforts.