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Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee
1509 West Seventh Street, Suite 401
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Dear Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee:

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."

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 requests. With the pandemic continuing, our resource needs have also continued.

We are requesting reimbursement for an additional estimated total of \$2,137,250 for necessary medical and public health expenses including costs for providing COVID-19 testing, establishment of temporary housing and quarantine facilities, ventilators, UV lights, barriers, PPE, equipment for remote working, water testing, etc. These items are not on the pre-approval list. This request for approval is for the following estimated totals:

- Reimbursement for COVID-19 Testing - \$1,115,000
- Air Conditioning Units to quarantine inmates - \$45,000
- Ventilators- \$5,000
- Germicide and UV Bulbs/Lighting- \$25,000
- Supplies needed to support shower curtains or other barriers - \$3,500
- Protective clothing, aprons, coveralls - \$750
- Portable Sampler Water Testing- \$95,000
- Sanitation supplies and equipment for application (paper towels, pumps, etc.) - \$38,000
- Miscellaneous (bags for inmate commissary delivery, setting up new space for inmate programs, items to identify social distancing) - \$15,000
- Air Sanitizing HVAC equipment and air quality metering for Ouachita River Unit and Omega Supervision Sanction Center - \$260,000
- CPR & First Aid Training Equipment necessary to maintain training licensure requirements and to limit exposure of training staff and participants by increasing social distancing of participants - \$130,000

- Information Technology expenses to allow for video court hearing for ADC - \$95,000
- Information Technology expenses to allow for virtual residential treatment in residential centers, including hardware and video teleconferencing equipment - \$200,000
- eOMIS Contract Labor Costs for an interface with the Department of Health for exchange of medical information related to COVID and programming updates to the InTouch Client Portal which allows for remote check-ins by individuals on probation/parole - \$80,000
- Microsoft Teams and Zoom Licensing for employees to meet virtually as needed - \$50,000
- Audio/Visual Equipment for ADC Mental Health Services to provide remote mental health treatment and services for the inmate population and to provide for virtual learning, training, and webinar participation for the 191 employees within Mental Health Services - \$50,000
- Broadband expenses, Connections, Routers, and other information technology resources necessary to facilitate remote meetings throughout the Department - \$95,000
- Video conferencing equipment and other information technology expenses for the Human Resources and Training section to virtually conduct employee training and onboarding of new employees - \$250,000
- 50 hotspot devices for remote workers throughout the Department - \$22,000

The total amount requested has been reduced by \$437,000. The Steering Committee approved the reallocation of the \$437,000. We continue to follow guidelines from the Center of Disease Control & Prevention as well as specific guidance from the Arkansas Health Department as we respond to the pandemic. We are committed to providing service to the citizens of Arkansas by modifying our day-to-day operations in response to this public-health emergency and will continue to monitor and respond as necessary and appropriate.

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, appearing to read "Solomon Graves", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Solomon Graves
Secretary of Corrections