

From: [Maria Markham](#)
To: [Elizabeth Smith \(DIG\)](#)
Subject: Higher ed spending extension request
Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:29:12 AM

Good morning Secretary Smith,

I would like request an extension to June 30 of the spending authority for the higher education CARES funds. UAMS has been able to reduce staff due to a reduction in cases. They plan to continue to reduce as cases (hopefully) continue to decline. Testing for athletes is still required so an extension on the time to pay for those tests will be important. Please let me know if you think this is a reasonable request or if you need additional information.

Thanks! Maria

From: Johnny Key (ADE) [mailto:Johnny.Key@ade.arkansas.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Maria Markham <Maria.Markham@adhe.edu>
Cc: Gina Windle (ADE) <Gina.Windle@ade.arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: Higher Ed contact tracing

Contact Elizabeth Smith and let her know of the need for an extension. She will be the one to call the CARES Act committee back together.

Johnny Key, Secretary
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From: Maria Markham <Maria.Markham@adhe.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Johnny Key (ADE) <Johnny.Key@arkansas.gov>
Subject: FW: Higher Ed contact tracing

How would you prefer I proceed? UAMS has been able to reduce staff due to a reduction in cases. They plan to continue to reduce as cases (hopefully) continue to decline. Testing for athletes is still required so an extension on the time to pay for those tests will be important.

From: Maria Markham
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:07 AM
To: 'Jo Thompson (ADH)' <Jo.Thompson@arkansas.gov>
Cc: Johnny Key (ADE) <Johnny.Key@arkansas.gov>; Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: Higher Ed contact tracing

No ma'am. I will put together a request. We aren't asking for more funds, just more time. Thank you!

From: Jo Thompson (ADH) [<mailto:Jo.Thompson@arkansas.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Maria Markham <Maria.Markham@adhe.edu>
Cc: Johnny Key (ADE) <Johnny.Key@arkansas.gov>; Stephanie Williams <Stephanie.Williams@arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: Higher Ed contact tracing

Good afternoon Maria,

It is my understanding that ADHE would need to present a request to the AR CARES Act Steering Committee for an extension in the time to expend the remaining balance of your CARES award beyond March 31, 2021. As of last Tuesday, there was \$1.8 million remaining in the contact tracing line item and approximately \$3.3 million in testing.

Is there anything that you need from ADH to assist with this?

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From: Maria Markham <Maria.Markham@adhe.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 3:25 PM
To: Jo Thompson (ADH) <Jo.Thompson@arkansas.gov>
Cc: Johnny Key (ADE) <Johnny.Key@arkansas.gov>
Subject: Higher Ed contact tracing

Good afternoon Jo,
UAMS indicates that there will be sufficient funds remaining to extend the college and university contact tracing services through June should our spending authority be extended. How do I need to proceed to request that extension?

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