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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: FY27 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 34 (01 & 02) of Act 168 of 2026, 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 Workforce Services – Division of Reemployment -
Unemployment Insurance – Enhanced ID Verification
\$65,500
2. Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral
Services – Secured Restoration Act 659 Section 3 (ARPS-SFRF)
\$1,000,000
3. South Arkansas College – Track 2 HIRED Grant – Bright Futures:
Preparing a Skilled Workforce for Lithium Industry \$ 0
4. University of Arkansas – Fort Smith – ARPA UAFS ALIGN WATC
\$93,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION ____ OF ACT ____ OF 2026**

C.1

Agency: DWS - Arkansas Division of Reemployment Business Area Code: 0810
 Program Title: Unemployment Insurance - Enhanced ID Verification
 Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Labor CFDA #: 26A60UB000306
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2026 Ending: 6/30/2027

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The EZARC Identity Verification Enhancement project will migrate the current claimant verification process from the Department of Labor's (DOL) legacy USPS-based solution to the updated DOL Login.gov API. This migration is required to maintain federal compliance and ensure uninterrupted identity verification services for unemployment claimants. Currently, EZARC provides only a static redirect link to the DOL website, and no verification data is exchanged or stored within ADWS systems. The new Login.gov API introduces a modernized, secure, and fully integrated verification workflow that will allow EZARC to receive real-time verification results, improve claimant experience, and strengthen fraud prevention capabilities.
 The project includes application development, database enhancements, API integration, security updates, and coordinated testing with DOL technical teams and ADWS business users. Database modifications will be made to store verification outcomes and audit data. The effort also requires cross-team collaboration across development, QA, business analysis, and project management. The total estimated effort for this initiative is \$65,500.00 in implementation costs, including development, testing, business analysis, and project management. Successful completion of this project will modernize EZARC's identity verification process, reduce manual intervention, and align the division with federal identity verification standards.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: NEW Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: NEW Internal 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 (BG04)	
Other: BX46	65,500
Other:	
Total	\$ 65,500

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2028


 State Technology Plan Approval Date 8-24-26
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Comt 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:  8/7/26 Jessica Moore 09/04/26
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

KDR 08/19/2026

 8-7-26

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Agency: DHS Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710
 Program Title: Secured Restoration Act 659 Section 3 (ARPS-SFRF)
 Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRF)
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2026 Ending: 6/30/2027

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

To assist the Arkansas State Hospital (ASH) in their mission as Arkansas' only state-operated acute psychiatric hospital. ASH operates on a 24/7 basis and consistently operates at maximum capacity, housing 200+ patients-many of whom are diagnosed with illnesses that could present dangers in less secure environments, and some of the criminal defendants with histories of violence. This funding/appropriation will be used to design, implement, and maintain a program to provide educational, clinical, and medically necessary behavioral health services to individuals who lack fitness to proceed to trial and have been referred for Secured Restoration. **This request is to move \$1 million from ARPA Mental Health & Substance Abuse fund FRP718000 to ARPA Secured Restoration to FRP7138000. SLFRF Project #193 for a total award of \$30,000,000 includes a \$10,000,004.00 grant to the University of Arkansas School of Social Work to develop a Crisis system. As the work progresses, we identified that funds will be unused by the deadline of 12/31/26. Subsequently, SLFRF Project #183 Arkansas State Hospital Secured Restoration for a total award of \$12,000,000, includes both a Secured Restoration Pilot as well as construction on Unit 3 at ASH. Construction is actively underway but some additional sewer needs have been uncovered, some additional technology needs, and some additional safety requirements must be completed. Reallocating the \$1,000,000 that is requested between these two DHS projects will cover the cost of this unanticipated but required work in Unit 3.**

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

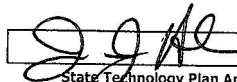
Func. Area: HHS
 Funds Center: ABJ7000.0710

Fund Code: FRP7138000
 Internal Order/WBS Element: G710RC4PAR23

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)	1,000,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 1,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

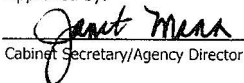

 State Technology Plan Approval Date 9-3-26
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Approved by:


 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

8/28/26
 Date

Jessica Moore 09/04/26

Office of Budget

Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt

Date

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C.3

Agency: South Arkansas College Business Area Code: 0193

Program Title: Track 2 HIRED Grant - Bright Futures: Preparing a Skilled Workforce for Lithium Industry

Granting Organization: OSD-Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.0027.21.027

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning 11/14/2024 Ending: 12/31/2026
(Date should be no later than June 30 of the current fiscal year.)

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

SAC is requesting to reallocate appropriation from Capital Outlay to Operating Expense.

Facilitate a partnership with industry to develop a training program that begins with non-credit training for adults and incumbent workers or concurrent enrollment of high school students and culminates in industry-driven skill acquisition and/or degree attainment in industrial engineering technology.

Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF)

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: AD70000.00193 S4 Grant Code: 99999 Direct Funding: X

Fund Code: 221ARP1000 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____

Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	15,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	(15,000)
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (BG04)	
Other: BX46	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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State Technology Plan Approval

Date

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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

* unclassified positions only

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Approved by: Stephanie Tully-Dartez
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Jessica Moore 09/04/26

Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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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:7/1/2026Ending:6/30/2027
(Date should be no later than June 30 of the current fiscal year.)

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of this grant program is to 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 2026 and 2027 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period. UAFS has been awarded a second round of additional funding for the LPN program at WATC.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:AD71000.0195S4 Grant Code:Direct Funding: X
Fund Code:216ARP2000Internal Order/WBS Element:State:
Continuation:

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	70,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	23,000
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (BG04)	
Other: BX46	
Other:	
Total	\$ 93,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:12/31/2026

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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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