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February 13, 2025

Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair
Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair
PEER-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. UA-Pulaski Technical College – Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development Program \$2,000,000
2. UA-Fort Smith – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses Program at UAFS (Mercy) \$2,033,375
3. UA-Fort Smith – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses Program at Western Arkansas Technical Center \$470,589
4. UA-Fort Smith – Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development Program \$4,000,000
5. South Arkansas College – Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development Program – Bright Futures: Preparing a Skilled Workforce for Lithium Industry \$325,000
6. Arkansas State University – Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development Program \$7,500,000
7. UA-Little Rock – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses Program \$969,200
8. UA Community College Morrilton – Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses Program \$2,024,546

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**

C.1

Agency: University of Arkansas-Pulaski Technical College Business Area Code: 0693

Program Title: HIRED Energy Infrastructure and Utilities for OSD

Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 11/14/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

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

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: TCOL
Funds Center: D79

Fund Code: New
Internal Order/WBS Element: _____

Direct Funding: X
State: _____
Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	503,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	108,145
Operating Expenses	128,855
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	835,000
Capital Outlay	425,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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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 *
Technical and Professional			CC103958 & CC103959	P10039319		Project/Program, Specialist - Grant Coordinator			\$88,572
Technical and Professional			CC103958 & CC103959			Admissions Analyst			\$51,526

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:

Summer L. DeProw, Chanellor 1/27/2025
Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 2/11/25
Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
PULASKI TECHNICAL COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

January 27, 2025

Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and
Administration
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding - Act 997 of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College (UA-PTC) received a HIRED Energy Infrastructure and Utilities grant award from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development. The funding for the grant is through the American Rescue Plan Act under CFDA# 21.027.

This grant will address critical workforce shortages and improve labor market participation through targeted skills development and industry-driven career pathways. The state's economic growth and competitiveness depends on a well-trained, adaptable workforce prepared to meet the evolving needs of high-demand sectors such as advanced manufacturing, energy infrastructure, information technology, and life sciences. The HIRED Grant Program was created to provide funding for regional, employer-driven initiatives that address skills gaps.

This grant will fund the development and implementation of a unique training program focused on energy infrastructure and utilities. UA-PTC's workforce development will focus on developing the skills of highly specialized energy grid operators and energy-grid cybersecurity experts. These individuals play a vital role in ensuring the reliable and cost-effective delivery of electricity to homes and businesses throughout Arkansas and beyond.

The program is a collaborative effort between UA-PTC and a diverse group of partners, including regional transmission operators, Midcontinent Independent System Operator, or MISO, and Southwest Power Pool; utility companies, Entergy, Today's Power, and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives Corporation; educational institutions, University of Arkansas Little Rock, Arkansas Research Alliance; and Forge Institute. Together, these partners will create a pipeline to train and certify the next generation of energy grid professionals.

The program addresses two critical skills gaps in the energy industry:

- Need for NERC certification: North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) certification ensures individuals possess the knowledge and skills necessary to operate the bulk power system reliably.
- Cybersecurity expertise: energy-grid specific cybersecurity training is essential to protect critical infrastructure from cyberattacks.

The program offers several benefits for Arkansas and the surrounding region:

- Increased employment opportunities: Graduates from the program will be well-positioned to secure high-paying jobs in the energy sector.
- Enhanced grid reliability: a skilled workforce is essential for maintaining a reliable and secure energy grid.
- Reduced reliance on out-of-state training: currently, Arkansans seeking NERC certification must travel out of state for training
- Economic growth: the program will contribute to the economic growth of Arkansas by developing a skilled workforce for a critical industry.

Appropriation in the amount of \$2,000,000 is requested in the following categories and amounts:

Regular Salaries	\$ 503,000
Personal Services Matching	108,145
Operating Expenses	128,855
Professional Fees	835,000
Capital Outlay	<u>425,000</u>
	\$ 2,000,000

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Summer L. DeProw, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Agency: University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Business Area Code: 0195

Program Title ALIGN Program at UAFS (Mercy)

Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 6/16/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The purpose of this grant program is to upskill lower-level professionals, expand nursing apprenticeships, increase nurse educator recruitment and retention, expand clinical rotations, increase nursing program capacity where relevant, reimburse tuition, purchase equipment, implement simulation centers and expand labs.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D71 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	100,000
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	24,871
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: Subrecipient Expenditures	1,908,504
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,033,375

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: _____

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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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 *

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Approved by: _____ Date: 2/4/2025
 Charles Ramseyer
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

_____ Date: 02/11/25
 Robert Brech
 Office of Budget

_____ Date: _____
 Office of Personnel Mgmt

February 4, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) has been fortunate to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development (OSD). The *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program* award totals \$2,033,375. The University (UAFS) hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detail plan for these expenditures during FY2025.

The University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide a program that will upskill lower-level professionals, expand nursing apprenticeships, increase nurse educator recruitment and retention, expand clinical rotations, increase nursing program capacity where relevant, reimburse tuition, purchase equipment, implement simulation centers and expand labs.

Please find attached the Appropriation Request and Memorandum of Understanding which includes the budgeted expenditures.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.
Chancellor

Agency: University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Business Area Code: 0195

Program Title ALIGN Program at WATC

Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 8/19/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

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 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X
Funds Center: D71 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	276,901
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	193,688
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 470,589

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: _____

DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers SubArea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cmnt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

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Approved by: _____ Date: 2/4/2025
Charles Ramseyer Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director
_____ Date: 02/11/25
Robert Brech Office of Budget
_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____
Office of Personnel Mgmt

February 4, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) has been fortunate to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development (OSD). The *Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) Program* award totals \$470,589. The University (UAFS) hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detailed plan for these expenditures during FY2025.

The University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide a program that will 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 2025 and 2026 and the fixed costs of offering the LPN program during that period.

Please find attached the Appropriation Request and Memorandum of Understanding which includes the budgeted expenditures.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.
Chancellor

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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SECTION 36 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

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Agency: University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Business Area Code: 0195
 Program Title HIRED Grant
 Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 11/14/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

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 development and implementation of the Manufacturing Academy and the Center of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing, a project aimed at addressing critical workforce needs in the advanced manufacturing sector.

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: NEW Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D71 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: Equipment	4,000,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 4,000,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: _____

DFA IGS State Technology Planning	Date
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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 *

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Approved by: _____ Date: 2/4/2025
 Charles Ramseyer
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director

_____ Date: 02/11/25
 Robert Brech
 Office of Budget

_____ Date: _____
 Office of Personnel Mgmt

February 4, 2025

James L Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Dear Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas at Fort Smith (UAFS) has been fortunate to receive American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funding through the Office of Skills Development (OSD). The *Higher Industry Readiness through Educational Development (HIRED) Program* award totals \$4,000,000. The University (UAFS) hereby submits a supplemental appropriation request and detail plan for these expenditures during FY2025.

The University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 which will provide a program that will support the development and implementation of the Manufacturing Academy and the Center of Excellence in Advanced Manufacturing, a project aimed at addressing critical workforce needs in the advanced manufacturing sector.

Please find attached the Appropriation Request and Memorandum of Understanding which includes the budgeted expenditures.

Thank you for your expedited consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Terisa C. Riley, Ph.D.
Chancellor

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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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: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 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: CCOL Fund Code: New Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D70 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	62,936
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	5,664
Operating Expenses	6,149
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	250,251
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 325,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 24 months

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)

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

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Approved by: *Stephanie Tully Day* 1/30/25 Robert Brech 02/11/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



South Arkansas College

PO Box 7010 El Dorado, AR 71731 870.862.8131

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February 4th, 2025

Mr. Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock, AR 72203-3278

RE: American Rescue Plan Act Funding (Act 997 of 2021)

Dear Secretary Hudson:

South Arkansas College (SouthArk) from the American Rescue Plan Act authorized and Section 38 of act 997 of 2021 to (1) purchase chemistry equipment for the establishment of an industrial chemistry lab in support of the regional chemical, oil, and gas companies including the emerging Lithium producers and (2) the delivery of pre-employment training for industry through the college's Catalyst program.

Total requested funds for the two year HIRED 2 grant award period is \$325,000. Details of the requested funds are included in the following table.

Category	Year 1 Amount	Year 2 Amount	Total Project Amount
Personnel/Stipend	\$23,700.00	\$44,900.00	\$68,600.00
Equipment	\$250,250.78	\$0.00	\$250,250.78
Catalyst Materials and Supplies	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Catalyst Marketing and Promotion	\$2,000.00	\$3,699.22	\$5,699.22
Total Amount	\$276,100.78	\$48,899.22	\$325,000.00

Thank you for your consideration of the request.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Tully-Dartez, President
South Arkansas College

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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C.6

Agency: Arkansas State University Business Area Code: 0125
 Program Title: C.R.E.S.T. at A-State Careers, Research, Education, and Skills Training: A Partnership between ANC, ASUN, and A-State
 Granting Organization: Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.0027.21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 1/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2025

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

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: New Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D81 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: Capital Improvements (CI: 05)	7,500,000
Other:	
Total	\$ 7,500,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 12/31/2026

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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: *I. Shields* Robert Brech 2/11/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date



OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

P.O. Box 600, State University, AR 72467 | o: 870-972-3030 | f: 870-972-3465

February 6, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock AR 72203-3278

Dear Secretary Hudson:

Arkansas State University respectfully requests review of appropriation from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for the HIRED Program – Arkansas Workforce Strategy Grants, authorized in Section 36 of Act 152 of 2024. Attached you will find a completed request form.

Arkansas State University has been awarded \$7.5 million through the Office of Skills Development to address critical workforce shortages and improve labor market participation through targeted skills development and industry-driven care pathways. The \$7.5 million award is focused toward the development and construction of a workforce training center in collaboration with Arkansas Northeastern College and Arkansas State University – Newport to meet the evolving training needs of advanced manufacturing, food processing, and steel industries.

Important to note, the estimated cost to build the facility is \$30 million. The construction plans will correspond with approval from the ASU Board of Trustees and establishment of a phased plan for development based on fundraising efforts. We look forward to working with business, industry and local leaders to secure support for the building and its service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Todd Shields, Chancellor
Arkansas State University

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

C.7

Agency: University Arkansas Little Rock Business Area Code: 0145
 Program Title: Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses Program (ALIGN)
 Granting Organization: Arkansas Department of Commerce-Office of Skills Development CFDA #: _____
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2024 Ending: 06/30/2025

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

See attached

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: UNIV Fund Code: 201ARP1 Direct Funding: _____
 Funds Center: D5 6 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	622,000.00
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	151,072.00
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	96,128.00
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	100,000.00
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 969,200.00

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 30 months

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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 Sub Area	Cost Center	Position Number	Empl Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Maximum
						N/A			

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Approved by:  2/7/2025 Robert Brech 2/11/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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UA Little Rock

School of Nursing

Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses, ALIGN Award

The UA Little Rock School of Nursing will use the ALIGN award as a four-tiered approach to focus on the following aims in order to meet Arkansas healthcare demands:

- Incorporation of student retention specialists
- Scholarships for nursing students upskilling to Associate Degree RN and RN-to-BSN degrees
- Nursing faculty retention efforts
- Simulation equipment enhancements

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
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Agency: University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton Business Area Code: 0689
 Program Title: Arkansas Linking Industry to Grow Nurses (ALIGN) ARPA
 Granting Organization: Arkansas Office of Skills Development CFDA #: 21.027
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 5/17/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

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

American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CCOL Fund Code: New Direct Funding: X
 Funds Center: D77 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ State: _____
 Continuation: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	456,000
Extra Help	524,332
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	199,130
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	405,084
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	440,000
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 2,024,546

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: December 31, 2026

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
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Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

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: [Signature] 2/11/25 Robert Brech 2/11/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

MPK 2/11/25

February 10, 2025

Jim Hudson, Secretary
Department of Finance and Administration
Office of the Secretary
1509 West 7th Street, Suite 401
Little Rock AR 72203-3278

Re: American Rescue Plan Act 152 of 2024

Dear Secretary Hudson:

University of Arkansas Community College Morrilton respectfully requests review of appropriation from the ALIGN Grant portion of the American Rescue Plan Act 152 of 2024 for the following uses:

- Nursing Simulation Supervisor and Technician
- Clinical Instructors for both the PN and RN programs
- 2 Traditional RN track Instructors
- Faculty Retention Payments to Current instructors and administrators in our nursing program
- Equipment and Supplies for our Nursing Programs
- Student Scholarships for our Nursing Students to be used over the next 2 years.

Please find attached a breakdown of these uses:

- Personnel Salaries and Benefits will cover the following positions
 - Simulation Supervisor salary and benefits for 2 years (\$168,000)
 - Simulation Technician salary and benefits for 2 years (\$118,000)
 - 7 LPN Clinical Instructors salary and benefits for 2 years (\$266,112)
 - 4 RN Clinical Instructors salary and benefits for 2 years (\$105,600)
 - 2 Traditional RN Track Instructors salary and benefits for 2 years (\$170,000)
 - Faculty Retention Payments of 10% to be paid monthly for 2 years (\$152,620)
- Equipment and Supplies that will be used for the nursing programs on campus
 - 2 Adult SimManikin (\$110,000)
 - Pediatric SimManikin (\$55,000)
 - Pyxis MedStation (\$75,000)
 - 3 Hospital Beds (\$30,000)
 - 4 Hospital Headboards (\$40,000)
 - IV Pump Set of 4 (\$6,000)
 - 4 2-Year Subscriptions Ubisim VR Goggles (\$20,000)
 - VALT Sim Capture System (\$90,000)

- 2 2-Year SIM Cloud Service Contracts (\$2,400)
 - 6 Hospital Beds (\$60,000)
 - 6 Hospital Headboards (\$60,000)
 - 4 IV Training Arms (\$14,400)
 - 6 Low Fidelity Manikins (\$30,000)
 - PPE Dispensing Unit (\$4,914)
 - Bladder Scanner (\$6,500)
- Student Scholarships
 - Last paying Scholarships up to (\$1,000) for 4 semesters for 110 Students (\$440,000)

We will use these funds in agreement with the ALIGN Grant MOU between UACCM and Office of Skills Development. An attached approved budget and MOU between UACCM and OSD is attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to either Jeff Mullen, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration at mullen@uaccm.edu or myself at willenberg@uaccm.edu.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for UACCM.

Sincerely



Lisa Willenberg
Chancellor

Approved Budget for ALIGN Funding

University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton

PERSONNEL	Year 1	Year 2		Request	Line #
Sim Supervisor	\$ 84,000.00	\$ 84,000.00			1
Sim Technician	\$ 59,000.00	\$ 59,000.00			2
7 PN Clinical Instructors (\$33/hr)	\$133,056.00	\$133,056.00			3
4 RN Clinical Instructors (\$33/hr)	\$ 52,800.00	\$ 52,800.00			4
2 Traditional RN Track Instructors	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00			5
Faculty Retention (10%)	\$ 76,310.00	\$ 76,310.00			6
Total Personnel	\$490,166.00	\$490,166.00		\$ 980,332.00	
EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES	Quantity	Each	Total		
Adult SimManikin	2	\$ 55,000.00	\$110,000.00		7 ✓
Pediatric SimManikin (dark skin tone)	1	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 55,000.00		8 ✓
Pyxis MedStation	1	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00		9 ✓
Hospital Bed	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		10
Hospital Headboards	4	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		11
IV Pump Set of 4	1	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		12
2 Year Subscription UbiSim VR goggles (or similar)	4	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		13
VALT Sim Capture	1	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 90,000.00		14
2 Year SIM Cloud Service Contract	2	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00		15
Hospital Bed	6	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00		16
Hospital Headboards	6	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 60,000.00		17
IV Training Arms	4	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 14,400.00		18
Low Fidelity Manikins	6	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		19
PPE Dispensing Unit	1	\$ 4,914.00	\$ 4,914.00		20
Bladder Scanner	1	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00		21
Total Equipment/Supplies			\$604,214.00	\$ 604,214.00	
Award Approved				\$1,584,546.00	
SCHOLARSHIPS	Quantity	Each	Total		
Last \$ Student Scholarships \$1,000 per semester - 4 semesters	110	4,000	\$440,000.00		22
Tuition/Scholarships Approved			\$440,000.00	\$ 440,000.00	
Total ALIGN Funding				\$2,024,546.00	