

DHS - County Operations

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Department Appropriation Summary

Appropriation	Historical Data						Agency Request and Executive Recommendation							
	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024				2024-2025			
	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	0	0	260,846	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0	12,000	0
426 Cty-Homeless Assistance Grant	6,501,455	0	19,669,478	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	1,921,983	39	2,620,040	40	2,385,574	40	2,599,822	40	2,599,822	40	2,629,692	40	2,629,692	40
896 Division of County Operations	140,402,843	1,783	162,184,001	1,740	158,276,918	1,801	163,415,908	1,795	163,415,908	1,795	164,699,964	1,795	164,699,964	1,795
897 TANF Block Grant	2,463,377	0	4,902,500	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	14,549,038	0	10,868,528	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)	1,367,782	0	2,734,158	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0	841,298	0
NOT REQUESTED FOR THE BIENNIUM														
AL2 ARPA – SNAP Admin	2,297,696	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
E73 Emergency Rental Assistance	147,307,828	3	22,167,538	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	317,807,115	1,825	226,406,202	1,781	180,329,624	1,841	185,682,862	1,835	185,682,862	1,835	186,996,788	1,835	186,996,788	1,835

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	6,526,325	2.0	4,625,832	2.0	4,860,687	2.5	4,860,687	2.5	6,481,991	3.3	6,481,991	3.3
General Revenue	4000010	47,556,884	14.7	52,643,559	22.8	53,957,018	28.1	53,957,018	28.1	54,057,377	27.7	54,057,377	27.7
Federal Revenue	4000020	254,083,584	78.8	149,678,187	64.7	110,929,589	57.7	110,929,589	57.7	111,717,118	57.3	111,717,118	57.3
Performance Fund	4000055	0	0.0	3,414,210	1.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	222,000	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Reallocation of Resources	4000410	2,560,804	0.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
TANF Transfer	4000478	2,400,108	0.7	4,288,766	1.9	6,656,302	3.5	6,656,302	3.5	6,893,484	3.5	6,893,484	3.5
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	491,997	0.2	569,394	0.2	649,956	0.3	649,956	0.3	657,423	0.3	657,423	0.3
Transfer to Medicaid	4000655	(49,338)	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Various Program Support	4000730	8,640,583	2.7	16,046,941	6.9	15,111,301	7.9	15,111,301	7.9	15,230,040	7.8	15,230,040	7.8
Total Funds		322,432,947	100.0	231,266,889	100.0	192,164,853	100.0	192,164,853	100.0	195,037,433	100.0	195,037,433	100.0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(4,625,832)		(4,860,687)		(6,481,991)		(6,481,991)		(8,040,645)		(8,040,645)	
Grand Total		317,807,115		226,406,202		185,682,862		185,682,862		186,996,788		186,996,788	

Authorized position count varies from Agency Request in FC 896 (Division of County Operations) due to utilization of the OPM surrender pool.

FY23 Budget amount exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 412, FC 426, and FC 898 due to transfers from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account during the 2021-2023 Biennium.

FY23 Budget amount and number of positions exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC E73 (Emergency Rental Assistance) due to transfers from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account during the 2021-2023 Biennium.

FY23 Budget amount exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 642 (Medicaid Expansion - County Ops) due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 Biennium.

FY23 Budget amount exceeds Authorized Appropriation in FC 896 (Division of County Operations) due to salary and matching rate adjustments and transfers from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account during the 2021-2023 Biennium.

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 Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-306(10)(A)(iii).

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation and general revenue 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		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		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
Funding Sources								
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 FY2023 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation in the 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			
	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Budget	2022-2023 Authorized	2023-2024		2024-2025	
				Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Grants and Aid 5100004	0	260,846	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total	0	260,846	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Funding Sources							
Fund Balance 4000005	112,049	112,049		112,049	112,049	112,049	112,049
Federal Revenue 4000020	0	260,846		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
Total Funding	112,049	372,895		124,049	124,049	124,049	124,049
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(112,049)	(112,049)		(112,049)	(112,049)	(112,049)	(112,049)
Grand Total	0	260,846		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000

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

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.

Funding for this appropriation is 100% federal. 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.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 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		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Grants and Aid	5100004	6,501,455	19,669,478	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Total		6,501,455	19,669,478	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	154,999	170,210		170,210	170,210	170,210	170,210
Federal Revenue	4000020	6,516,666	19,669,478		2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091	2,638,091
Total Funding		6,671,665	19,839,688		2,808,301	2,808,301	2,808,301	2,808,301
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(170,210)	(170,210)		(170,210)	(170,210)	(170,210)	(170,210)
Grand Total		6,501,455	19,669,478		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 FY2023 Authorized.

The Division is requesting to continue appropriation and general revenue 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		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		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
Funding Sources								
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

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 Support Waiver.

This appropriation is funded by federal and tobacco settlement funds.

With the exception of Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Division is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$2,599,822 in FY24 and \$2,629,692 in FY25.

The Agency Request includes the following change:

- The following position changes incorporate the Agency's Reallocation of Resources approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in June 2022, which includes an increase of \$5,796 in Regular Salaries and \$1,385 in Personal Services Matching in both years.
 - 1 position from the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement Program
 - (1) position to the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance - Medicaid Tobacco Settlement 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		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive	
Regular Salaries	5010000	1,327,441	1,711,738	1,552,933	1,675,081	1,675,081	1,677,881	1,677,881	
#Positions		39	40	40	40	40	40	40	
Personal Services Matching	5010003	544,786	661,105	585,444	677,544	677,544	704,614	704,614	
Operating Expenses	5020002	3,969	197,197	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	45,787	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Total		1,921,983	2,620,040	2,385,574	2,599,822	2,599,822	2,629,692	2,629,692	
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance	4000005	374,888	401,919		140,454	140,454	140,454	140,454	
Federal Revenue	4000020	1,453,817	1,789,181		1,949,866	1,949,866	1,972,269	1,972,269	
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	3,200	0		0	0	0	0	
Tobacco Settlement	4000495	491,997	569,394		649,956	649,956	657,423	657,423	
Total Funding		2,323,902	2,760,494		2,740,276	2,740,276	2,770,146	2,770,146	
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(401,919)	(140,454)		(140,454)	(140,454)	(140,454)	(140,454)	
Grand Total		1,921,983	2,620,040		2,599,822	2,599,822	2,629,692	2,629,692	

FY23 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 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 81st 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 85th 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, Personal Services Matching and Capital Outlay, continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 Authorized.

The Division is requesting appropriation in the amount of \$163,415,908 in FY24 and \$164,699,964 in FY25 and general revenue of \$52,788,995 in FY24 and \$52,889,354 in FY25.

The Agency Request includes the following changes:

- The following position changes incorporate the Agency's Reallocation of Resources approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in June 2022, which includes a decrease in Regular Salaries of (\$83,449) in FY24 and (\$84,249) in FY25 and in Personal Services Matching of (\$54,592) in FY24 and (\$58,084) in FY25.
 - 2 positions from the Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services and 3 positions from the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services
 - (10) position to the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.
- Reallocation of \$6,207,702 from Operating Expenses to the following line items in both years:
 - \$2,207,702 to Professional Fees to support costs associated with the SNAP Employment and Training case management contract.
 - \$4,000,000 to Data Processing Services to purchase and upgrade equipment, maintain systems, and other IT related costs.
- Reallocation of \$43,252 in General Revenue funding from the Division of Aging, Adult, & Behavioral Health Services in both years to support the transfer of two (2) positions.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 896 - DHS--Admin Paying Account

Funding Sources: PWP - Administration Paying

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	67,635,739	77,603,837	75,067,515	77,807,062	77,807,062	77,887,262	77,887,262
#Positions		1,783	1,740	1,801	1,795	1,795	1,795	1,795
Extra Help	5010001	577,292	503,937	503,937	503,937	503,937	503,937	503,937
#Extra Help		36	37	37	37	37	37	37
Personal Services Matching	5010003	26,017,513	29,582,432	28,478,412	31,108,364	31,108,364	32,312,220	32,312,220
Overtime	5010006	0	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000
Operating Expenses	5020002	20,157,232	25,505,160	31,712,862	25,505,160	25,505,160	25,505,160	25,505,160
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	2,893	124,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
Professional Fees	5060010	11,069,238	11,772,019	7,499,735	9,707,437	9,707,437	9,707,437	9,707,437
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	230,509	230,509	0	0	0	0
Data Processing Services	5900044	14,942,936	16,737,107	14,548,948	18,548,948	18,548,948	18,548,948	18,548,948
Total		140,402,843	162,184,001	158,276,918	163,415,908	163,415,908	164,699,964	164,699,964
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	4,874,494	2,550,004		3,491,148	3,491,148	5,349,634	5,349,634
General Revenue	4000010	46,388,861	51,475,536		52,788,995	52,788,995	52,889,354	52,889,354
Federal Revenue	4000020	80,273,264	92,188,458		97,374,098	97,374,098	98,139,224	98,139,224
Performance Fund	4000055	0	3,414,210		0	0	0	0
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	218,800	0		0	0	0	0
Reallocation of Resources	4000410	2,560,804	0		0	0	0	0
Various Program Support	4000730	8,636,624	16,046,941		15,111,301	15,111,301	15,230,040	15,230,040
Total Funding		142,952,847	165,675,149		168,765,542	168,765,542	171,608,252	171,608,252
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(2,550,004)	(3,491,148)		(5,349,634)	(5,349,634)	(6,908,288)	(6,908,288)
Grand Total		140,402,843	162,184,001		163,415,908	163,415,908	164,699,964	164,699,964

FY23 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2021-2023 Biennium. Budget exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Conference & Travel, Professional Fees, and Data Processing Services due to a transfer from the Miscellaneous Federal Grant Holding Account. Variance in number of positions in Authorized and Agency Request is due to utilization of the OPM surrender pool.

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 81st 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-306(10)(A) (iv) and general revenue fund transfers from the Division of Workforce Services as authorized in Section 27 of Act 770 of 2021.

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 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		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
TANF Block Grant	5100004	2,463,377	4,902,500	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Total		2,463,377	4,902,500	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	910,226	850,916		237,182	237,182	0	0
TANF Transfer	4000478	2,400,108	4,288,766		6,656,302	6,656,302	6,893,484	6,893,484
Various Program Support	4000730	3,959	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		3,314,293	5,139,682		6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(850,916)	(237,182)		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		2,463,377	4,902,500		6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484	6,893,484

Analysis of Budget Request

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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.

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 Ark. Code Ann. § 19-5-306(10)(A)(ii) and § 19-5-306(10)(A)(xi).

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 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.

Community Services Block Grant

Continuing level of appropriation is the FY2023 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.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 898 - DHS-Grants Paying Account

Funding Sources: PWE - Grants Paying

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Suppl Nutrition Assist(SNAP) 5100004	1,367,782	2,734,158	841,298	841,298	841,298	841,298	841,298
Community Svcs. Block Grant 5100004	14,549,038	10,868,528	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146	8,283,146
Total	15,916,820	13,602,686	9,124,444	9,124,444	9,124,444	9,124,444	9,124,444
Funding Sources							
Fund Balance 4000005	99,669	540,734		709,644	709,644	709,644	709,644
General Revenue 4000010	172,910	168,910		168,910	168,910	168,910	168,910
Federal Revenue 4000020	16,234,313	13,602,686		8,955,534	8,955,534	8,955,534	8,955,534
Transfer to Medicaid 4000655	(49,338)	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding	16,457,554	14,312,330		9,834,088	9,834,088	9,834,088	9,834,088
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(540,734)	(709,644)		(709,644)	(709,644)	(709,644)	(709,644)
Grand Total	15,916,820	13,602,686		9,124,444	9,124,444	9,124,444	9,124,444

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.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: E73 - Emergency Rental Assistance

Funding Sources: FWF - CARES

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	96,947	80,101	0	0	0	0	0
#Positions		3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Extra Help	5010001	62,112	50,000	0	0	0	0	0
#Extra Help		1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Personal Services Matching	5010003	47,211	29,237	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenses	5020002	343,871	8,000	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	146,757,687	22,000,000	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing Services	5900044	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
Total		147,307,828	22,167,538	0	0	0	0	0
Funding Sources								
Federal Revenue	4000020	147,307,828	22,167,538		0	0	0	0
Total Funding		147,307,828	22,167,538		0	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total		147,307,828	22,167,538		0	0	0	0

FY23 Budgeted appropriation and position were established through the authority of the Miscellaneous Federal Program Act.
 APPROPRIATION NOT REQUESTED FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: AL2 - ARPA – SNAP Admin

Funding Sources: FRP - American Rescue Plan

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Operating Expenses 5020002	332,298	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing Services 5900044	1,965,398	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2,297,696	0	0	0	0	0	0
Funding Sources							
Federal Revenue 4000020	2,297,696	0		0	0	0	0
Total Funding	2,297,696	0		0	0	0	0
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	0	0	0
Grand Total	2,297,696	0		0	0	0	0

APPROPRIATION NOT REQUESTED FOR THE 2023-2025 BIENNIUM. This appropriation is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. As per Section 41 of Act 199 of 2022, all state agencies, institutions, and constitutional offices receiving funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 shall request a transfer of appropriation and expend using the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Appropriation Sections as authorized in Act 199.