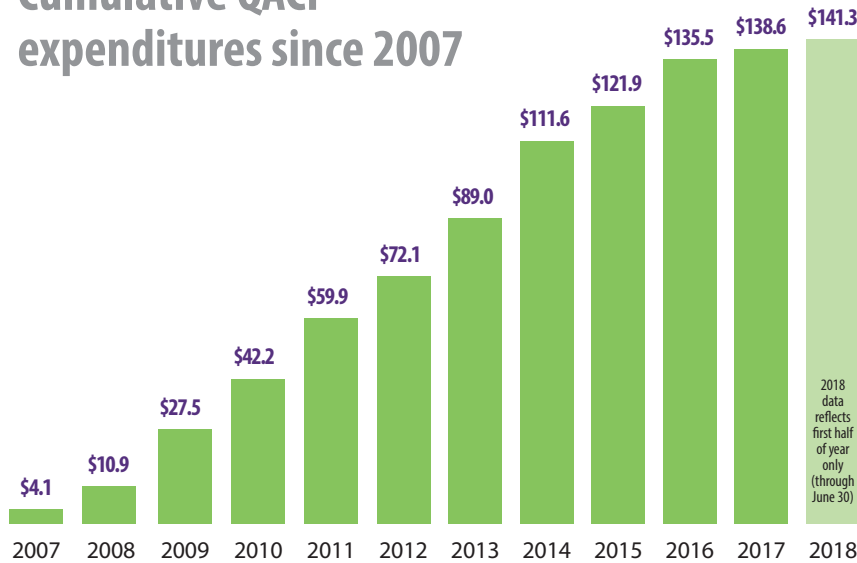


THE COST OF ARKANSAS'S QACF

Created in 2007, the Quick Action Closing Fund (QACF) is a targeted economic development incentive program that allows Arkansas officials to provide discretionary cash grants to select companies to attract and retain businesses in Arkansas.

Cumulative QACF expenditures since 2007



In millions of June 2018 dollars.

Note that each year's data reflects the sum of current year spending and all spending in prior years.

\$185.7 million

Total amount appropriated to the fund since its inception in 2007

85

the number of job creation or retention projects funded in part by the QACF

21,422

jobs claimed by AEDC

jobs according to ACRE analysis*

0

Top private company recipients

Hewlett Packard
\$10.0 million

LM Wind Power
\$6.8 million

NanoMech, Inc
\$6.5 million

Windstream
\$5.3 million

Dassault Falcon Jet
\$5.3 million

Allied Wireless
\$5 million

This symbol denotes companies that experienced "clawbacks." They did not create the number of jobs they promised, and had to repay a portion of their grants.

Given the ineffectiveness of the QACF, Arkansas officials should use scarce public resources on more productive policies.

What else could \$185.7 million buy?



For more information about these calculations, please visit <http://uca.edu/acre/2018/11/01/the-cost-of-arkansas-qacf/>

*Jacob Bundrick and Thomas Snyder. "Do Business Subsidies Lead to Increased Economic Activity? Evidence from Arkansas's Quick Action Closing Fund." The Review of Regional Studies 48, no. 1 (2018): 29-53.

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