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**To:** Legislative Council  
**From:** John Andrews, Director  
**Date:** September 10, 2013  
**Re:** FY14 Cycle 1 RCGP Funded Communities

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The Fiscal Year 2014 Cycle 1 funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the August 16<sup>th</sup> deadline, 34 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$347,000 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$166,000.00.

Sincerely,

John Andrews, Director  
Department of Rural Services

Enclosures



## **Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs**

Contact: John Andrews, 682-6011





### **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 FY14 Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$166,000.00

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$347,889.40

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$136,983.08

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$48,000.00

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$210,906.32

Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$118,000.00

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**APPLICANT:** Antioch  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** White / Hon. Michael Lincoln  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Antioch Fire Dept is requesting \$12,000 to purchase a used tanker truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$24,277.18  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$10,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Joe Farrer / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams  
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**APPLICANT:** Belleville  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Yell / Hon. Boyce Page  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Belleville is requesting \$15,000 to improve and update the city park by making it safer for use and handicap accessible.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$32,346.97  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Catlett / Hon. Gary Stubblefield  
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**APPLICANT:** Bradley County  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Bradley / Hon. Keith Neely  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Bradley County is requesting \$15,000 to construct concrete foundation for a rural fire station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,316.56  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Eddie L. Cheatham  
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**APPLICANT:** Cave Springs  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Benton / Hon. Larry Smith  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Cave Springs Fire Dept is requesting \$7,000 to purchase hose and SCBA's.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$14,055.10  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Dan M. Douglas / Hon. Bart Hester  
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**APPLICANT:** Chicot County

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Chicot / Hon. Mack Ball

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Chicot County is requesting \$7,500 to install new flooring and paint the interior walls at the Chicot County Library in Lake Village.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$15,000.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Mark McElroy / Hon. Eddie Cheatham  
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**APPLICANT:** Delaplaine

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Greene / Hon. Larry Myrick

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Delaplaine is requesting \$6,455.22 to purchase and install a tornado siren.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$12,910.44

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Joe Jett / Hon. Robert Thompson  
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**APPLICANT:** Diaz

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Jackson / Hon. Dwight Davis

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Diaz is requesting \$2,142 for the purchase of fire hoses

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$4,284.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$2,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jody Dickinson / Hon. Ronald Caldwell  
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**APPLICANT:** Fairfield Bay

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

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

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Fairfield Bay is requesting \$5,755 to rehydrostate SCBA tanks & replace nozzles

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$11,510.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$3,500.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Robert E. Dale / Hon. Missy Irvin  
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**APPLICANT:** Hampton  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Calhoun / Hon. Rick Shirron  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Hampton is requesting \$3,810 to install a cover over the bleachers at the city baseball park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$7,620.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$3,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Bobby Pierce  
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**APPLICANT:** Imboden  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Lawrence / Hon. Gene Dearen  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Imboden is requesting \$13770 to construct a building for fire fighting equipment  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$27,540.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. James Ratliff / Hon. Robert Thompson  
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**APPLICANT:** Jack's Isle  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Little River / Hon. Clayton Castleman  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Jack's Isle Fire Dept is requesting \$5,469.35 to purchase 2 SCBA's with spare cylinders and a new rescue saw.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,938.70  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Fonda Hawthorne / Hon. Jimmy Hickey, Jr.  
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**APPLICANT:** Johnson County  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Johnson / Hon. Mike Jacobs  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Johnson County is requesting \$3,712.57 to purchase a 2,000 gal. water tank for Rural Fire Dist. #4  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$7,425.15  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$3,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Betty Overbey / Hon. Gray Stubblefield  
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**APPLICANT:** Lakeway  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Marion / Hon. Terry C. Ott  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Lakeway Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a pumper truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$40,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Johnny Key  
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**APPLICANT:** Leachville  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Mississippi / Hon. Shelia Spurlock  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Leachville is requesting \$14,965.04 to purchase turnout gear, hoses, lights, supplies, and heat and air units.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$29,930.09  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Wes Wagner / Hon. David Burnett  
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**APPLICANT:** McNeil  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Columbia / Hon. Henry Warren  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of McNeil is requesting \$5,940 for turn out gear.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$11,880.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. David Fielding / Hon. Bruce Maloch  
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**APPLICANT:** Milltown/Washburn  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Sebastian / Hon. David Hudson  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Milltown/Washburn Rural Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$12,500 to purchase a brush truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$25,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$10,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jon S. Eubanks / Hon. Bruce Holland  
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**APPLICANT:** Mulberry  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Crawford / Hon. Gary Baxter  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Mulberry is requesting \$15,000 to construct a basketball court at the new city park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$47,290.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Charlotte Douglas / Hon. Bryan King  
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**APPLICANT:** Sulphur Laverna VFD of Story  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Montgomery / Hon. Alvin Black  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Sulphur/Laverna VFD of Story Community is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a pumper truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$36,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Terry Rice / Hon. Larry Teague  
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**APPLICANT:** Tontitown  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Washington / Hon. Jack Bickford  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Tontitown is requesting \$15,000 to purchase restroom facilities for the city park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$115,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$10,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jonathan Barnett / Hon. Jon Woods  
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**APPLICANT:** Warm Springs  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Randolph / Hon. David Jansen  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Warm Springs Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$13,500 to purchase a brush truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$27,320.04  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$12,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Scott Baltz / Hon. David Wyatt  
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**APPLICANT:** Blue Eye  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Carroll / / Hon. Darryl Malotte  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Community of Blue Eye is requesting \$5,148 to replace deteriorated windows and exterior doors in the Mo-Ark Academy building.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,297.50  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Burris / Hon. Bryan King

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**APPLICANT:** Bono  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Craighead / / Hon. Billy Stephens  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Bono is requesting \$10,000 to purchase and install ten BBQ grills, replace boards in picnic table and resurface the walking trail.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$27,039.30  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Butch Wilkins / Hon. Paul Bookout

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**APPLICANT:** Elkins  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Washington / / Hon. Bruce Ledford  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Elkins is requesting \$4,698 to purchase 12 carbon fiber SCBA bottles  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$9,396.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Justin Harris / Hon. Jon Woods

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**APPLICANT:** Eureka Springs  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Carroll / / Hon. Morris Pate  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Eureka Spring is requesting \$13,500 to build a community dog park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$35,427.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Bob Ballinger / Hon. Bryan King

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**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. Charlie Collins / Hon. Uvalde Lindsey

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**APPLICANT:** Hagarville  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Johnson / Hon. Mike Jacobs /  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Hagarville Rural Fire Department is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a new tanker truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$39,900.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Betty Overbey / Hon. Gary Stubblefield

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**APPLICANT:** Japton  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Madison / Hon. Frank Weaver /  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Community of Japton is requesting \$2690.50 to purchase a heater for the Fire Station & Hose Nozzles with a supply of Foam Sticks.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$5,381.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Bill Gossage / Hon. Bryan King

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**APPLICANT:** Mayflower  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Faulkner / / Hon. Randy Holland  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Mayflower is requesting \$7,801.17 to purchase fire fighting & protective equipment.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$15,602.34  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Douglas House / Hon. David Sanders

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**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:** New Blaine  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Logan / Hon. Gus Young /  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The New Blaine Rural Fire Dept is requesting \$13,500 to build a two-bay station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$27,898.17  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jon S. Eubanks / Hon. Gary Stubblefield

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**APPLICANT:** Oak Grove  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Carroll / Hon. Josh Peden  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Oak Grove is requesting \$10,000 to purchase and install a storm siren.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$20,950.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Burris / Hon. Bryan King

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**APPLICANT:** Snowball  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Searcy / Hon. Johnny Hinchey /  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Snowball Community is requesting \$13,079.20 to install fire hydrants in the Snowball, Dongola, & Marsena area.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$26,158.40  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$0.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. David Branscum / Hon. Missy Irvin

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**APPLICANT:** St. Joe

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:** Searcy / / Hon. John Henley

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Town of St. Joe is requesting \$5,569.86 to install a wooden deck around the St. Joe Depot Museum.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$11,139.72

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

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Missy Irvin

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**APPLICANT:** Sulphur Springs

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

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

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Sulphur Springs is requesting \$12,383.49 to construct a 20'X30' addition to fire station.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$24,766.99

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

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Mary Lou Slinkard / Hon. Jim Hendren

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