

MEMO

To: Legislative Council
From: Stephanie Neipling, Interim Director
Date: September 19, 2012
Re: FY13 Cycle 1 RCGP Funded Communities

The Fiscal Year 2013 Cycle 1 funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the August 17th deadline, 33 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$371,000 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$178,934.34.

Thanks!

Stephanie Neipling, Interim Director
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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 I FY13 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$178,934.34
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$371,648.68
Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$153,153.06
Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$88,754.21
Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$218,495.62
Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$90,180.13

**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle I of Fiscal Year 2013**

APPLICANT: Black Fork

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Scott / Hon. James Forbes

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Black Fork Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$4,999.63 to purchase 18 new radios, a repeater, and duplexer due to new FCC regulations.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,999.26

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,999.63

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Terry Rice / Hon. Bruce Holland
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APPLICANT: Bluffton

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Yell / Hon. Mark Thone

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The West Fourche Volunteer Fire Dept in Bluffton is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$55,491.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. John Catlett / Hon. Michael Lamoureux
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APPLICANT: Cherry Valley

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cross / Hon. Forrest Wood

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cherry Valley Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$118,766.50

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jerry R. Brown / Hon. Jim Luker
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APPLICANT: Cornerville

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lincoln / Hon. Charles Capps

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cornerville Fire Dept is requesting \$2,771 to install new heating/air and new windows in the fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5,542.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$2,771.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Sheilla E. Lampkin / Hon. Jerry Taylor
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APPLICANT: Evening Shade

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sharp / Hon. Richard Huff

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Evening Shade Fire Dept is requesting \$2,936 to purchase a repeater system and private channel.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5,872.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$2,936.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Fairfield Bay

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Van Buren / Hon. Paul Wellenberger

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Fairfield Bay Fire Dept is requesting \$8,125 to purchase 25 sets of light weight Wildland turnout gear.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,250.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,125.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Robert E. Dale / Hon. Jason Rapert
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APPLICANT: Gillham

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sevier / Hon. Estalee Branson

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Gillham Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$931 to purchase red line hoses.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,862.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$931.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Nate Steel / Hon. Larry Teague
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APPLICANT: Hardy

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sharp / Hon. Nina Thornton

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Hardy Fire Dept is requesting \$4,648 to purchase much needed search and rescue equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,296.95

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,648.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Linda Collins-Smith / Hon. Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Harrisburg

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Poinsett / Hon. Randy Mills

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Harrisburg is requesting \$15,000 to create a Veteran's Memorial Park in their downtown.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$62,787.29

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Buddy Lovell / Hon. David Burnett
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APPLICANT: Lynn

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lawrence / Hon. Dale Freeman

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Lynn Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$5,737 to purchase radios, pagers, and a deck gun.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$11,474.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$5,737.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. James Ratliff / Hon. Robert Thompson
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APPLICANT: Mansfield

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sebastian / Hon. Glen Hurt

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Mansfield is requesting \$15,000 to restore the Dixie Theatre which would include work on the roof, trusses, and walls.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Terry Rice / Hon. Bruce Holland
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APPLICANT: Marion County

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Marion / Hon. James "Pete" Giles

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Marion County is requesting \$3,875 to renovate the bathrooms in the county library so they are compliant with ADA standards.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,750.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,875.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Johnny Key
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APPLICANT: Oak Grove

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Carroll / Hon. Sam Jones

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Oak Grove Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to build an addition to their fire station to house fire equipment and apparatus.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$38,247.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Bryan B. King / Hon. Randy Laverty
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APPLICANT: Oxford

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: 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: \$11,217.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Prairie County

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Prairie / Hon. Mike Skarda

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Prairie County is requesting \$15,000 to rewire a building to be used as the Des Arc Public Library.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$51,019.20

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tiffany Rogers / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams
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APPLICANT: Rector

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Clay / Hon. David Freeman

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Rector is requesting \$13,662.21 to install a HVAC system, new flooring, new lighting, and a partition for a dressing room in the Community Center

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$27,324.42

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$13,662.21

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mike Patterson / Hon. Robert Thompson
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APPLICANT: Rondo

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lee / Hon. Nathaniel Hull

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Rondo is requesting \$15,000 to improve the city's park by resurfacing the walking trail, remove aged and decayed trees, recover pavillion roof, and replace playground equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,114.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Reginald Murdock / Hon. Jack Crumbly

APPLICANT: St. Paul

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Madison / Hon. Kenny Grinder

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The St. Paul Fire Dept is requesting \$11,477.50 to purchase extrication equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,955.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,477.50

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. David L. Branscum / Hon. Randy Lavery

APPLICANT: Western Greene County

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Greene / Hon. Jerry Shipman

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Western Greene County Fire District is requesting \$3,555 to construct restroom facilities in their fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,110.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,555.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mike Patterson / Hon. Robert Thompson

**Rural Community Grant Programs
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APPLICANT: Big Creek

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Sebastian / Hon. David Hudson /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Big Creek Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new fire station in the Ursula Community.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Gary Stubblefield / Hon. Bruce Holland

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:

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Johnny Key

APPLICANT: El Paso

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: White / Hon. Michael Lincoln /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The El Paso Fire Dept would like to purchase a used tanker truck for the Opal Substation.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,650.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeremy Gillam / Hon. Jonathan Dismang

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APPLICANT: Elkins

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Washington / / Hon. Bruce Ledford

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Elkins Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to replace outdated turn-out gear, boots, gloves, and helmets.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,216.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Charlie Collins / Hon. Sue Madison

APPLICANT: Etowah

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Mississippi / / Hon. Charles McCollum

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Etowah Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$13,932 to purchase and repair a building next to the fire station to be used to store fire fighting equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$27,864.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

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

APPLICANT: Greenland

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Washington / / Hon. Gary Ricker

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Greenland is requesting \$15,000 to replace the roof on the community center, upgrade the interior, and install a generator.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,116.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Uvalde Lindsey / Hon. Sue Madison

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APPLICANT: Lockesburg

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Sevier / Hon. Danny Ruth

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Lockesburg is requesting \$9,999.50 to replace a retaining wall at the city's park.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$19,999.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Nate Steel / Hon. Larry Teague

APPLICANT: Miller County

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Miller / Hon. Larry E. Burgess /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Miller County is requesting \$9,400 to add playground equipment to Alex Smith Park.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,800.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson / Hon. Steve Harrelson

APPLICANT: Mountain View

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Stone / Hon. Ron Sterling

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Mountain View is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a score board and construct a fence around a baseball field in the Stone County Recreational Complex.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,734.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. Missy Irvin

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APPLICANT: Searcy County

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Searcy / Hon. Johnny Hinchey /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Searcy County Civic Center is requesting \$14,999.35 to give their pool a facelift by redecking, repainting, replacing diving board and installing handicap accessible lift.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$32,064.35

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. David L. Branscum / Hon. Randy Lavery

APPLICANT: South Greene County Fire District

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Greene / Hon. Jerry Shipman /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The South Greene County Fire District is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a service/wildland truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$45,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Billy W. Gaskill / Hon. Robert Thompson

APPLICANT: Sturkie

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Fulton / Hon. Charles Willett /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sturkie Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$12,000 to purchase a compressor/cascade system, 2 SCBA Units, Hose Reel with hose and 3 sets of wildland protection gear.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$24,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Missy Irvin

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APPLICANT: Sulphur Springs

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Benton / Hon. Bobby Simon

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sulphur Springs Fire Dept is requesting \$12,383.49 to build a 20 x 30 addition to their fire station to house fire equipment and trucks.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$24,766.99

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mary L. Slinkard / Hon. Kim Hendren

APPLICANT: Tulip-Princeton

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Dallas / Hon. Jimmy Jones /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tulip-Princeton Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to complete Phase 3 of their fire station including partition walls, a kickwall, gas lines, and electrical work.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$37,649.64

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Bobby J. Pierce / Hon. Percy Malone