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February 13, 2025

Senator Kim Hammer, Co-Chair  
 Representative Aaron Pilkington, Co-Chair  
 PEER-Review Committee  
 Joint Budget Committee  
 State Capitol Building  
 Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: FY 25 Restricted Reserve Fund Transfer Recommendation

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Act 561 of 2023 (3), as amended, as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am recommending the transfer of the following Restricted Reserve Funds:

1. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences – Family Medicine Residency Programs for South Arkansas – Food Insecurity and Health Needs Set-Aside \$2,550,225
2. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Family Medicine Residency Programs for Washington Regional – Food Insecurity and Health Needs Set-Aside \$4,518,000
3. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Mercy Fort Smith Graduate Medical Education Residency Program – Food Insecurity and Health Needs Set-Aside \$4,800,000
4. Department of Finance and Administration – Disbursing Officer – Northwest Arkansas National Airport – Infrastructure Grants Matching Set-Aside \$20,100,000

Sincerely,

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James L. Hudson  
 Cabinet Secretary

Attachment(s)

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
4301 West Markham Street, Slot 541  
Little Rock, AR 72205-7199

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Cam Patterson, MD, MBA  
UAMS Chancellor

February 10, 2025

Jim Hudson  
Secretary  
Department of Finance and Administration  
1509 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Secretary Hudson:

The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) is formally requesting a release of \$2,550,225 from the Restricted Reserve Fund to facilitate the development and full implementation of new family medicine residency programs in South Arkansas. Funding will provide start-up funds for three years for twenty-two (22) new family medicine residency slots at hospitals in Crossett and El Dorado, including one new family obstetrics fellowship.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA  
Chancellor



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February 7, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson  
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$4,518,000 in funding from the Food Insecurity and Health Needs Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions of Act 561 of 2023, Section 3 (24).

The Department will utilize this funding to provide a grant to Washington Regional Medical Center to help address the significant – and worsening – physician shortage in urban and rural areas across the state. Please see the attached request from Washington Regional dated February 3, 2025.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey  
CFO/Chief of Staff

cc: Melanie Hazeslip, OAS Administrator



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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$4,800,000 in funding from the Food Insecurity and Health Needs Set-Aside, pursuant to the provisions of Act 561 of 2023, Section 3 (24).

The Department will utilize this funding to provide a grant to Mercy for the Mercy Fort Smith Graduate Medical Education Residency Program. Please see the attached request from Mercy dated January 31, 2025.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests \$20,100,000 in funding from the Infrastructure Grants Matching Set-Aside, Act 175 of 2024 Section 6 (4)(A).

The Department will utilize this funding to provide a grant to the Northwest Arkansas National Airport (XNA) to provide matching funds for other infrastructure and capital projects that are majority federal funded for projects including (1) the Terminal Expansion and Modernization and (2) the Air Traffic Control Tower Improvements.

As always, I appreciate consideration. If there are any questions, please contact Melanie Hazeslip at (501) 682-5229.

Sincerely,

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Alan McVey  
CFO/Chief of Staff

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Northwest Arkansas  
National Airport

February 12, 2025

Secretary Jim Hudson  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Secretary's Office  
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Dear Secretary Hudson:

The Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority operating as XNA or the Northwest Arkansas National Airport respectfully requests \$20,100,000 in funding from the Infrastructure Grants Matching Set-Aside, Act 175 of 2024 Section 6 (4)(A).

XNA will use these funds to cover costs for the construction of a new Air Traffic Control Tower and the Terminal Expansion and Modernization Project of the airport's terminal building. XNA has been awarded federal funding in the amount of \$40,671,577 with grant agreements in place, and the requested \$20,100,000 will be used to cover much of the remainder of the total project cost. The federal funding has been fully awarded with a substantial portion of the funds already on hand and drawn against the federal awards.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to help fund costs remaining after the substantial federal awards of over \$40 million for these two critical infrastructure projects.

Very truly yours,

Aaron Burkes  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport Authority