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The Honorable Asa Hutchinson
Governor of Arkansas
State Capitol Room 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Hutchinson,

The Department of Corrections continues to work diligently in its response to COVID-19. We greatly appreciate the Steering Committee and the Governor's swift response to our previous funding request. With the pandemic growing, resource needs have also grown.

At this time, the Department is requesting approval for an additional \$384,998 for items not on the pre-approval list. We are requesting approval for purchase of necessary medical and public health expenses including costs of providing COVID-19 testing, establishment of temporary medical facilities, emergency food costs, sanitization and quarantine expenses reflected below:

- Additional COVID Testing \$150,000
- Refrigerated Trailer 48ft to transport cold food to assist with feeding inmates at other units. Estimate is for (2) used DOT trailers, estimated at \$29,000 Total.
- (24) Portable Air Conditioners for units to use additional space for housing inmates that need to be separated due to COVID. Estimated Cost, \$97,598 Total
- (2) Washing Machines at Ester Unit, we currently do not have washers there. Laundry is being transported to a neighbor facility. This will help with containment. Estimate \$43,700 Total
- (2) Dryers at Ester currently do not have dryers there. Laundry is being transported to a neighboring facility. This will help control and contain the spread. Estimate \$23,700 Total
- Coolers needed for quarantined barracks for food and beverage storage. Estimate \$1000
- Transport of food due to quarantined residents at East Arkansas Regional \$15,000
- Disposable utensils, due to quarantine. \$25,000

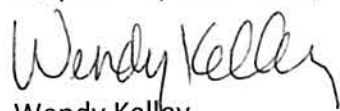
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We continue to follow guidelines from the Center of Disease Control & Prevention as well as specific guidance from the Arkansas Health Department as we work through our responses. We are committed to providing service to the citizens of Arkansas by modifying our day-to-day operations in response to this emergency and will continue to monitor and respond as necessary and appropriate.

We appreciate your support and as we continue to face the impacts of COVID-19 together.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please let us know if additional information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "W" and a long, trailing "y".

Wendy Kelley