

QUICK ACTION REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2021





The Governor’s Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF) is a vital tool for economic development in Arkansas. The QACF allows the Governor to act quickly and decisively in highly competitive recruitment situations to finalize an agreement with a company to choose Arkansas as the location for an economic development project. Since 2007, the program has increased the ability of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission to close deals with companies that have increased jobs, created new investment, and broadened the State’s tax base.

Since 2007, QACF has assisted companies to propose 97 job creation and/or retention projects in Arkansas. These projects cumulatively have proposed the creation and/or retention of 31,509 jobs at an average hourly wage of \$20.90 and projected new investment of \$3.35 billion. As of June 30, 2021, these 97 projects have created and retained 24,444 jobs.

In addition, 16 new digital product projects signed QACF agreements in fiscal year 2021. These projects had cumulative budgets of \$17,641,943 and proposed 283 jobs.

In fiscal year 2020, AEDC allocated QACF to Create the Quick Action Loan Program in response to the unrepresented economic crisis that Arkansas businesses were facing as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Attorney General Rutledge provided an additional \$3,000,000 from the Consumer Education and Enforcement Fund to support the program. The Quick Action Loan Program provided \$7,050,000 in loans to 412 existing companies that had been impacted by COVID-19. The program’s loans to businesses were issued between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020. As of June 30, 2021, these loans have retained a total of 3,318 full time jobs and 1,480 part time jobs.

The support from Governor Hutchinson and the General Assembly to continue to fund this appropriation on an annual basis has not only provided AEDC with an important tool to win competitive economic development projects, but also has provided needed assistance to existing businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Expenditures and Commitments of the Governor’s Quick Action Closing Fund

Expenditures 2007-2020	\$136,687,735.26
FY21 expenditures	20,562,486
Committed funds	26,492,162.00
Projects offered but not yet accepted	22,945,492.00
Remaining QACF balance	47,444,755.00
Clawbacks/loan repayments	(-739,314.15)
TOTAL	\$210,793,316.37



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Funding for economic development projects for fiscal year 2021 are listed below:

Company Name	Location	Date	Purpose	Amount
Hytrol Conveyor Company	Fort Smith	3/23/2021	Equipment, Infrastructure & Renovations	\$1,019,610.91
		3/23/2021	Equipment, Infrastructure & Renovations	<u>\$980,389.09</u>
			Total	\$2,000,000.00
Carvana LLC	West Memphis	4/16/2021	Equipment	\$1,000,000.00
12 Hour Shift Productions	Jonesboro	5/3/2021	Film Project	\$110,896.31
		7/10/2020		<u>\$32,928.39</u>
			Total	\$143,824.70
AFH Film LLC	Fayetteville	6/24/2021	Film Project	\$100,686.50
Freedoms Path Feature Film LLC	NW Arkansas	7/7/2020	Film Project	\$370,353.65
Max Winslow Movie LLC	NW Arkansas	7/7/2020	Film Project	\$64,528.17
Roach Manufacturing Company	Caraway	10/7/2020	Infrastructure & Renovations	\$82,000.00
		1/5/2021	Infrastructure & Renovations	\$100,000.00
		3/15/2021	Infrastructure & Renovations	<u>\$123,000.00</u>
			Total	\$305,000.00
Random Productions LLC	NW Arkansas	8/26/2020	Film Project	\$11,000,000.00
		8/26/2020	Film Project	<u>\$3,254,574.00</u>
			Total	\$14,254,574.00
Mortis Pater Productions LLC	Multiple	8/26/2020	Film Project	\$11,371.28
Nyla Fishbowl LLC	NW Arkansas	8/26/2020	Film Project	\$340,937.92
From the Heart LLC	Bentonville	9/9/2020	Film Project	\$71,210.04
LR Port for CZ-USA*	Little Rock	9/30/2020	Infrastructure	\$483,854.40
		10/15/2020	Infrastructure	\$1,281,465.97
		10/29/2020	Infrastructure	\$134,679.63
		06/30/2021	Letter of Credit Proceeds	<u>(\$500,000.00)</u>
			Total	\$1,400,000.00
HMS Mfs. Co.	Little Rock	10/29/2020	Infrastructure & Renovations	\$500,000.00



Total FY 2021

\$20,562,486.26

* Infrastructure grant upgraded Zeuber Road in the Port of Little Rock. While the grant was intended to facilitate the construction of CZ's facility, the infrastructure improvement will benefit future economic expansion at the port. In accordance with the state's agreement with CZ, when the project terminated, CZ reimbursed \$500,000 of the infrastructure grant.



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