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January 17, 2025

Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Subcommittee
Joint Budget Committee
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 25 American Rescue Plan Act Request

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 36 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, 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 Human Services -Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services
- Adult Protective Services \$125,992
2. Southern Arkansas University - Tech - Enhancements and Improvements
at Fire Training Academy - Plan Change Only \$0
3. National Park College - Higher Industry Readiness through Education
Development Program-Arkansas Workforce Strategy Grants \$6,000,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

Agency: DHS, Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health Services Business Area Code: 0710
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan (ARP) for APS (Adult Protective Services) under SSA Title XX Section 2042 (b)
 Granting Organization: Administration for Community Living CFDA #: 93.747
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Funding from American Rescue Plan to address gaps or disparities across the state, caseload management, and time management to ensure all Adult Protective Services (APS) clients receive the same access to services. This request is for \$95,000 in appropriations due to a purchase of software from Embodied Labs was incorrectly coded to pay from this grant. Once caught, an error correction was completed and the \$95,000 funding was put back on this grant but it wasn't done in time to carryforward the \$95,000 in appropriations. Also, there was an additional \$30,992 in funding granted to APS from this grant. This is to request \$30,992 in appropriations for this additional funding granted. Please see attached detail.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: HHS Fund Code: FRP7111 Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: BZ3 Internal Order/WBS Element: RC8P0020 State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	125,992
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 125,992

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Data
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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:  Kristi Putnam
 Digitally signed by Kristi Putnam
 Date: 2024.11.18 13:02:05 -06'00'

Robert Brech 01/16/25
 Office of Budget Date
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 11/19/24

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services

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July 29, 2024

REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION

Current Project Period End Date: 9/30/2024

Request for No-Cost Extension End Date: 9/29/2025

Grant Number	Program Code	Grant Award Amount	Drawn Amount	Remaining Balance	NCE Requested (indicate "Yes")
2101ARAPC6	APC6	\$2,235,994.00	\$470,736.39	\$1,765,257.61	Yes

JUSTIFICATION:

The Adult Protective Services division of the Arkansas Department of Human Services is requesting a 12-month no-cost extension to complete grant activities. The grant is currently set to expire on September 30, 2024. If approved, the new end date will be September 29, 2025.

Currently, the unobligated balance of this grant totals approximately \$1,765,257.61.

During the past year, the Adult Protective Services division of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (APS) faced several challenges that impacted our project's progress and activities. One significant challenge was the delayed release of funding allocated for ARPA 1 & 2, which was not available until January 2024. Another challenge arose from the vacancy in the APS Trainer position, requiring the APS director and grant coordinator to assume dual roles to ensure staff received necessary training. This increased workload strained resources and affected training efficiency, prompting efforts to streamline processes and utilize external training resources where possible.

Additionally, the resignations of APS Director Jennifer Reynolds in early November 2022 and the APS Grant Coordinator at the end of January 2023 posed operational challenges. APS Administrator Natasha Lucas managed multiple roles during this transition, reallocating duties and delegating tasks to maintain essential functions.

Despite these challenges, APS remains committed to advancing its mission and achieving project objectives. We continue to adapt proactively, leveraging resources and partnerships to overcome obstacles and achieve measurable outcomes.

A no-cost extension would enable APS to continue achieving grant objectives by implementing the following upcoming programmatic activities.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please let me know.



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Budget Justification Request for No-Cost Extension

Category	Allocated Funds	Timeline	Explanation
Personnel	\$511,811.56	September 2024- September 2025	(3) Staff positions: 1. Grant Program Coordinator (100%) 2. Training and Outreach coordinator (GS07) (100%) (5) Temporary Extra Help Staff Positions (GS06)
	\$299,409.28		
	\$212,402.28		
Fringe	\$91,618.04	September 2024- September 2025	Staff positions: 1. Grant Program Coordinator (100%) 2. Training Coordinator (100%)
Contracts or Subawards	\$624,097.00		
Home Health Association	\$20,000.00	September 2024- September 2025	To pay for emergent, temporary in-home healthcare services for indigent clients awaiting placement, assessment, or eligibility for long term care benefits.
APS data analytics Consultant and Database Improvements/Enhancements & Financial Exploitation	\$449,097.00	September 2024- March 2025	APS currently utilizes the LEAPS database to input, track, and close investigations. To enhance resource management and enable data-driven decisions, APS leverages data from both LEAPS and Power BI systems. This approach improves staffing across the state, caseload management, and the balance between investigation and custody case time management, while also providing justification for additional personnel. APS contracts with software vendors to add functions, improvements, and enhancements to the databases. LEAPS technology will be specifically employed to support financial exploitation cases.



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Adult Maltreatment Registry Quick Base	\$155,000.00	September 2024- March 2025	APS will maintain and update software to incorporate additional functions, improvements, and enhancements into the Adult Maltreatment Registry systems. This ongoing initiative aims to consistently improve resource management and streamline data-driven decision-making processes.
Other: Training	\$157,400.00		
Financial Exploitation of the Elderly	\$ 1,600.00	September 16th – 19th, 2024	Training for investigative and financial staff.
Continuing Education and Professional Development	\$ 29,200.00	September 2024- August 2025	CPR, Nursing CEU, LSW, etc.
Information Technology	\$3,800.00	September 2024 – March 2025	APS IT support personnel; related to APS tools, technology improvements and electronic registry.
APS Annual Statewide Stakeholders Conferences	\$60,000.00	Oct. 11, 2024	The community stakeholder conferences will be conducted to inform stakeholders about the Adult Protective Services (APS) and how we can help. These conferences will update stakeholders on APS operating procedures and feature presentations from partner agencies on topics related to their collaboration with APS. This initiative aims to foster statewide collaboration, ensuring the provision of effective and efficient services throughout Arkansas. The following agencies will present on topics related to their partnership with APS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money Follows the Person • Arkansas Department of Mental Health



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Office of Chief Counsel • DHS Division of County Operations • DHS Division of Developmental Services • Area Agencies on Aging • The PASSE Center • Guide House • Public Guardianship • Natasha Lucas: "What is Adult Protective Services?" (APS)
NAPSA Conference	\$ 4,800.00	September 16th – 19 th , 2024	<p>\$600.00 for 8= \$ 4,800. Staff will attend the 35th Annual NAPSA Conference. September 16-19, 2024, in Albuquerque, NM.</p>
National/Regional Subject Matter Conferences	\$ 8,000.00	October 8th – 11 th 2024	<p>\$800.00 for 10= \$8,000. Funds to send staff to the 41st Annual Adult Protective Services (APS) Conference October 8th - 11th, 2024 in Galveston, Texas.</p>
Regional Quarterly Meetings/ Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)	\$35,000.00	September 2024- August 2025	<p>Quarterly Meetings/Multidisciplinary quarterly and regional: To ensure the ongoing success of daily operations within APS, quarterly and regional meetings will be conducted with area supervisors to discuss cases and ensure the effectiveness and compliance of investigation processes.</p> <p>Multidisciplinary Team: Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) meetings have proven highly productive for Adult Protective Services (APS). These teams enhance collaboration with community partners and stakeholders, improving</p>



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<p>Subject Matter Expert Training</p>	<p>\$15,000.00</p>	<p>August 26th – 29th, 2024</p>	<p>communication and coordination between APS and community partners across the state of Arkansas.</p> <p>Training by Paul Needham, TCS Services subject matter experts on topics and skills needed by APS staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Communication Skills • Investigation: Risk Assessment • Screening For Decision Making Ability • When Working with APS Clients • Sexual Abuse • APS CASE Documentation/Report Writing
<p>Community Outreach</p>	<p>\$ 125,000.00</p>		
<p>Caregiver Support</p>	<p>\$10,000.00</p>	<p>October 2024 – September 2025</p>	<p>Enhance caregiver resources to connect individuals with respite care, mental health services, and other essential supports. Expand caregiver support to include access to training, skills development, self-care resources, and proper identification as a caregiver.</p>
<p>In-home Assistance</p>	<p>\$40,000.00</p>	<p>September 2024 – September 2025</p>	<p>Provide in-home support and services to assist clients and caregivers, enabling clients to continue living in their own homes. Examples include installing wheelchair ramps and other necessary modifications.</p>
<p>Community Outreach Materials</p>	<p>\$5,000.00</p>	<p>October 2024 – June 2025</p>	<p>APS will conduct outreach to older adults addressing community-specific issues such as financial scams and exploitation, caregiver abuse, and neglect, while providing community resources to support their needs. APS</p>



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<p>Adult Protective Services (APS) Public Awareness Campaign</p>	<p>\$ 70,000.00</p>	<p>October 2024 – April 2025</p>	<p>will disseminate information during the Stakeholders conference, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities to raise awareness about elder abuse in Arkansas.</p> <p>Community partners receiving APS information include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement officers • Public libraries • Fire departments • Adult daycares • Social Security offices • Assisted living homes • Area Agencies on Aging • Financial institutions • Paramedics, and others <p>The APS campaign aims to inform the public about APS services and how to access them, with a focus on reporting abuse via the hotline or online form. By distributing content across streaming services, broadcast TV, music apps, radio, and social media, with targeted outreach to rural communities, the campaign seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase public awareness of APS services. • Enhance the reporting of abuse cases. • Ensure that more individuals, especially in rural areas, know how to access APS resources. • Ultimately improve the safety and well-being of vulnerable adults in the community.
<p>Goods</p>	<p>\$ 106,931.01</p>		
<p>Good for Clients</p>	<p>\$50,000.00</p>	<p>September 2024 – June 2025</p>	<p>Ensure caseworkers have immediate access to resources to supply</p>



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Training/ Conference Material	\$43,931.01	August 2024 – June 2025	<p>vulnerable adults with essential items and emergency provisions (such as adult diapers, dietary supplements, toiletries, etc.). Address burial policies for indigent clients, emergency requirements, temporary shelter, and other necessary goods to support clients. Additionally, provide hearing impaired support for APS clients.</p> <p>Allocate funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training materials, including statutory authorities, APS policies, and operating procedures. • APS informational posters for public awareness. • Tools and materials essential for training courses. • Financial resources necessary to assist victims in accessing services. • Supplies like binders and quick reference guides to support APS operations effectively.
Subscriptions	\$11,000.00	September 2024 – March 2024	<p>Utilize Lexis Nexis and commercially available applications and services to enhance APS operations and facilitate remote access capabilities.</p>
Notaries	\$1,000.00	September 2024 - April 2025	<p>Allocate funds to employ a staff Notary at primary field offices to address the challenges of obtaining notarized documents, exacerbated by COVID and remote locations. Establishing in-house capability is essential for APS operations.</p>
	\$1,000.00	October 2024 – April 2025	<p>APS will produce and distribute brochures, flyers, and postcards featuring the NAPSA Public Service</p>



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NAPSA Public Service Announcements			<p>Announcement "Who is APS and how can we Help?" as part of its outreach efforts to educate the public about ASP's role and the support it provides. These materials will be disseminated during APS World Elder Abuse Awareness Day activities, Stakeholders conference, in-service training sessions with community partners, and to various stakeholders, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement officers • Public libraries • Fire departments • Adult daycares • Social Security offices • Assisted living homes • Area Agencies on Aging • Financial institutions • Paramedics, and others
Services	\$ 61,400.00		
Wrap Around Services	\$50,000.00	September 2024 – July 2025	<p>APS will offer access to short-term living arrangements for clients, such as hotel rooms and short-term leases, limited utility payment assistance, transportation services, provision of food and necessities, and funding for any other necessary services required by our clients.</p>
Cleaning Services	\$11,400.00	September 2024 – July 2025	<p>Provide funding for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deep cleaning of client dwellings. • Removal of hoarded trash. • Disinfection of contaminated dwellings.
OTHER: Supplies	\$ 35,000.00		



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Office Equipment	\$20,000.00	September 2024 – June 2025	APS will acquire office equipment, tools, and resources essential for field offices, main offices, and regional offices to support APS operations effectively. These resources will facilitate remote operations, enable in-home visits, ensure safety and security, and aid custody clients.
Tools, and resources	\$15,000.00	September 2024 – June 2025	Allocate resources for tools and resources that support APS staff in remote operations, in-home visits, ensuring safety and security, managing custody cases, and addressing any other essential needs that may arise.
Travel	\$ 52,000.00		
Mileage Per Diem Lodging	\$ 52,000.00	September 2024 – July 2025	Funding is needed for conferences, training sessions, regional meetings, and outreach events to support APS initiatives and community engagement efforts.
TOTAL	\$1,765,257.61		

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C2

Agency: Southern Arkansas Univeristy Tech Business Area Code: 0115
 Program Title: Enhancements/Improvements at Ark Fire Training Academy - ARPA
 Granting Organization: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 CFDA #: State Fiscal Recovery Funds
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 Revision to original approved plan see attached documents.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 217ARPA Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: BZ1 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:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2025

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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	Comnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: *Yang Zhimall* 12-19-24 *Robert Brech* 01/16/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date
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December 13, 2024

Department of Finance and Administration

Attn: Mr. Michael Krenn

RE: AFTA-EMS Building

Dear Mr. Krenn:

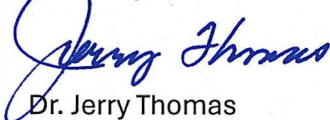
Due to unforeseen circumstances, SAU Tech and the Arkansas Fire Training Academy are requesting to amend the original appropriation for the Emergency Medical Training facility construction project. Our justifications to amend are below:

1. Former AFTA Director Woody resigned in spring 2024 and the new AFTA Director, Grant Warner, was hired effective October 1, 2024. The hiring process took away from the initial stages of pre-development and bidding process.
2. The original appropriation was estimated to be \$300 per sqft for construction costs. The winning bid is \$244 per sqft for construction costs. This variance allows us to expand the project from the original estimation.

Our expansion project will enhance the new facility, and the EMS program located at the AFTA. The additional items are to enhance furniture, fixtures, and classroom equipment, enhance technology for the building and individual classrooms, and to enhance security and outdoor spaces.

We respectfully request to amend the original appropriation to add enhancements to the building and campus setting as well as for additional time to complete construction until 9/30/2025.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jerry Thomas

Chancellor- SAU Tech

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

C3

Agency: National Park College Business Area Code: 0175
 Program Title: Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development (HIRED) Program-Arkansas Workforce Strategy Grants
(American Rescue Plan Act of 2021)
 Granting Organization: Arkansas Office of Skills Development/US Dept of Education CFDA #: 84.425F, 84.425M
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 11/14/2024 Ending: 06/30/2025
 Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 To construct a welding and metalworking instructional facility.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: New Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D64 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: Construction (CI 509:00:05)	6,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 6,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: December 31, 2026

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Approved by: *Wade Deason* 1/7/2025 *Riobert Brech* 01/16/25 _____
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



January 9, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
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RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Hudson:

National Park College (NPC) respectfully submits its request for FY 2025 appropriation approval of the funds provided by the American Rescue Plan through the U.S. Department of Education. The FY 2025 revised appropriation request includes construction of a instructional welding and metalworking facility. The demand for skilled workers in these fields continues to outpace the existing available workforce in our region and across the state. With the construction of a new welding and metalworking facility NPC will be able to train more skilled workers contributing to the region's economic growth and helping to fulfill the workforce needs that have arisen. The timeline for completion of a new welding and metalworking facility will total 18 months, completing by July 2026, ahead of the December 31, 2026 grant deadline. NPC projects to open the new facility to students in time to start the 2026 fall semester.

Thank you for your consideration of this request as NPC desires to accurately request and report our funding and expenses of the American Rescue Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Wade Derden'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wade Derden, Ph.D.
President