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The Arkansas CARES Act Steering Committee is looking for COVID-related needs to address with the one-point-two-five-billion dollars in federal money allocated to the state. Committee Chair Elizabeth Smith, the Department of Inspector General Secretary, says much of it is spoken for, including money to improve internet access for rural communities...

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Secretary Smith appeared on Arkansas Week this weekend on Arkansas P-B-S. The CARES money already allocated must be spent by the end of the year. Anyone with a pandemic-related need can submit a request at the CARES Act Steering Committee’s webpage at governor-dot-Arkansas-dot-gov.

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The governor’s steering committee for the Arkansas CARES Act is carving up a huge pie allocated to the state by Congress last spring. The state has until the end of the year to finish spending one-point-two-five-billion dollars in CARES Act funding for pandemic-related needs. The head of the committee, Department of Inspector General Secretary Elizabeth Smith, said on Arkansas Week they have recommended spending some of the money on a grant for business interruption...

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Another 100-million dollars will go for partnering with internet service provider to improve broadband access. Smith said that’s a critical need for students depending on remote learning and health care patients increasingly using tele-health services.