

## **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:**

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### **Cycle I FY10 Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$171,600.16

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$186,600.16

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$110,057.53

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$95,057.53

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$76,542.63

Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$76,542.63

**Rural Community Grant Program  
Funding Recommendations for Cycle I of Fiscal Year 2010**

**APPLICANT:** Bradford  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** White / Hon. Arthur Dunn  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Bradford is requesting \$12, 341.00 to install fencing, ground work, and dugouts for a softball/T-ball field.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$25,717.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,341.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jody Dickinson / Hon. David Wyatt

**APPLICANT:** Clarkridge  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Baxter / Hon. Joe Bodenhamer  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000.00 to purchase and equip a brush truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Curren Everett / Hon. Johnny Key

**APPLICANT:** DeGray  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Clark / Hon. Ron Daniell  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The DeGray Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$11,605.00 to purchase turnout gear and radio equipment.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$23,210.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$11,605.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Johnnie J. Roebuck / Hon. Percy Malone

**APPLICANT:** El Paso  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** White / Hon. Michael Lincoln  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The El Paso Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$12,500.00 to build a sub station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$25,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jonathan Dismang / Hon. John Paul Capps

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**APPLICANT:** Houston

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Perry / Hon. Joseph Cole

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Town of Houston is requesting \$14,928.85 to purchase and install playground equipment in their park.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$29,857.71

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$14,928.85

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Johnny Hoyt / Hon. Bob Johnson  
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**APPLICANT:** Leachville

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Mississippi / Hon. Sheila Spurlock

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Leachville is requesting \$10,807.68 to install new lighting and sod on a baseball field.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$21,615.36

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$10,807.68

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Charolette Wagner / Hon. Steve Bryles  
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**APPLICANT:** Magazine

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Logan / Hon. Stanley McConnell

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Magazine is requesting \$15,000.00 to renovate the city park.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$38,067.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Paul Wells / Hon. Ed Wilkinson  
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**APPLICANT:** Mineral Springs

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Howard / Hon. Clyde Green

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Mineral Springs Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$5,585.13 to renovate a used truck for use of the fire dept.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$11,170.27

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,585.13

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Steve Cole / Hon. Larry Teague  
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**APPLICANT:** Morning Star  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Searcy / Hon. Johnny Hinchey  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Morning Star Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000.00 to add 3 bays to an existing bldg to house 2 trucks.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,508.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Roy Ragland / Hon. Randy Lavery  
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**APPLICANT:** New Blaine  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Logan / Hon. Gus Young  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The New Blaine Rural Fire Dept is requesting \$6,500.00 to replace the roof and repair damaged wood, soffits, and eaves on the fire station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$13,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$6,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Paul Wells / Hon. Sharon Trusty  
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**APPLICANT:** Norphlet  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Union / Hon. Jim Crotty  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Norphlet is requesting \$15,000.00 to replace and install lights at the Norphlet Walking Trail and Park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$34,314.20  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Garry Smith / Hon. Gene Jeffress  
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**APPLICANT:** Ravenden  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Lawrence / Hon. James Larry  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Ravenden is requesting \$6,905.00 to replace the roof on their community center.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$13,810.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$6,905.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. J.R. Rogers / Hon. Robert Thompson  
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**APPLICANT:** Rose Bud  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** White / Hon. Tammy Bomar  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Rose Bud is requesting \$5,075.00 to install a child safety area in the park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,150.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,075.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Lance Reynolds / Hon. David Wyatt  
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**APPLICANT:** Tyroneza  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Poinsett / Hon. Marion Bearden  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Tyroneza Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$5,000.00 to purchase turnout gear.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Buddy Lovell / Hon. Steve Bryles  
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**APPLICANT:** Vilonia  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Faulkner / Hon. James Firestone  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Vilonia is requesting \$15,000.00 to purchase and install lights at the tennis courts.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$66,838.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Eddie Hawkins / Hon. Gilbert Baker  
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**APPLICANT:** Wooster  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Faulkner / Hon. Preston Scroggin  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Wooster Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$5,352.50 to replace hoses on their engines.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,705.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,352.50  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Robbie Wills / Hon. Gilbert Baker  
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**Rural Community Grant Programs  
Unfunded Recommendations for Cycle I of Fiscal Year  
2010**

**APPLICANT:** Caddo Valley

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Clark / Hon. Alan Dillavou

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Caddo Valley is requesting \$15,000.00 to purchase and install playground equipment for their city park.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$68,576.38

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Johnnie J. Roebuck / Hon. Percy Malone

**Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**  
**Fiscal Year 2010**  
Contact: Butch Calhoun, 682-6013

**Program:**

Grant awards are available to county fairs located in counties with a population of less than 55,000. Applications for this program are accepted on an annual basis. Eligible projects for this fiscal year include construction, renovation or general improvements of county fair buildings and grounds, or the purchase of items shown to directly improve the buildings, grounds or the services that the county fair association may provide. Maximum grant awards for this fiscal year is \$4,000.

**Grant Review Process:**

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**FY10Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution: \$30,477.78

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$30,477.78

Amount Recommended for Distribution under the County Fair Building Grant Program:  
**\$30,477.78**

## County Fair Building Grant FY10 Staff Recommendations

County	Location	Requested	Fund Amount	Senator	Representative		
Baxter	Mountain Home	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Key	Hopper	Everett	
Conway	Morrilton	\$3,757.51	\$3,757.51	B. Johnson	Hoyt	Hawkins	
Fulton	Salem	\$3,611.47	\$3,611.47	Miller	Everett		
Howard	Nashville	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Teague	Cole	Stewart	
Lonoke	Lonoke	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Glover	McCrary	Carter	
Marion	Yellville	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Key	Davenport		
Franklin	Ozark	\$3,108.80	\$3,108.80	Whitaker	Pyle	Wells	Breedlove
Searcy	Marshall	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	Laverty	Ragland	Davenport	

**Grand Total:** \$30,477.78