

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES

## State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2020

None

### Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	32	107	139	55 %
Black Employees	17	96	113	44 %
Other Racial Minorities	1	2	3	1 %
Total Minorities			116	45 %
Total Employees			255	100 %

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## Department Appropriation Summary

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
	2019-2020		2020-2021		2020-2021		2021-2022				2022-2023			
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
128 Rehab Services - Operations	47,052,375	426	53,341,337	360	57,842,201	469	55,658,439	360	55,658,439	360	55,677,539	360	55,677,539	360
1VB Increase Capabilities Access Network	449,360	4	843,730	4	337,421	4	634,701	4	634,701	4	634,946	4	634,946	4
374 Statewide Disability Telecomm	423,879	3	491,140	3	397,544	3	495,581	3	495,581	3	495,581	3	495,581	3
743 People w/Disabilities	6,136	0	30,000	0	6,325	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000	0
902 Tech Equipment - Treasury	43,592	0	532,085	0	532,085	0	532,085	0	532,085	0	532,085	0	532,085	0
903 Rehab Services - Treasury Pay	278,947	0	556,542	0	356,542	0	356,542	0	356,542	0	356,542	0	356,542	0
Z84 Blind Services Operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	6,310,721	78	6,310,721	78	6,310,724	78	6,310,724	78
Z85 Blind Services Grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,646,768	0	4,646,768	0	4,646,768	0	4,646,768	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,254,289</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>55,794,834</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>59,472,118</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>68,664,837</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>68,664,837</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>68,684,185</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>68,684,185</b>	<b>445</b>

  

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	1,610,370	3.1	3,160,298	4.9	9,134,352	11.1	9,134,352	11.1	13,602,999	15.7	13,602,999	15.7
General Revenue	4000010	11,527,249	22.4	11,354,786	17.5	13,493,937	16.4	13,493,937	16.4	13,542,728	15.6	13,542,728	15.6
Federal Revenue	4000020	35,169,913	68.4	49,644,183	76.5	58,775,697	71.5	58,775,697	71.5	58,775,697	67.8	58,775,697	67.8
Special Revenue	4000030	444,270	0.9	444,178	0.7	444,178	0.5	444,178	0.5	444,178	0.5	444,178	0.5
Cash Fund	4000045	334,011	0.6	325,741	0.5	325,741	0.4	325,741	0.4	325,741	0.4	325,741	0.4
Rainy Day Fund	4000267	513,333	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Investments	4000315	96,027	0.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	1,506,403	2.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	67,605	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
M & R Sales	4000340	15,688	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other	4000370	137,732	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Transfer to General Revenue	4000635	(8,014)	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>51,414,587</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>64,929,186</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>82,173,905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>82,173,905</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>86,691,343</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>86,691,343</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(3,160,298)		(9,134,352)		(13,509,068)		(13,509,068)		(18,007,158)		(18,007,158)	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>48,254,289</b>		<b>55,794,834</b>		<b>68,664,837</b>		<b>68,664,837</b>		<b>68,684,185</b>		<b>68,684,185</b>	

FY21 Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 1VB (Increase Capabilities Access Network) due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.

FY21 Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 374 (Statewide Disability Telecomm) due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2019-2021 Biennium and transfer from the Various Temporary Appropriation Holding Account.

FY21 Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 743 (People w/ Disabilities) due to a transfer from the Various Temporary Appropriation Holding Account.

FY21 Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 903 (Rehab Services - Treasury Pay) due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.

FC Z84 and Z85 are being established by transfer from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services. Actual, Budget, and Authorized Amounts will be reflected in Division of Workforce Services FC Z63 - State Services of the Blind.

Variance in Fund Balance is due to unfunded appropriation.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 128 - Rehab Services - Operations

**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - Admin

Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) carries out its responsibilities through a field program that reaches all 75 counties from 19 field offices across the state, vocational rehabilitation services, and partnerships with other agencies and organization to increase services to people with disabilities. Act 910 of 2019 transferred ARS from the Department of Career Education to the Department of Commerce and transferred the Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission to the Department of Health.

With the exception of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

This appropriation provides for the personal services and operating expenses for ARS. Funding for this appropriation comes from general revenue, federal revenue, and other program income including M&R proceeds and Social Services Block Grant transfers from the Department of Human Services.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$55,658,439 in FY22 and \$55,677,539 in FY23 and general revenue funding in the amount of \$11,596,466 in FY22 and \$11,641,802 in FY23.

The Agency Request includes the following changes in each year of the biennium:

- Transfer of (2) positions to the Department of Commerce - Shared Services including (\$216,942) in FY22 and (\$217,142) in FY23 in Regular Salaries and (\$61,218) in FY22 and (\$61,264) in FY23 in Personal Services Matching appropriation.
- Discontinuation of (107) positions including (\$3,403,885) in Regular Salaries and (\$1,368,861) in Personal Services Matching due to the closure of the Arkansas Career Training Institute in September 2019.
- Continuation of \$500,000 in Professional Fees and \$121,684 in Contract Services due to Miscellaneous Federal Grant to utilize more federal funding.
- Increase of \$2,000,000 in Contract Services to cover increase costs in client services.
- Reallocation of (\$2,647,183) in Grants and Aid appropriation and (\$2,782,159) in Project Search appropriation to the Contract Services line for better utilization and efficiencies in grants for the Agency.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request and title changes for 49 positions.

# Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 128 - Rehab Services - Operations  
**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - Admin

## Historical Data

## Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	14,783,646	15,631,043	19,509,401	15,905,118	15,905,118	15,920,618	15,920,618
	<b>#Positions</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>360</b>
Extra Help	5010001	311,248	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000	252,000
	<b>#Extra Help</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	5,658,430	5,465,728	6,859,918	5,658,755	5,658,755	5,662,355	5,662,355
Operating Expenses	5020002	5,229,683	7,401,096	7,401,096	7,401,096	7,401,096	7,401,096	7,401,096
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	39,984	141,178	141,178	141,178	141,178	141,178	141,178
Professional Fees	5060010	706,369	844,903	344,903	844,903	844,903	844,903	844,903
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	1,451,940	2,647,183	2,647,183	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	65,897	150,000	0	0	0	0	0
Contract Services	5900043	16,320,828	18,026,047	17,904,363	25,455,389	25,455,389	25,455,389	25,455,389
Arkansas Kidney Disease Commis	5900046	613,742	0	0	0	0	0	0
Project Search	5900047	1,870,608	2,782,159	2,782,159	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,052,375</b>	<b>53,341,337</b>	<b>57,842,201</b>	<b>55,658,439</b>	<b>55,658,439</b>	<b>55,677,539</b>	<b>55,677,539</b>

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	45,367	859,429		7,355,329	7,355,329	11,775,807	11,775,807
General Revenue	4000010	11,527,249	11,354,786		11,596,466	11,596,466	11,641,802	11,641,802
Federal Revenue	4000020	34,766,113	48,482,451		48,482,451	48,482,451	48,482,451	48,482,451
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	1,506,403	0		0	0	0	0
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	(78,534)	0		0	0	0	0
M & R Sales	4000340	15,688	0		0	0	0	0
Other	4000370	137,532	0		0	0	0	0
Transfer to General Revenue	4000635	(8,014)	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>47,911,804</b>	<b>60,696,666</b>		<b>67,434,246</b>	<b>67,434,246</b>	<b>71,900,060</b>	<b>71,900,060</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(859,429)	(7,355,329)		(11,775,807)	(11,775,807)	(16,222,521)	(16,222,521)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>47,052,375</b>	<b>53,341,337</b>		<b>55,658,439</b>	<b>55,658,439</b>	<b>55,677,539</b>	<b>55,677,539</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Professional Fees, Capital Outlay, and Contract Services due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account. Arkansas Kidney Disease Commission transferred to the Department of Health due to Act 910, the Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 1VB - Increase Capabilities Access Network

**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - ICAN

Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN) Program is a federal program designed to make technology available and accessible for all who need it. ICAN is a funding information resource and provides information on new and existing technology free to any person regardless of age or disability.

With the exception of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The program also supports several service programs under one umbrella that target different areas of need for assistive technology and maintains an AT4ALL database, which list hundreds of items available for loan, demonstration, or giveaway. On the federal level, ICAN sponsors many training events, conferences and networking events year-round for states to keep up to date on the newest advances in technology and to continue providing information to anyone requesting assistance.

Funding is 100% federal.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$634,701 in FY22 and \$634,946 in FY23.

The Agency Request includes the continuation of \$253,031 in Operating Expenses, \$17,000 in Conference & Travel Expenses, and \$16,000 in Professional Fees appropriation from a Miscellaneous Federal Grant approved by ALC in FY20 in each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request and title changes for 2 positions.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 1VB - Increase Capabilities Access Network

**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - ICAN

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	162,459	179,084	165,594	172,760	172,760	172,960	172,960
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	54,877	64,455	57,667	61,750	61,750	61,795	61,795
Operating Expenses	5020002	202,455	363,789	110,758	363,789	363,789	363,789	363,789
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	7,677	20,402	3,402	20,402	20,402	20,402	20,402
Professional Fees	5060010	0	16,000	0	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	21,892	200,000	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>449,360</b>	<b>843,730</b>	<b>337,421</b>	<b>634,701</b>	<b>634,701</b>	<b>634,946</b>	<b>634,946</b>

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	258	101,037		101,037	101,037	352,805	352,805
Federal Revenue	4000020	403,800	843,730		886,469	886,469	886,469	886,469
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	146,139	0		0	0	0	0
Other	4000370	200	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>550,397</b>	<b>944,767</b>		<b>987,506</b>	<b>987,506</b>	<b>1,239,274</b>	<b>1,239,274</b>
<b>Excess Appropriation/(Funding)</b>		<b>(101,037)</b>	<b>(101,037)</b>		<b>(352,805)</b>	<b>(352,805)</b>	<b>(604,328)</b>	<b>(604,328)</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>449,360</b>	<b>843,730</b>		<b>634,701</b>	<b>634,701</b>	<b>634,946</b>	<b>634,946</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Regular Salaries, Personal Services Matching, Operating Expenses, Conference & Travel Expenses, Professional Fees, and Capital Outlay due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 374 - Statewide Disability Telecomm

**Funding Sources:** STC - Telecommunications Equipment Fund

The Statewide Disability Telecommunications Equipment Program is authorized to provide telecommunication devices or services for persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, speech impaired, or who have other disabilities that impair their ability to effectively access the telecommunications network.

With the exception of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

Funding for this appropriation is special revenues provided through the Arkansas Public Service Commission, pursuant to A.C.A. § 23-17-119, which authorizes a surcharge of \$0.02 per subject access line per month and \$0.02 per working subject telephone number per month.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$495,581 in each year of the biennium.

The Agency Request includes the following changes in each year of the biennium:

- Increase of \$9,598 in Operating Expenses to cover the increase cost of supplies and exhibit fees for the program.
- Increase of \$3,835 in Conference & Travel Expenses to attend additional national conferences and trainings for staff to learn up-to-date state equipment programs; and
- Increase of \$74,809 in Grants and Aid appropriation to cover increase costs on new technological equipment for clients and to further serve the under-served populations in the state.

These increases were originally approved by ALC as a Various Temporary Appropriation transfer in April 2020.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request and title changes for 2 positions.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 374 - Statewide Disability Telecomm  
**Funding Sources:** STC - Telecommunications Equipment Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive	
Regular Salaries	5010000	122,842	124,976	121,211	127,704	127,704	127,704	127,704	
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	
Personal Services Matching	5010003	42,718	44,164	42,575	45,877	45,877	45,877	45,877	
Operating Expenses	5020002	29,031	60,000	50,402	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	2,725	7,000	3,165	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
Professional Fees	5060010	1,700	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Grants and Aid	5100004	224,863	250,000	175,191	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>423,879</b>	<b>491,140</b>	<b>397,544</b>	<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Fund Balance	4000005	693,697	701,177		640,796	640,796	575,974	575,974	
Special Revenue	4000030	431,359	430,759		430,759	430,759	430,759	430,759	
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>1,125,056</b>	<b>1,131,936</b>		<b>1,071,555</b>	<b>1,071,555</b>	<b>1,006,733</b>	<b>1,006,733</b>	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(701,177)	(640,796)		(575,974)	(575,974)	(511,152)	(511,152)	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>423,879</b>	<b>491,140</b>		<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	<b>495,581</b>	

FY21 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2019-2021 Biennium.  
 Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses, Conference & Travel Expenses, and Grants and Aid due to a transfer from the Various Temporary Appropriation Holding Account.



## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 743 - People w/Disabilities

**Funding Sources:** SPD - Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund

The Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Program provides scholarships to students with disabilities and educates the citizens of Arkansas regarding accessible parking.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

Funding is special revenues derived from 50% of all fines collected for violators who falsely park in accessible parking spots, where 60% of funding is dedicated to scholarship awards to persons with disabilities and 40% towards educating the public about accessible parking.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$30,000 in each year of the biennium.

The Agency Request includes an increase of \$23,675 in Operating Expenses appropriation in each year of the biennium to provide more scholarships and increase awareness of accessible parking. The increase was originally approved by ALC as a Various Temporary Appropriation transfer in April 2020.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 743 - People w/Disabilities

**Funding Sources:** SPD - Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	6,136	30,000	6,325	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,136</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>6,325</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
Fund Balance	4000005	22,600	29,375		12,794	12,794	0	0
Special Revenue	4000030	12,911	13,419		13,419	13,419	13,419	13,419
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>35,511</b>	<b>42,794</b>		<b>26,213</b>	<b>26,213</b>	<b>13,419</b>	<b>13,419</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(29,375)	(12,794)		3,787	3,787	16,581	16,581
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>6,136</b>	<b>30,000</b>		<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses due to a transfer from the Various Temporary Appropriation Holding Account.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 902 - Tech Equipment - Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NRS - ARS - Cash in Treasury

This appropriation provides loans to individuals with disabilities for essential assistive technology, adaptive equipment, and for loan administration by ARS. Funding for this appropriation comes from cash revenues derived from interest on loans and investments.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$532,085 in each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 902 - Tech Equipment - Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NRS - ARS - Cash in Treasury

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Loans 5120029	43,592	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085
Total	43,592	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085
Funding Sources							
Fund Balance 4000005	848,206	1,230,740		1,024,396	1,024,396	818,052	818,052
Cash Fund 4000045	330,099	325,741		325,741	325,741	325,741	325,741
Investments 4000315	96,027	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding	1,274,332	1,556,481		1,350,137	1,350,137	1,143,793	1,143,793
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(1,230,740)	(1,024,396)		(818,052)	(818,052)	(611,708)	(611,708)
Grand Total	43,592	532,085		532,085	532,085	532,085	532,085

Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 903 - Rehab Services - Treasury Pay

**Funding Sources:** NRS - ARS - Cash in Treasury

The Rehabilitation Cash Fund provides for expenses for the ACTI and receives federal funds and revenues from various sources including cafeteria fees, contributions, reimbursement fees, hospital medical fees, and institutional services from the ACTI and any earned interest. The fund is governed by the Vocational Rehabilitation Program regulations.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Agency is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$356,542 in each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 903 - Rehab Services - Treasury Pay

**Funding Sources:** NRS - ARS - Cash in Treasury

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses	5020002	278,947	546,542	346,542	346,542	346,542	346,542	346,542
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>278,947</b>	<b>556,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
Fund Balance	4000005	242	238,540		0	0	0	0
Federal Revenue	4000020	0	318,002		266,398	266,398	266,398	266,398
Cash Fund	4000045	3,912	0		0	0	0	0
Rainy Day Fund	4000267	513,333	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>517,487</b>	<b>556,542</b>		<b>266,398</b>	<b>266,398</b>	<b>266,398</b>	<b>266,398</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(238,540)	0		90,144	90,144	90,144	90,144
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>278,947</b>	<b>556,542</b>		<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>	<b>356,542</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** Z84 - Blind Services Operations

**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - DSB Admin

Act 481 of 1983 created the Division of State Services for the Blind (DSB), which removed the Division from the jurisdiction of the Department of Rehabilitation Services and made it an autonomous state agency within the Department of Human Services. Act 910 of 2019 transferred the Division to the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services (DWS). Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) is requesting to transfer the Division of State Services for the Blind from DWS.

DSB is responsible for its own State Plan under the Federal Rehabilitation Act. Agency direction and performance responsibility lies with a 7 member consumer board comprised of organization representatives involved in providing services for people who have visual impairments. The member organizations include those such as Arkansas Lions, Blinded Veterans Association, Lions World Services for the Blind, Arkansas School for the Blind, and the Arkansas Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. By law, the majority of the members of the Board must be persons who are blind. Services to individuals with visual impairments are provided by agency staff and by contracting with service providers who specialize in services for people with visual impairments.

DSB serves consumers through three interdependent units: Field Services, Vending Facility Program, and the DSB Directors Office. These three service units were designed by the DSB Board to offer two advantages to the State of Arkansas:

- First, to enhance the personal self-sufficiency of consumers eliminating costs associated with unnecessary skilled care; and
- Second, to maximize the potential contributions made by consumers as citizens and taxpayers.

The agency is funded through general revenue (HSB - State Services for the Blind Fund) and federal revenue.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$6,310,721 in FY22 and \$6,310,724 in FY23 and general revenue funding in the amount of \$1,084,457 in FY22 and \$1,087,912 in FY23.

The Agency Request includes the following changes in each year of the biennium:

- Reallocation of DSB from DWS to ARS including 78 positions, 30 Extra Help positions, \$3,302,069 in FY22 and \$3,302,072 in FY23 in Regular Salaries, \$384,174 in Extra Help, \$1,227,033 in Personal Services Matching, \$1,122,186 in Operating Expenses, \$55,000 in Conference & Travel Expenses, and \$195,259 in Professional Fees appropriation. As both ARS and DSB utilize similar federal funding sources, ARS provides Shared Services (fiscal, legal, HR, administrative, IT, communications) for DSB. With this transfer, the shared services will become simpler and more efficient.
- Reallocation of general revenue funding in the amount of \$1,084,457 in FY22 and \$1,087,912 in FY23 from the DWS.
- Increase of \$25,000 in Capital Outlay to enable the division to purchase federally funded equipment should there be a need for

replacement.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request and title changes for 9 positions and reclassification of 2 positions.



## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** Z84 - Blind Services Operations  
**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Pay - DSB Admin

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	0	0	0	3,302,069	3,302,069	3,302,072	3,302,072
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>
Extra Help	5010001	0	0	0	384,174	384,174	384,174	384,174
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	0	0	0	1,227,033	1,227,033	1,227,033	1,227,033
Operating Expenses	5020002	0	0	0	1,122,186	1,122,186	1,122,186	1,122,186
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	195,259	195,259	195,259	195,259
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,310,721</b>	<b>6,310,721</b>	<b>6,310,724</b>	<b>6,310,724</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
Fund Balance	4000005	0	0		0	0	80,361	80,361
General Revenue	4000010	0	0		1,084,457	1,084,457	1,087,912	1,087,912
Federal Revenue	4000020	0	0		5,306,625	5,306,625	5,306,625	5,306,625
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>6,391,082</b>	<b>6,391,082</b>	<b>6,474,898</b>	<b>6,474,898</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		(80,361)	(80,361)	(164,174)	(164,174)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>6,310,721</b>	<b>6,310,721</b>	<b>6,310,724</b>	<b>6,310,724</b>

This appropriation is being established by transfer from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services. Actual, Budget, and Authorized amounts will be reflected in the Division of Workforce Services Z63 - State Services of the Blind Appropriation Summary.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** Z85 - Blind Services Grants

**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - DSB Grants

This appropriation provides services from the Division of State Services for the Blind (DSB) to enable job-seekers who are blind to gain independence and secure appropriate employment.

Funding for this appropriation comes from general revenue (HSB - State Services for the Blind Fund) and federal revenues.

The Agency is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$4,646,768 and general revenue funding in the amount of \$813,014 in each year of the biennium.

The Agency Request includes reallocating \$4,646,768 in Grants and Aid appropriation and \$813,014 in general revenue funding from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services to the Department of Commerce - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services to allow fiscal and administrative processes to be simpler and more efficient.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** Z85 - Blind Services Grants  
**Funding Sources:** PER - Arkansas Rehabilitation Services - DSB Grants

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022		2022-2023	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	0	0	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768
Total		0	0	0	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
General Revenue	4000010	0	0		813,014	813,014	813,014	813,014
Federal Revenue	4000020	0	0		3,833,754	3,833,754	3,833,754	3,833,754
Total Funding		0	0		4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		0	0		4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768	4,646,768

This appropriation is being established by transfer from the Department of Commerce - Division of Workforce Services. Actual, Budget, and Authorized amounts will be reflected in the Division of Workforce Services Z63 - State Services of the Blind Appropriation Summary.