

## DHS - County Operations

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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
396 Cty-Aid To Aged, Blind, Disabled	0	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0	4,000	0
412 Cty-Refugee Resettlement Program	1,566	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0
426 Cty-Homeless Assistance Grant	1,895,220	0	9,681,594	0	2,638,091	0	2,638,091	0	2,638,091	0	2,638,091	0	2,638,091	0
59H Hunger Coalition	995,113	0	995,113	0	995,113	0	995,113	0	995,113	0	995,113	0	995,113	0
642 Medicaid Expansion-County Ops	1,917,834	39	2,258,703	40	2,258,703	40	2,382,602	40	2,382,602	40	2,385,574	40	2,385,574	40
896 Division of County Operations	130,585,172	1,816	143,320,575	1,763	140,280,695	1,815	149,897,211	1,771	149,897,211	1,771	140,196,817	1,771	140,196,817	1,771
897 TANF Block Grant	4,822,576	0	5,462,029	0	6,893,484	0	6,893,484	0	6,893,484	0	6,893,484	0	6,893,484	0
898 Community Svcs. Block Grant	8,262,020	0	15,222,357	0	8,283,146	0	8,283,146	0	8,283,146	0	8,283,146	0	8,283,146	0
898 Supplemental Nutrition Assist(SNAP)	1,289,904	0	1,845,629	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>149,769,405</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>178,802,000</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>162,206,530</b>	<b>1,855</b>	<b>171,946,945</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>171,946,945</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>162,249,523</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>162,249,523</b>	<b>1,811</b>

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%	
General Revenue	4000010	47,605,499	31.8	45,970,458	25.7	47,556,884	27.7	47,556,884	27.7	47,643,559	29.4	47,643,559	29.4
Federal Revenue	4000020	91,551,466	61.1	118,223,764	66.1	109,715,465	63.9	109,715,465	63.9	99,922,239	61.7	99,922,239	61.7
Performance Fund	4000055	0	0.0	541,822	0.3	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	479,459	0.3	565,176	0.3	592,051	0.3	592,051	0.3	592,793	0.4	592,793	0.4
Various Program Support	4000730	10,132,981	6.8	13,500,780	7.6	13,806,535	8.0	13,806,535	8.0	13,814,922	8.5	13,814,922	8.5
Total Funds		149,769,405	100.0	178,802,000	100.0	171,670,935	100.0	171,670,935	100.0	161,973,513	100.0	161,973,513	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0		0		276,010		276,010		276,010		276,010	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>149,769,405</b>		<b>178,802,000</b>		<b>171,946,945</b>		<b>171,946,945</b>		<b>162,249,523</b>		<b>162,249,523</b>	

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Cty-Homeless Assistance Grant (FC 426), Division of County Operations (FC 896), Community Svcs. Block Grant (FC 898), and Supplemental Nutrition Assist (SNAP) (FC 898) due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 396 - Cty-Aid To Aged, Blind, Disabled

**Funding Sources:** DGF - DHS Grants Fund

In 1974, the Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD) program was converted to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program through an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan. This amendment allowed individuals in the AABD categories that were not eligible under SSI criteria, but meet the State Medicaid eligibility criteria to receive SSI benefits. The Aid to Aged, Blind and Disabled appropriation provides cash assistance to individuals residing in Arkansas to supplement their SSI payments. These payments are made in accordance with section 1616 of the Social Security Act and section 212 of P. L. 93-66.

Through an agreement entered into between the Social Security Administration (SSA) and the Department of Human Services, the Social Security Administration makes these payments to individuals determined eligible by SSA. The State pays Social Security Administration for making the payments to eligible individuals and for administrative fees for determining eligibility.

Funding for this appropriation is from general revenues through the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account (DGF-DHS Grants Fund) as authorized in Arkansas Code Annotated §19-5-306(10)(A)(iii).

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation and general revenue funding in the amount of \$4,000 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 396 - Cty-Aid To Aged, Blind, Disabled

**Funding Sources:** DGF - DHS Grants 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
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total		0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
General Revenue	4000010	0	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Total Funding		0	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		0	4,000		4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 412 - Cty-Refugee Resettlement Program

**Funding Sources:** FWF - DHS Federal

The Refugee Resettlement Program provides temporary assistance to refugees and entrants to the state to help in becoming self-sufficient and self-reliant. This program was established by the 1980 Immigration and Nationality Act and authorizes cash assistance and medical assistance for up to eight months following entry. Social services may be provided to refugees for up to five years. Refugees may apply for cash, medical and the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) assistance at Department of Human Services offices in their county of residence.

Due to the steady decline in eligibles, Arkansas chose to discontinue the optional Social Services component of the program effective October 1, 2002. Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) and Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA) will continue to be available through the county offices to any new arrivals entering the state in the future. The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement contracts directly with an agency outside of DHS for the social services aspects of the program.

Funding for this appropriation is 100% federal from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families and is available to states as well as non-profit organizations to help offset costs related to resettlement efforts.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in amount of \$12,000 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 412 - Cty-Refugee Resettlement Program

**Funding Sources:** FWF - DHS Federal

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			
	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Authorized	2021-2022		2022-2023	
				Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Grants and Aid 5100004	1,566	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total	1,566	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Funding Sources							
Federal Revenue 4000020	1,566	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total Funding	1,566	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total	1,566	12,000		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 426 - Cty-Homeless Assistance Grant

**Funding Sources:** FWF - DHS Federal

The Homeless Assistance Grant is a federal program through the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This program is designed to assist local communities in helping to improve the quality of life for the homeless by providing grants for renovation, rehabilitation or conversion of buildings to be used as emergency shelters. Funds can be used for paying for operations, maintenance, insurance, utilities, and furnishings, essential social services that are connected with the shelters and for prevention efforts. The estimated number of people served in 2018 in the State of Arkansas is 28,474. Funding for this appropriation is 100% federal.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,638,091 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 426 - Cty-Homeless Assistance Grant

**Funding Sources:** FWF - DHS Federal

### 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	1,895,220	9,681,594	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Total		1,895,220	9,681,594	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
Federal Revenue	4000020	1,895,220	9,681,594		2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Total Funding		1,895,220	9,681,594		2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		1,895,220	9,681,594		2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Grants and Aid due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.



## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 59H - Hunger Coalition

**Funding Sources:** DCO - County Operations Account

This appropriation was originally authorized by Act 1385 of 2009. Arkansas food banks have reported an increase in utilization which is attributed to poor economic conditions and local disasters coupled with the increased cost of food storage and transportation. To address this need, the State Food Purchasing Program was created and funded with state general revenues generated from an increase in the tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products provided in Act 180 of 2009. The Division of County Operations grants these funds to the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance for distribution to the local food distribution networks to purchase Arkansas products through the State Food Purchasing Program.

Funding for this appropriation is 100% general revenue.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation and general revenue funding in the amount of \$995,113 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 59H - Hunger Coalition

**Funding Sources:** DCO - County Operations Account

### 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	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113
Total		995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
General Revenue	4000010	995,113	995,113		995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113
Total Funding		995,113	995,113		995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		995,113	995,113		995,113	995,113	995,113	995,113

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 642 - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program

**Funding Sources:** PTA - Medicaid Expansion Program Account

This appropriation is funded by federal and tobacco settlement funds. The goal of the Medicaid Expansion program is to create a separate and distinct component of the Arkansas Medicaid Program that improves the health of Arkansans by expanding health care coverage and benefits to specific populations. The Tobacco Settlement Funds are utilized to expand Medicaid coverage to the following eligibility groups:

- Pregnant Women Expansion - Increased the income eligibility limit from 133% to 214% of the Federal poverty level.
- Hospital Benefit Coverage - Increased the number of benefit days from 20 to 24 and decreased the co-pay on the first day of hospitalization from 22% to 10%.
- 65 and Over Expansion (AR Senior) - Increased coverage to the 65 and over population for persons at 80% of the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Level effective January 1, 2003.
- Adults and Children with intellectual and developmental disabilities - Expanded medical assistance, home and community-based services, and employment supports for those who qualify for services in the Community and Employment Supports Waiver

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

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$2,382,602 in FY22 and \$2,385,574 in FY23.

Maintaining this appropriation will allow the agency to have flexibility to respond to the other divisions tied to Medicaid Expansion funding, such as the Division of Medical Services and the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance. This appropriation is limited on agency reallocation via special language and can't be transferred outside of the program.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 642 - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program

**Funding Sources:** PTA - Medicaid Expansion Program Account

### 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	1,385,039	1,518,642	1,465,980	1,550,533	1,550,533	1,552,933	1,552,933
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	525,895	562,890	545,526	584,872	584,872	585,444	585,444
Operating Expenses	5020002	6,900	169,535	197,197	197,197	197,197	197,197	197,197
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
Data Processing Services	5900044	0	7,636	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,917,834</b>	<b>2,258,703</b>	<b>2,258,703</b>	<b>2,382,602</b>	<b>2,382,602</b>	<b>2,385,574</b>	<b>2,385,574</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>								
Federal Revenue	4000020	1,438,375	1,693,527		1,776,151	1,776,151	1,778,381	1,778,381
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	479,459	565,176		592,051	592,051	592,793	592,793
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>1,917,834</b>	<b>2,258,703</b>		<b>2,368,202</b>	<b>2,368,202</b>	<b>2,371,174</b>	<b>2,371,174</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		14,400	14,400	14,400	14,400
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,917,834</b>	<b>2,258,703</b>		<b>2,382,602</b>	<b>2,382,602</b>	<b>2,385,574</b>	<b>2,385,574</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.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 896 - DHS–Admin Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWP - Administration Paying

The Division of County Operations was established originally in Act 348 of 1985 in the reorganization of the Department of Human Services under the title of Program Operations. Act 164 of 1995 amended A.C.A §25-10-102 and created the Division of Medical Services, renamed the Division of Program Operations to County Operations and transferred functions that were a part of the Division of Economic and Medical Services to County Operations. Functions transferred to the Division of County Operations were Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamp Program (now called Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP), Project Success and the Community Services Block Grant.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, Public Law 104-193, eliminated the open-ended federal entitlement program of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and created a federal block grant program for states to provide cash assistance to families on a time-limited basis under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program. The Arkansas Personal Responsibility and Public Assistance Reform Act, Act 1058 of 1997 was enacted during the 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and signed by the Governor on April 3, 1997, thereby establishing the Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA) program. With the enactment of these laws, the AFDC and Project Success programs were eliminated and replaced by the TEA program. Enacted during the 85<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and signed by the Governor, Act 1705 of 2005 transferred responsibility for the program to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and also created the Work Pays program, which is an extension of the TEA program for former TEA recipients who are working. Pursuant to this Act, responsibility for determining eligibility for the program and delivering cash assistance benefits remains with the Division of County Operations while DWS is responsible for the provision of case management services and overall administration of the program.

The Division of County Operations has the primary responsibility for providing the leadership and support in each of the eighty-six (86) county offices in the 75 counties. The Division of County Operations is responsible for administering the SNAP, TEA, Medicaid and ARKids Programs to citizens across Arkansas. Additional programs administered at the county level through local organizations include the Community Services Block Grant; Energy Assistance for low income elderly, people with disabilities and families with children; Homeless and Housing Assistance; and Commodity Distribution. The Division is responsible for the physical office space in each of the counties including rent, utilities, telephone charges, janitorial services and other items needed at the local level. The Division coordinates the services of the various DHS Divisions at the local level and provides clerical support. The Division currently has four (4) distinct areas of operation: Field Operations, Program Planning and Development, Community Services and Administrative Support.

Funding for this appropriation is derived from a mix of sources that includes general revenue (DCO - County Operations Fund Account), federal and other revenues. Federal funding sources include revenues derived from administrative costs for TEA, SNAP, Community Services Block Grant, Refugee Resettlement, Emergency Shelter, Commodities, Child Health Insurance (CHIP) and Medicaid (Regular and Enhanced) programs. Other funding which is indicated as various program support can also include sources such as Title XIX match, miscellaneous collections, federal awards, fees, third party reimbursements and maximization of federal claiming. These other funds are considered to be

non-federal and technically can be expended for any program or service within the Department.

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

The Division is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$149,897,211 in FY22 and \$140,196,817 in FY23 and general revenue funding of \$46,388,861 in FY22 and \$46,475,536 in FY23.

The Agency Request includes the following changes:

- The following position changes incorporate the Reallocation of Resources, which was approved by ALC in June 2020, including a total decrease in Regular Salaries appropriation of (\$1,093,546) in FY22 and (\$1,094,546) in FY23 and a total decrease in Personal Services Matching appropriation of (\$497,755) in FY22 and (\$497,992) in FY23.
  - 4 positions from Administrative Services and 3 positions from the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services
  - (1) position to the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance
  - Discontinued (50) - GS03 positions (Local Office Administrative Asst.)
- Increase of \$2,210,000 for FY22 and \$1,643,000 for FY23 in Operating Expenses appropriation to renovate Pulaski South, new office and furnishing for Jefferson County, and additional operating expenses needed to function.
- Increase of \$50,000 in Capital Outlay appropriation for FY22 to purchase Equipment - routers, servers, etc.
- Increase of \$5,452,114 for FY22 and a decrease of (\$3,718,183) for FY23 in Data Processing Services appropriation. The increase during FY22 is to support their Arkansas Intergrated Eligibility System (ARIES), Zoom licenses, along with other needed software and supplies. The Division anticipates their system development to be completed in FY22, which is why they are requesting a decrease in appropriation for the second year of the biennium. This is included in the Division's Biennial IT Plan.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request and reclassification of 13 positions.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 896 - DHS--Admin Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWP - Administration Paying

### 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	64,643,201	66,880,611	67,604,453	68,625,556	68,625,556	68,695,756	68,695,756
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>1,816</b>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>1,815</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>1,771</b>	<b>1,771</b>
Extra Help	5010001	392,534	353,937	453,937	453,937	453,937	453,937	453,937
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	23,967,766	24,832,613	25,050,577	25,933,876	25,933,876	25,950,579	25,950,579
Overtime	5010006	495	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Operating Expenses	5020002	23,928,866	25,563,199	25,469,862	27,679,862	27,679,862	27,112,862	27,112,862
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	76,565	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Professional Fees	5060010	4,639,092	6,741,717	6,499,735	6,499,735	6,499,735	6,499,735	6,499,735
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	50,000	50,000	0	0
Data Processing Services	5900044	12,936,653	18,813,498	15,067,131	20,519,245	20,519,245	11,348,948	11,348,948
<b>Total</b>		<b>130,585,172</b>	<b>143,320,575</b>	<b>140,280,695</b>	<b>149,897,211</b>	<b>149,897,211</b>	<b>140,196,817</b>	<b>140,196,817</b>

Funding Sources								
General Revenue	4000010	46,584,593	44,802,435		46,388,861	46,388,861	46,475,536	46,475,536
Federal Revenue	4000020	73,867,598	84,475,538		89,440,205	89,440,205	79,644,749	79,644,749
Performance Fund	4000055	0	541,822		0	0	0	0
Various Program Support	4000730	10,132,981	13,500,780		13,806,535	13,806,535	13,814,922	13,814,922
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>130,585,172</b>	<b>143,320,575</b>		<b>149,635,601</b>	<b>149,635,601</b>	<b>139,935,207</b>	<b>139,935,207</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		261,610	261,610	261,610	261,610
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>130,585,172</b>	<b>143,320,575</b>		<b>149,897,211</b>	<b>149,897,211</b>	<b>140,196,817</b>	<b>140,196,817</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Operating Expenses, Professional Fees, and Data Processing Services due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 897 - DHS-Grants Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWD - Grants Paying

With the enactment of Public Law 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 and the Arkansas Personal Responsibility and Public Assistance Reform Act of 1997, open-ended entitlement for Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) was replaced with federal block grant funding to states. The Arkansas program is entitled Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA). The Arkansas 81<sup>st</sup> General Assembly passed Act 1058 of 1997 declaring that welfare reform is one of the major human service priorities of state government and establishes the goals of achieving a significant reduction in the number of citizens who are enrolled in such programs, transforming a "one-size fits all" welfare system that fosters dependence, low self-esteem, and irresponsible behavior to one that rewards work and fosters self-reliance, responsibility and family stability. Act 1567 of 1999 amended Act 1058 of 1997 by establishing the Arkansas Transitional Employment Board. Act 1264 of 2001 and Act 1306 of 2003 enacted other provisions to strengthen the Arkansas TEA Program. Arkansas Act 1705 of 2005 transferred responsibility for the program to the Department of Workforce Services (DWS). Under this Act, responsibility for determining eligibility for the program and delivering cash assistance benefits remains with the Division of County Operations (DCO) while DWS is responsible for the provision of case management services and overall administration of the program. Act 1705 of 2005 also created the Work Pays program, which is an extension of the TEA program for former TEA recipients who are working. DWS has overall responsibility for the Work Pays program with eligibility determination and benefit delivery remaining with DCO.

TEA Program eligibility is limited to economically needy families with children under the age of 18 who are U.S. citizens or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States under specific criteria and are residing in Arkansas. The parent(s) living with the children must cooperate in child support enforcement activities, if applicable to the family, and must sign and comply with a Personal Responsibility Agreement, which includes ensuring that their children are immunized and that they attend school. All able-bodied parent(s) must actively engage in work related activities as a condition of the family's ongoing eligibility. TEA cash assistance is limited to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months in an adult's lifetime. For those former TEA recipients who are employed at least 24 hours per week and meet the minimum federal work participation rates, an additional twenty-four (24) months of Work Pays benefits are available.

Assistance under the TEA and Work Pays Programs may include: monthly cash assistance payments to help meet the family's basic needs; employment services such as work experience, job search, and job readiness activities; assistance with basic and vocational education; assistance with supportive services such as childcare, transportation and other expenses related to work activity; case management services; and eligibility for extended support services to help the parent retain a job after the cash assistance case closes due to employment.

Congress reauthorized the TANF program through the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Although the Act requires States to meet higher rates of work participation, no significant changes were made in the program design beyond the State initiatives and organizational changes prescribed by Act 1705 of 2005.

Funding for this appropriation is derived from the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant and general revenue



from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account (DGF-DHS Grants Fund) as authorized in A.C.A §19-5-306(10)(A)(iv) and general revenue fund transfers from the Division of Workforce Services as authorized in Section 8 of Act 92 of 2020.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$6,893,484 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 897 - DHS-Grants Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWD - Grants Paying

### 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
TANF Block Grant	5100004	4,822,576	5,462,029	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Total		4,822,576	5,462,029	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484

Funding Sources								
Federal Revenue	4000020	4,822,576	5,462,029		6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Total Funding		4,822,576	5,462,029		6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		4,822,576	5,462,029		6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 898 - DHS-Grants Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWE - Grants Paying

**The Community Services Block Grant** program helps low-income persons become more independent by providing a range of services through local Community Action Agencies. The services are designed to impact the causes of poverty and assist low-income persons gain the skills necessary for employment, offer better educational and training activities to handle finances, improve housing, make use of social services available to them and become involved in community activities. Additionally, the program provides funds for involvement of low-income persons in community development activities, essential services to homeless persons and development of innovative approaches, at both the local and state level, to meet the nutritional needs of low-income persons. Eligibility is based on current OMB poverty income guidelines.

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds are used to provide supportive services to help low-income children and families achieve and maintain self-sufficiency. These services include case management, employment services, nutrition, emergency assistance, and other social services to address the needs of families in crisis. SSBG funds also provide special services and supportive activities for the disabled through job placement, employment counseling, and referrals to community resources and opportunities.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** - The Employment and Training (E & T) Program (formerly the Food Stamp Employment and Training Program) provides Employment and Training activities which promote long term self sufficiency to SNAP recipients classified as an able-bodied adult without dependent children and who live in one of the counties where an E & T Program is operational. Services include independent job search, job search training, education, work experience and vocational training. Client reimbursements for expenses associated with participation in the E & T Program, such as travel reimbursements, are funded with 50% State General Revenue and 50% Federal funds.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** - The Farmers Market Program has been established by U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow consumers to have access to locally grown farm fresh produce, enable farmers the opportunity to expand their customer base, and cultivate consumer loyalty with the farmers who grow the produce. In order to participate in the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Farmers Market Program, each market must be authorized by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. The USDA provides funds for the purchase of Point of Sale devices and monthly wireless fees so fruits and vegetables can be purchased by SNAP recipients with their Electronic Benefits Transfer card. The grants are paid with 100% Federal funds.

Funding for this appropriation is derived from the federal revenues including Community Services Block Grant, U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) funds, USDA funds and general revenue from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account (DGF-DHS Grants Fund) as authorized in A.C.A §19-5-306(10)(A)(ii) and §19-5-306(10)(A)(xi).

### **Community Services Block Grant**

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$8,283,146 and general revenue funding in the amount of \$3,186 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2021 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the amount of \$841,298 and general revenue funding in the amount of \$165,724 for each year of the biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 898 - DHS-Grants Paying Account

**Funding Sources:** PWE - Grants Paying

### 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
Suppl Nutrition Assist(SNAP) 5100004	1,289,904	1,845,629	841,298	841,298	841,298	841,298	841,298
Community Svcs. Block Grant 5100004	8,262,020	15,222,357	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,551,924</b>	<b>17,067,986</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>							
General Revenue 4000010	25,793	168,910		168,910	168,910	168,910	168,910
Federal Revenue 4000020	9,526,131	16,899,076		8,955,534	8,955,534	8,955,534	8,955,534
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>9,551,924</b>	<b>17,067,986</b>		<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,551,924</b>	<b>17,067,986</b>		<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>	<b>9,124,444</b>

Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Suppl Nutrition Assist(SNAP) and Community Svcs. Block Grant due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account.