

Act 620 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 620

SB147

By: Joint Budget Committee

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING A MATCHING REVOLVING FUND FOR COUNTY, LOCAL, COMMERCIAL, AND NON-PROFIT OPERATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Rural Health Services Revolving Fund Act."

SECTION 2. It shall be the responsibility of the Arkansas Department of Health to promulgate all rules and regulations for making application for the matching funds required by this Act. It shall be further the responsibility of the Arkansas Department of Health to review all applications and approve those that shall be eligible for monies under the provisions of this Act and as may otherwise be provided by law.

SECTION 3. FUND CREATED. There is hereby established on the books of the State Treasurer, the State Auditor, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, a fund to be known as the "Rural Health Services Revolving Fund".

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Health, to be payable from the Rural Health Services Revolving Fund for a matching appropriation for county, local, commercial and non-profit operations for the purpose of assisting in stabilizing of necessary medical services, the sum of \$3,300,000.

SECTION 5. FUNDING CLAUSE. In order to provide funds for the appropriation authorized in Section 4 of this Act, the State Treasurer, and the State Auditor shall transfer on their books of record after release by the Governor and upon certification by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, the sum of \$3,300,000, or as much thereof as may be required from the General Improvement Fund or successor fund to the Rural Health Services Revolving Fund. \$3,000,000 of this fund is to be disbursed as grants to localities and \$300,000 of this fund is to be used by the Arkansas Department of Health to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 6. Funds requested by authority of this Act shall be matched on a 50/50 cash basis by the applicant. The State portion shall at no time exceed \$200,000 per county, local, commercial, or non-profit operation. This match requirement does not apply to funds used by the Arkansas Department of Health to administer this fund.

SECTION 7. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded or obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefore as provided by law. Provided, however, that the Institutions and Agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income,

and/or funds available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the said State Treasury funds for financing the entire cost of said project or projects. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for maintenance and general operation of the said Institutions and Agencies shall not be used for any of the purposes set out in the Act.

(B) The General Accounting Procedures Law, the State Purchasing Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, and other applicable fiscal laws of the State shall be strictly complied with, with respect to use of any fund provided by this Act.

SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 10. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly that the Rural Health Services are in dire need of matching funds so as not to work irreparable harm upon the proper administration of these services. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1989.

APPROVED: March 16, 1989

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