

MEMO

To: Legislative Council
From: Butch Calhoun, Director
Date: January 12, 2012
Re: FY12 Cycle 2 RCGP Funded Communities

The Fiscal Year 2012 Cycle 2 funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the December 9th deadline, 23 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$229,000.00 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$174,427.96.

Thanks!

Butch Calhoun, Director
Department of Rural Services

Enclosures



Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs

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Programs:

The Arkansas Rural Community Grants are made up of the following programs with examples of eligible projects noted:

Arkansas Rural Community Development Grant

-  Construction or renovations to publicly owned buildings (civic, community, recycling, senior and youth centers, libraries, museums, etc.);
-  Parks and other recreational facilities (baseball and softball fields, landscape/beautification projects, picnic areas, jogging/walking trails, etc.).

Arkansas Rural Community Fire Protection Grant

-  Construction of new fire facilities;
-  Purchase of fire protection equipment and/or vehicles;
-  Rehabilitation/Retrofitting of newly acquired equipment and vehicles;
-  Renovation of existing facilities

Grant Review Process:

Each grant application is date stamped and assigned a control number upon receipt to the Department of Rural Services (DRS). The grants are then reviewed in the order they are received. The reviewer uses a standard checklist to review each application. Applicants submitting their applications prior to the application deadline are notified of application deficiencies and are given the opportunity to submit additional materials prior the application deadline. Applicants postmarking their application on the date of the deadline are eligible and are reviewed by the same process, but are not allowed to submit material to eliminate any deficiencies. All complete applications as of the application deadline are then checked against the previous grant awards database to determine if the community currently has an active grant. Applications are then entered into a database to generate lists and total requests. Copies of complete and eligible applications with a computerized listing are then forwarded to a six-person review committee made up of members of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) appointed by the ARDC Chairperson. The ARDC Grants Review Committee meets and reviews the grants with staff members with their recommendations. Recommendations are entered into the grant database and a listing of all complete and eligible grant applications with funding recommendations is forwarded to all members of the ARDC. The ARDC then meets, discusses the recommendations, and approves final funding recommendations that are forwarded to the Governor for approval.

Cycle 2 FY12 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$174,427.96
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$229,622.15
Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$128,335.69
Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$88,141.50
Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$101,286.46
Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$86,286.46

**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year**

APPLICANT: Antioch
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: White / Hon. Michael Lincoln
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Antioch FD is requesting \$6000 to replace worn personal protective equipment and to replace outdated equipment
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$12,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$6,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeremy Gillam / Hon. Jonathan Dismang

APPLICANT: Calhoun County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Calhoun / Hon. Floyd Nutt
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Calhoun County is requesting \$15,000 to construct an ambulance office/training center.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,185.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Gene Jeffress

APPLICANT: Carlisle
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lonoke / Hon. Ray Glover
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Carlisle is requesting \$15,000 to construct a stage in their city park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Walls McCrary / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams

APPLICANT: Clear Creek
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Drew / Hon. Damon Lampkin
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Clear Creek Fire Dept is requesting \$7,802.60 to add a fourth bay to their fire station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,605.20
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$7,802.60
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Sheilla E. Lampkin / Hon. Jimmy Jeffress

Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year

APPLICANT: Concord

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleburne / Hon. Warren Rone

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Concord is requesting \$9,724.00 to renovate their community center.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$19,466.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,724.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Josh Johnston / Hon. David Wyatt
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APPLICANT: Cotter

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter / Hon. Peggy Hammack

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cotter Fire Dept is requesting \$12,217.30 to purchase a skid unit, a SKED rescue system, a rope rescue system, radios, and other equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$24,434.60

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$12,217.30

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Karen S. Hopper / Hon. Johnny Key
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APPLICANT: Dell

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Mississippi / Hon. Kenneth Jackson

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Dell Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a pumper truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$52,400.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Charolette Wagner / Hon. David Burnett
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APPLICANT: Driggs

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Logan / Hon. Gus Young

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Driggs Community is requesting \$11,912.50 to complete masonry work, install vinyl siding and windows, and install handicap accessible bathroom.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$23,845.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,912.50

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jon S. Eubanks / Hon. Bruce Holland
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Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year

APPLICANT: Gravette
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / Hon. Byron Warren
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Gravette is requesting \$15,000 to complete renovations to their city pool.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$35,782.11
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mary L. Slinkard / Hon. Kim Hendren
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APPLICANT: Greers Ferry
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleburne / Hon. Don Ware
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Greers Ferry is requesting \$2,255 to replace the bleachers in the city baseball park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4,510.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$2,255.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Josh Johnston / Hon. Jason Rapert
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APPLICANT: Halley
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Desha / Hon. Mark McElroy
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Halley VFD is requesting \$5,473.97 to update their radios, pagers and communication system.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10,947.95
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$5,473.97
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Robert S. Moore / Hon. Jimmy Jeffress
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APPLICANT: Lincoln
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Washington / Hon. Rob Hulse
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Lincoln Fire Dept is requesting \$14,237 to purchase a search and rescue boat.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28,475.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,237.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Justin Harris / Hon. Bill Pritchard
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**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year**

APPLICANT: Marmaduke
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Greene / Hon. Steve Dixon
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Marmaduke is requesting \$4,250 to purchase batting cages.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,500.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,250.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mike Patterson / Hon. Robert Thompson
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APPLICANT: Mt. Judea
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Newton / Hon. Warren Campbell
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Mt. Judea Fire Dept is requesting \$3,950 to purchase 5 sets of turnout gear.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3,950.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,950.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. David L. Branscum / Hon. Randy Laverty
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APPLICANT: Northside
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Prairie / Hon. Mike Skarda
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Northside FD is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a new pumper truck
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$40,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tiffany Rogers / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams
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APPLICANT: Rocky Branch
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / Hon. Bob Clinard
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Rocky Branch Fire Dept is requesting \$6,605.59 to purchase an emergency generator.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$13,211.18
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$6,605.59
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Duncan Baird / Hon. Cecile Bledsoe
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**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year**

APPLICANT: Woodlawn

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleveland /

Hon. Gary Spears

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Woodlawn Community is requesting \$15,000 to complete a second field at their baseball complex.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Sheilla E. Lampkin

/ Hon. Jerry Taylor

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**Rural Community Grant Programs
Unfunded Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year
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APPLICANT: Clarkridge
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Baxter / Hon. Joe Bodenhamer /
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a newer truck chassis for their tanker.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$32,500.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Johnny Key

APPLICANT: Earle
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Crittenden / Hon. Otis Davis
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Earle is requesting \$5,500 to resurface the tennis courts and create a picnic area in the park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$11,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Hudson Hallum / Hon. Jim Luker

APPLICANT: Oxford
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Izard / Hon. Mike Warden
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Oxford is requesting \$11,217 to purchase playground equipment for their city park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,434.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. Missy Irvin

**Rural Community Grant Programs
Unfunded Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year
2012**

APPLICANT: Prim

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Cleburne / Hon. Brenda Hunt /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Prim Community is requesting \$4,504.50 to add a porch onto their community center and purchase swings and basketball backboards.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,009.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Josh Johnston / Hon. Jason Rapert

APPLICANT: Union

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Logan / Hon. Gus Young /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Union Community is requesting \$14,972.69 to paint and repair their community center as well as build a handicap bathroom.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$33,589.01

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jon S. Eubanks / Hon. Bruce Holland

APPLICANT: Woodlawn

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Lonoke / Hon. Doug Erwin /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Woodlawn Community is requesting \$4,000 to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning at their community center.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,400.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Walls McCrary / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams