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March 25, 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 Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act of 2021

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 37 (01) of Act 152 of 2024, I am forwarding the attached Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs Act request(s) that have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

- 1. Department of Agriculture – Nursery and Tree Orchard Enhancement Project \$394,000
- 2. Department of Public Safety – State Police – State Electronic Data Collection Grant Program \$8,018,300
- 3. Department of Public Safety – Emergency Management – Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant – Reallocation of Previous Approved Appropriation \$0
- 4. Department of Energy and Environment – Environmental Quality – Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability \$500,000
- 5. Department of Energy and Environment – Environmental Quality – Low Income Home Energy Program \$173,568
- 6. Administrative Office of the Courts – Adjudication Training Project \$203,000

Sincerely,

James L. Hudson
Secretary

Attachment(s)

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
 APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
 SECTION 37 OF ACT 152 OF 2024**

D1

Agency: Arkansas Department of Agriculture Business Area Code: 0400
 Program Title: Arkansas Nursery and Tree Orchard Enhancement Project
 Granting Organization: USDA Forest Service CFDA #: 24-DG-11083105-450
 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):
 The Arkansas Department of Agriculture is requesting \$394,000 in appropriation for the Nursery and Tree Orchard Enhancement Project. The Department received a \$394,000 grant to advance modernization efforts at Baucum Nursery. With the acquisition of reliable equipment and the enhancement of seedling production, the overall operational efficiency and output of the nursery are set to improve significantly.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII4000 Continuation of Existing Program _____
 Funds Center: BC7 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Change in Existing Program: X
 New Program: _____

	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: 590:00:46	\$	394,000
Other:		
Total	\$	394,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/23/2024-9/22/2029

DFA IGS State Technology Planning	Date
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Approved by: *N. H. W. P.* 2-17-25 Date
Robert Brech 03/25/25 Date
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Office of Budget Office of Personnel Mgmt

Project Title: FY24 Arkansas Nursery and Tree Orchard Enhancement Project

Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation: SEC. 40804(9)(B) – Bipartisan Infrastructure Assistance to Enhance State Nurseries and Seed Orchards

Description: The purpose of this project is to support modernization efforts at the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division's (formerly known as the Arkansas Forestry Commission), Baucum Nursery by purchasing one new seedling lifter with pickup attachment, make repairs and upgrades to storage coolers, purchasing bar code hardware, restoring 30.5 acres to production, purchasing a metal 40 feet X 80 feet equipment canopy, replacing the greenhouse climate controller, purchasing a four-wheel drive crew cab pickup, and purchasing a gas powered arc welder. Reliable equipment and increased seedling production will improve overall nursery operational efficiencies and output. Expanding the nursery production area will increase seedling production.

Scope of Work:

The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division's Baucum Nursery grows and sells hardwood and pine seedlings for reforestation, specializing in native Arkansas trees, and a variety of genetically improved species. The nursery covers about 220 acres and has been operating since the 1950s.

Nursery operations require labor intensive activities. Unfortunately, workforce turnover continues to cause limitations on seedling production. Improvements of operational efficiency and mechanization will help reduce the limiting factor of personnel shortages and increase nursery capacity. Restoring a 30.5 acres overgrown area into production will increase the number of seedlings produced annually.

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D2

Agency: DPS - Division of Arkansas State Police Business Area Code: 0960

Program Title: Arkansas State Electronic Data Collection (SEDC) Grant Program

Granting Organization: Dept. of Transportation - National Highway Safety Admin CFDA #: 20.614

Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 1/20/2025 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 is to modernize Arkansas' existing State Electronic Data Collection System, enable electronic data collection, intrastate data sharing, electronic data transfer to the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration (NHTSA) within the five years after the award date. The goals of this grant are to purchase equipment to upgrade a statewide crash data repository, the adoption of electronic crash reporting by law enforcement agencies, and to increase alignment to the latest Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) edition.

IT Plan:
 Operations > Major Applications > MOVE (Mobile Officer Virtual Environment)

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: SFTY Fund Code: FII9600 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: AV4 Internal Order/WBS Element: _____ Change in Existing Program: _____
 New Program: _____ X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	
Operating Expenses	1,998,300
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	
Capital Outlay	3,020,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	3,000,000
Other: Overtime (CI: 06)	
Other:	
Total	\$ 8,018,300

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 1/19/2030

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Approved by:  3/7/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 03/25/25
 Office of Budget Date
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Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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 SECTION 38 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

D3

Agency: Arkansas Division of Emergency Management Business Area Code: 0995
 Program Title: Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP)
 Granting Organization: U.S. Dept of Transportation (PHMSA) CFDA #: 20.703
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 4/1/2025 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The HMEP program is designed to allow grantees the flexibility to implement training and planning programs that address differing needs for each location based on demographics, emergency response capabilities, commodity flow studies, and hazard analysis. ADEM is Arkansas' designated agency to receive HMEP funds to provide training to state and local level emergency managers. We are requesting a budget reclassification from Regular Salaries and Matching to Capital Outlay for a training vehicle, and a reallocation from Operating Expenses and Professional Fees to Conference & Travel Expenses to align with anticipated training needs.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: SFTY Fund Code: FII9950 Change in Existing Program: x
 Funds Center: CB5 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0995.IJA32240019T25E New Program: _____

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	(30,000)
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	(18,000)
Operating Expenses	(30,000)
Conference & Travel Expenses	60,000
Professional Fees	(30,000)
Capital Outlay	48,000
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	
Other:	
Total	\$ -

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/25

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Approved by: Col. Matthew A. Hyslop #275 3/14/2025 Robert Brech 03/25/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date

Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Current Reallocation Request:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Division of Emergency Management is requesting to reallocate \$108,000 from Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Professional Fees and Operating Expenses to Conference and Travel Expenses and Capital Outlay for program training needs and a training vehicle needed through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Original Request:

The Arkansas Department of Public Safety – Arkansas Division of Emergency Management requested Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act appropriation in the amount of \$275,367 for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. This is the 3rd year award of the 3 year HMEP program and includes the continuation of year 2 award funds.

Background:

The HMEP grant program was established in 1990 by the Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act. In 1993, PHMSA began issuing grants to assist States, Territories, and Native American Tribes to "develop, improve, and carry out emergency plans" within the National Response System and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act of 1986. The HMEP grant program is designed to allow grantees the flexibility to implement training and planning programs that address differing needs for each location based on demographics, emergency response capabilities, commodity flow studies, and hazard analysis. Relevant trainings are found in the *National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents* publication and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations found in 29 CFR § 1910.120.

Governors in each State, or their counterparts within Territories or Tribes, designate an agency to receive the HMEP grant funds. Agencies submit grant applications to PHMSA annually requesting funds for proposed activities. PHMSA reviews and evaluates applications to make certain the proposed activities support the program mission to ensure the safe transportation of hazmat. If approved, PHMSA offers the agency a Notice of Grant Award (NGA) for acceptance and signature. Once executed, the agency may distribute grant funds in accordance with the planned activities identified in the grant application within the State, Territory, or Tribe to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and first responder organizations.

Purpose/Goal:

ADEM's purpose is to protect against the risks to life, property, and the environment that are inherent to the transportation of hazardous materials in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce. Through the HMEP program ADEM designs, develops, and delivers comprehensive preparedness and response training to public sector employees. ADEM will also maintain staff to manage this training effort.

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Agency: Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality Business Area Code: 0930
 Program Title: Comprehensive Environ. Response, Compensation, and Liability Act 128(a) / Brownfield
 Granting Organization: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency CFDA #: 66.817
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 10/01/2023 Ending: 06/30/2025

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

This grant had an original term of 10/01/2023-09/30/2024 and award amount of \$500,000. The grant was extended one year and awarded an additional \$500,000, bringing total award to \$1,000,000.

The purpose of this award is to enhance the capacity of the DEQ's brownfield program to meet the Section 128 (a) elements. DEQ will oversee and perform planning, assessment, and cleanup of brownfield sites throughout the state. In addition, DEQ is committed to engaging directly with community stakeholders to ensure they are meaningfully involved in determining program benefits.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII9305 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: BY6 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0930.11545-23 Change in Existing Program: x
 New Program: _____

	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: CI 590:00:46	500000
Other:	
Total 500000	\$ 500000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 09/30/2025

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Approved by:  02/14/2025 Robert Brech 03/25/25
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date Office of Budget Date Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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Agency: AR Dept of Energy & Environment: Division of Environmental Quality Business Area Code: 0930

Program Title: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Granting Organization: Department of Health and Human Services CFDA #: 93.568

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):
 This grant provides funds to pay heating and cooling benefits to utility companies on behalf of LIHEAP eligible applicants. The funds can also pay personnel expenses for employees administering the LIHEAP program. In state fiscal year 2025, there was a small amount of the 2023 federal grant award invoices remaining to be paid. This amount was miscalculated when planning for the fiscal year. The current appropriation amount needs to be increased in order to spend the remainder of the 2023 federal grant award and the entirety of the 2024 federal grant award.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FII9300 Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: AU9 Internal Order/WBS Element: J.0930.IJA2403ARLIEI Change in Existing Program: X
 New Program: _____

	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)	173,568
Other: 46	
Other:	
Total	\$ 173,568

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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Approved by:  2/14/2025
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 03/25/25
 Office of Budget Date

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 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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D6

Agency: Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts Business Area Code: 0023
 Program Title: Adjudication Training Project
 Granting Organization: Arkansas State Police CFDA #: 20.600
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 10/1/2024 Ending: 6/30/2025

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 To provide training for district judges regarding the adjudication of drivers convicted of violating the State's impaired driving laws.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: CONST Fund Code: NEW Continuation of Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: NEW Internal Order/WBS Element: N/A Change in Existing Program: _____
 New Program: X

	Program Funding Amount
Regular Salaries	-
Extra Help	-
Personal Services Matching	-
Operating Expenses	61,500
Conference & Travel Expenses	136,500
Professional Fees	5,000
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 203,000

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 9/30/2025

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Approved by: 

 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date 4/1/2025

Robert Brech 03/25/25

 Office of Budget Date

 Office of Personnel Mgmt Date

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