

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION  
AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST  
SECTION 36 OF ACT 796 OF 2023**

Agency: Arkansas Economic Development Commission Business Area Code: 0790  
 Program Title: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Arkansas Rural Connect Program - ADMIN  
 Granting Organization: U.S. Department of Treasury CFDA #: 21.027  
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 07/01/2021 Ending: 06/30/2024

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

To utilize funding provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, for continuation of the AEDC's Rural Broadband program, for regular salaries and personal services, grant awards, operating expenses, purchase of equipment and construction expenses necessary to assist in the deployment or improvement of broadband infrastructure into unserved or improvement to unserved communities in Arkansas; capital outlay; cost of infrastructure equipment required to provide broadband network service; fees for management consultants and strategic program design; legal costs related to the acquisition of real estate rights or easements; purchase of media, electronics, cabling, and communications equipment; make ready costs for utility pole attachments; educational related expenses to educate and teach citizens how to use and utilize broadband services; payroll and extra help to ensure timely and proper program implementation; expenses necessary to comply with federal mandates, rules & regulations. These funds will support essential infrastructure improvements to allow Arkansans to compete in today's digital economy, enhance healthcare outcomes through telemedicine, and improve access to education.

**American Rescue Plan Act Program Funding**

Func. Area: COMM Fund Code: FRP7903 Direct Funding: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Funds Center: A13 Internal Order/WBS Element: A.0790.ARP21019ARARP21 Steering Comm. Approved: X  
A.0790.ARPRESUCEPL3E Continuation: \_\_\_\_\_  
A.0790.ARPRESUCEPLPSV

Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	
Extra Help	25,000
Personal Services Matching	7,364
Operating Expenses	
Conference & Travel Expenses	
Professional Fees	1,230,268
Capital Outlay	
Data Processing	
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	
Other: 590:00:46	
Other:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,262,632</b>

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 06/30/2021-12/31/2026

**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	Comt Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *
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These funds will not be authorized by the General Assembly until the date of the next session of the General Assembly, when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and used to replace funds for \_\_\_\_\_ 23

Joint Secretary/Agency Director: [Signature] Date: 5/3/23  
 Office of Budget: Robert Brech 5/31/2023 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office of Personnel Mgmt: Kay Bannhill Date: 5/30/23