

December 8, 2020

Elizabeth Smith, Secretary
Department of Inspector General
323 Center Street, Suite 1200
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Return of CARES Act Funding

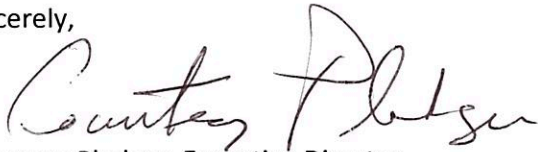
Dear Secretary Smith:

On July 15, 2020, the CARES Act Steering Committee recommended \$5,180,000.00 in funding for the Universal DTV Broadcast Coverage Plan. Arkansas PBS was to expand the existing footprint which will allow Arkansans to receive Alternate Method of Instruction for K-12 education and other programming necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department has determined that we will have \$1,300,000.00 that will not be expended by December 30, 2020. However, if there is an extension to allow funds be expended as late as March of 2021, than we would be able to expend the funds as allocated.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Pledger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Courtney Pledger, Executive Director
Arkansas PBS