

**Arkansas Department of Health  
Secretary Smith**

Proposal Title: Contact Tracing  
Amount Requested: \$16,000,000

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Hutchison created the Arkansas Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Steering Committee to make recommendations to the Governor on the “best uses of the CARES Act funding” under Section 601 of PL 116-136, the “Coronavirus Relief Fund.” As the Arkansas Department of Health serves as one of the lead agencies for Arkansas’s coordinated actions to address the pandemic, certain additional infrastructure, supply, and equipment needs have become evident. Due to the recent increases in the number of positive cases in Arkansas this additional supplemental funding request is being submitted to assure adequate capacity for contact tracing and case investigation activities.

Contact Tracing  
\$22,434,247 Initial award – previously approved  
\$16,000,000 Supplemental request

**DFA Recommendation: Approval**

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**Arkansas Department of Commerce  
Secretary Preston**

Proposal Title: Developmental Disabilities Provider Emergency Loan Program  
Amount requested: \$7,844,021

The forgivable loan program is designed in structure to be comparable to the federal Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan program and is available to an accredited nonprofit entity that is a provider licensed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of DHS that has at least 500 employees. The loans may be used to pay for necessary working capital purchases, including payroll, rent/mortgage payments, and utilities. The loans are capped at a total amount of \$7.8 million and must be funded by December 30, 2020. The loans are interest-free unless the loan goes into default. The loans are forgivable using the same methodology as the federal PPP program. An organization may receive a loan under the program if they have been unable to secure needed funding through other programs administered by the State of Arkansas or the federal government.

DFA Review: The Treasury Guidance provided for the Coronavirus Relief Fund provides that, under Category 5, allowable expenditures for CARES Act funds include expenses associated with providing economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency. The economic support forgivable loan program proposed by AEDC for the developmental disability providers appears to be an allowable expenditure under Category 5 of the Treasury Guidance.

**DFA Recommendation: Approval**