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Senator Scott Flippo, 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) 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. Arkansas Department of Agriculture – Arkansas School Garden Project -
\$179,000

Additionally, Pursuant to Section 34 (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. DFA is actively monitoring the expenditure of ARPA funds prior to the December 31, 2026 federal deadline. We have identified \$3,000,000 in previously approved ARPA funding that cannot be spent by the deadline. These funds will now be reallocated to already approved ARPA programs at DHS (\$900,000) and the Department of Agriculture (\$2,100,000).

2. Department of Human Services – Division of Medical Services – Mental Health & Substance Abuse
\$900,000
3. Arkansas Department of Agriculture – American Rescue Plan ACT 2021, Water Related Projects, Wastewater and Stormwater Projects, Irrigation Projects - Plan Change Only (no additional appropriation needed) \$0



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of stylized, flowing letters that appear to be "JLH".

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 34 OF ACT 168 OF 2026

Agency:Arkansas Department of AgricultureBusiness Area Code:0400

Program Title:Arkansas School Garden Project

Granting Organization:Arkansas Department of EducationCFDA #:10.645

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning:7/1/2026Ending:6/30/2027

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The Department respectfully requests an additional \$179,200 to support the Arkansas School Garden Project agreement with the Arkansas Department of Education, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act. This request is necessary to ensure the effective implementation and expansion of farm to school initiatives among institutions participating in Child Nutrition Programs. The additional appropriation authority will enable the Department to provide financial incentives to School Food Authorities for the development and expansion of school gardens, deliver ongoing training and technical assistance to Arkansas School Garden Project teams, and furnish professional development and instructional resources to teachers at participating schools. The need for additional funds results from unexpended balances previously held by the Food and Nutrition Division prior to its transfer to the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, which must now be accessed and utilized in alignment with ARPA program objectives.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:ABW9000.0400Fund Code:FRP4000000Direct Funding:X

Funds Center: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 (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other: (590:00:46) BX46	179,200
Total	\$ 179,200

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:07/1/2023 - 12/31/2026

State Technology Plan ApprovalDate

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:9/22/2026Jessica Moore 10/02/26

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 34 OF ACT 168 OF 2026

Agency: DHS Division of Medical ServicesBusiness Area Code: 0710

Program Title: DHS Mental Health & Substance Abuse ARPA

Granting Organization: American Resuce Plan Act of 2021CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds (SFRE)

Effective Date of Authorization:Beginning: 7/1/2026Ending: 6/30/2027

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
The purpose of this grant is to address the gaps in mental health and substance abuse services across the state of Arkansas. The funding will support the development of different options and types of services needed for healthcare delivery. For children, facilities and services will be developed for community reintegration and residential substance abuse treatment. For young adults, supportive living will be developed to service children leaving DCFS and DYS. For adults, therapeutic communities for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (IDD), residential substance abuse and supported living facilities and services will be developed. Finally, the funding will support the beginning of a statewide crisis response system. The objectives for all this funding are listed below. *Reduce ASH spending *Reduce HDC spending *Improve care coordination and quality *Invest in children and at-risk populations *Minimize waste and unnecessary utilization. **This request is to add additional funds of \$900,000 to ARPA Mental Health & Substance Abuse Fund FRP7180. SLFRF Project #193 for a total award of \$29,000,000 includes a grant to the University of Arkansas School of Social Work to develop a Crisis System. The additional \$900,000 funding will be added to the University of Arkansas School of Social Work to continue development of a Crisis System.**

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHSFunds Center: ACC4000.0710Fund Code: FRP7180000Internal Order/WBS Element: G710RC7P0024Direct Funding: State: XContinuation:

	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)	900,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 900,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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Approved by: Janet Mann 9-28-26 Date
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

Jessica Moore 10/02/26
Office of Budget Date

Joshua Kenyon 9/29/26
Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 34 OF ACT 168 OF 2026

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:Beginning7/1/2026Ending6/30/2027
(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 Department received additional ARPA funding and had sufficient appropriation to utilize the funds.(See attached)

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area:AAZ1000.9901S4 Grant Code:Direct Funding:State:X

Fund Code:FRP9901000Internal Order/WBS Element: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 (590:00:51) AZ1F	-
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds:12/31/2026

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Approved by:W. W. Moore9-28-2026Jessica Moore10-02-26

Cabinet Secretary/Agency DirectorDateOffice of BudgetDateOffice of Personnel MgmtDate