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To: [Garrity, Marty](#); [Amos, Shonna](#)
Subject: FW: Grants Approvals
Date: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 1:20:14 PM
Attachments: [Grant Proposals FY 22 Cycle 1.pdf](#)
Importance: High

Good Afternoon all,

I have received an email from Secretary Mike Preston indicating that the Governor and he both approve my funding recommendations. As they are in Israel right now, they are not able to physically sign the document but have issued their approval via email.

As such, please find the attached Rural Services grants for approval by the Legislative Council scheduled for November 19, 2021. AEDC Executive Vice President of Operations, Jim Hudson and I will be present to represent the Division of Rural Services for the meeting.

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services would like to submit to the Arkansas Legislative Council the proposed approval of funding for Rural Community and Rural Services Block Grants for Cycle 1 of Fiscal Year 2022, submitted pursuant to Section 41 of Act 876 of the 2019 regular session.

These grants were approved by Governor Hutchinson on November 11, 2021 and by the Arkansas Rural Development Commission on November 9, 2021. I've attached the grants for approval (Rural Community and Rural Services Block Grants) and the Governor's approval of the requested grants via email is below. All are included in one attachment.

Please let me know that you received these request and if you need anything in addition to what has been provided.

Sincerely,

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From: Mike Preston <MPreston@ArkansasEDC.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Becca Caldwell <BCaldwell@ArkansasEDC.com>
Subject: Re: Grants Approvals

Becca,

I've reviewed and discussed with the Governor, he and I both approve, please proceed with getting it on the next ALC agenda.

Mike

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From: Becca Caldwell <BCaldwell@ArkansasEDC.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:43:39 PM
To: Mike Preston <MPreston@ArkansasEDC.com>
Subject: Grants Approvals

Good Morning!

I hope you are enjoying your travels and have a safe return!

Attached are the grant proposals for the Rural Community Grant Program and the Rural Services Block Grant Program.

I am trying to make next weeks ALC and am cutting it very close. If I can get approval from you and the Governor before Friday, I think I can make it on the schedule. As you two are together, would it be possible to share these with him as well?

I have summarized the reports below:

Rural Community Grant Program:

22 applications, recommended funding \$301,866.00

Rural Services Block Grant Program:

13 applications requesting \$891,979.20

Recommending funding 7 applications for a total of \$472,420.00

I know this is a big request as you both are so busy so I apologize if this ask is too much and completely understand if you are not able to!

Sincerely,

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Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services
Fiscal Year 2022, Cycle 1 Grant Funding
Contact: Becca Caldwell, 501-682-3292



PURPOSE:

To present funding recommendations from AEDC Rural Services for the Arkansas Rural Community and Arkansas Rural Services Block Grant Program.

BACKGROUND:

Each fiscal year, AEDC Rural Services receives legislative appropriation to award funds from the above named grant programs.

Applications received by AEDC Rural Services go through the following process:

1. Reviewed for eligibility by Rural Services staff;
2. Eligible applications and rankings are then reviewed by the Rural Development Commission;
3. Recommendations are forwarded to the Governor; and
4. Recommendations are forwarded to Legislative Council for final approval.

COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:

- **Rural Community Grant Program**— Cities and towns with a population of less than 3,000 (no limit on unincorporated areas). Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, community centers, fire stations, parks, storm sirens, storm shelters, beautification projects and any equipment associated. The cap for this grant program is \$15,000 and requires a 50/50 match from all applicants.
- **Rural Services Block Grant Program** – Funding is available to incorporated towns and rural communities with a population of less than 3,000. Additionally, the community population must be at least 51% Low to Moderate income. Eligible projects include: new construction or renovation of community centers, fire stations, or multi-purpose buildings, and the purchase of fire trucks (pumper, tanker, brush or certain service trucks). This grant is made possible through a partnership with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grants Division. This cap for this grant program is \$75,000 and requires a 10% match

PROPOSED FUNDING:

- **Rural Community Grant Program (Attachment)**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$301,866.00
 - o Amount Available for Distribution: \$301,866.00
 - o **Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$301,866.00**
- **Arkansas Rural Services Block Grant Program (Attachment)**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$891,979.20
 - o Amount Available for Distribution: \$1,000,000
 - o **Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$472,420.00**

RECOMMENDATION:

AEDC Rural Services requests your approval on the funding recommendations for the programs listed above. Attachments outlining recommendations for each program are included with this memo.



Rural Community Grant Program

Funding Recommendation Report

Fiscal Year 2022

Cycle 1

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Previous Funding
Bay Fire Department	Craighead	\$15,000.00	The Bay VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	The City of Bay received \$15,000.00 in 2017 to continue work on a new fire station.
Bergman Volunteer Fire Department	Boone	\$12,728.00	The Bergman Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$12,728.00 in funding to purchase 8 sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	Bergman Volunteer Fire Department requested \$3,000 in funding for fire hoses in 2021 but they were not funded.
Carlisle	Lonoke	\$15,000.00	The Carlisle Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a new compressor to fill their air tanks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	Carlisle received \$15,000 in 2014 for a splash pad
Clarkridge Fire Department	Baxter	\$15,000.00	The Clarkridge Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a new pumper truck. The Department has four trucks, they are looking to replace all of them in phases.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Nelda Speaks	Clarkridge Fire Department received \$15,000.00 in 2019 to purchase a new pumper truck.
Cotter	Baxter	\$15,000.00	The city of Cotter is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to add striping and basketball goals to repair old tennis courts, an equipment storage shed and handrails for the parking area at the North Arkansas Youth Center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Nelda Speaks	Cotter received \$15,000.00 in 2019 to complete phase II of their renovations on the community center.
Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District	Baxter	\$15,000.00	The Cotter-Gassville RFPD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase SCBA units. This is Phase II of replacing their out of date units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	Cotter-Gassville received \$15,000 in 2020 to purchase SCBAs
Daisy Fire Department	Pike	\$15,000.00	The Daisy Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct a steel framed Fire Station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	Justin Gonzales	Daisy FD received \$9,750.00 in 2015 to purchase a Pumper Truck.
Des Arc	Prairie	\$7,500.00	The city of Des Arc is requesting \$7,500.00 in funding to repair the roof of the American Legion Building which is owned by the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	Des Arc received \$5,000 in 2009 to create a park plan.

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Previous Funding
East Monroe Volunteer Fire Department	Monroe	\$15,000.00	East Monroe VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase 15 sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Flowers	Reginald Murdock	
Fox	Stone	\$7,990.00	The community of Fox is requesting \$7,990.00 in funding to purchase a new lawn mower and HVAC units for their community building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	Fox received \$3,100.00 in 2015 to purchase a lawn mower.
Gravette Fire Department	Benton	\$15,000.00	The Gravette Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren		Gravette received \$15,000 in 2012 for the city pool.
Green Forest	Carroll	\$15,000.00	The city of Green Forest is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to install sidewalks and drainage facilities for the Baseball and Softball facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Ron McNair	The city of Green Forest received \$7,500 in 2015 to purchase a metal building.
Highfill	Benton	\$15,000.00	The city of Highfill is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to renovate the interior of their community building. This building has been renovated using RCGP and RSBGP grant funds but for the exterior.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Delia Haak	Highfill received \$13,500 in 2015 to renovate the community center.
Highland Fire Department	Sharp	\$15,000.00	The Highland Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase and install six fire hydrants throughout the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Frances Cavanaugh	Highland FD received \$4,918.41 in 2020 to purchase a washer/dryer.
Jasper	Newton	\$15,000.00	The city of Jasper is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to resurface the city's tennis and pickle-ball courts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breanne Davis	Keith Slape	Jasper received \$15,000.00 in 2020 for the stage at Bradley Park.
Keo	Lonoke	\$13,200.00	The city of Keo is requesting \$13,200.00 in funding to install a new storm warning siren.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	
NEBCO	Benton	\$15,000.00	NEBCO is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new airpacks for the entire Fire Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cecile Bledsoe	Joshua Bryant	NEBCO received \$15,000 in 2021 to purchase SCBA units
Newark Fire Department	Independence	\$5,448.00	The Newark Fire Department is requesting \$5,448.00 in funding to purchase new positive pressure fans and thermal imaging cameras.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Stu Smith	Newark FD received \$7,130.00 in 2019 to purchase a new washer and dryer.

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Previous Funding
Oak Prairie Volunteer Fire Department	Prairie	\$15,000.00	Oak Prairie Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase equipment to outfit their recently acquired truck.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	Oak Prairie VFD received \$15,000 in 2020 to purchase a pumper truck.
Pangburn Fire Department	White	\$15,000.00	Pangburn Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to build an additional fire station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Cameron Cooper	Pangburn received \$5,750 in 2020 to purchase a washer and dryer.
Poinsett County	Poinsett	\$15,000.00	Poinsett County is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to install a lighted pavilion in their new Main Street Learning Park.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	Poinsett County received \$4,747 in 2014 for a recorder for the 911 call center.
Prairie County	Prairie	\$15,000.00	Prairie County is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace an existing ramp and rails with ADA compliant ramp and rails and to install an automated handicap accessible door opener.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	Prairie County received \$15,000 in 2013 to rewire the Library.

22 record(s) for \$301,866.00



Rural Services Block Grant Program Funding Recommendation Report

Fiscal Year 2022

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Colt Fire Department	Saint Francis	\$82,500.00	The city of Colt is requesting \$82,500.00 in funding to expand their current Fire Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Steve Hollowell	\$0.00
Egypt	Craighead	\$46,716.00	The Town of Egypt is requesting \$46,716.00 in funding to make improvements to their community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dan Sullivan	Milton Nicks	\$0.00
Huntington	Sebastian	\$75,000.00	The city of Huntington is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase a used pumper truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Rice	Marcus Richmond	\$75,000.00
Jacksonport Fire Department	Jackson	\$74,973.00	The Jacksonport Fire Department is requesting \$74,973.00 in funding to purchase 10 new SCBA's to replace 14-21 year old units.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Craig Christiansen	\$0.00
Lake View	Phillips	\$65,370.20	The city of Lakeview is requesting \$65,370.20 in funding to renovate a building so it can be used as a senior center/community building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Flowers	David Tollett	\$0.00
Lead Hill Fire Department	Boone	\$75,000.00	The city of Lead Hill is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase a 2016 Ford F-350 Brush Truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Lewisville	Lafayette	\$74,295.00	The city of Lewisville is requesting \$74,295.00 in funding to renovate an empty building to create a community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	David Fielding	\$74,295.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Nevada County	Nevada	\$75,000.00	Nevada County is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to complete the construction of the Oak Grove Community Center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles Beckham	David Fielding	\$75,000.00
Pindall Fire Department	Searcy	\$61,598.00	The town of Pindall is requesting \$61,598.26 in funding to purchase a new brush truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Jack Fortner	\$61,598.00
Reed	Desha	\$75,000.00	The community of Reed is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to construct a new community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Flowers	Mark McElroy	\$0.00
Salem Fire Department	Fulton	\$52,901.00	The Salem Fire Department is requesting \$52,901.00 in funding to purchase extrication equipment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Marsh Davis	\$52,901.00
St. Paul Fire Department	Madison	\$75,000.00	St. Paul is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase a new pumper truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Mark Berry	\$75,000.00
Winslow	Washington	\$58,626.00	The city of Winslow is requesting \$58,626.00 in funding to renovate their existing community center which is in need of repair.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Bruce Coleman	\$58,626.00
13 record(s) totaling \$891,979.20					Total Recommended Amount:		\$472,420.00