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**To:** Legislative Council  
**From:** Butch Calhoun, Director  
**Date:** September 17, 2010  
**Re:** FY11 Cycle I RCGP Funded Communities

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The Cycle I funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the August 20th deadline, 17 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$186,000.00 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$186,592.69.

We recommend funding all the complete and eligible applicants so you will not find an unfunded recommendation report.

Thanks!

Butch Calhoun, Director  
Department of Rural Services

Enclosures

## **Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs**

**Contact: Butch Calhoun, 682-6013**

### **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 FY11 Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$186,592.69

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$186,592.69

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$48,137.00

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$48,137.00

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$138,455.69

Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$138,455.69

**Rural Community Grant Program  
Funding Recommendations for Cycle I of Fiscal Year 2011**

**APPLICANT:** Clarkridge  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Baxter / Hon. Joe Bodenhamer  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase and equip a 4WD service/rescue truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,618.80  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Curren Everett / Hon. Johnny Key

**APPLICANT:** Coy  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Lonoke / Hon. Ralph Jones  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Coy Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to put in the concrete foundation for the new fire station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$40,950.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Walls McCrary / Hon. Bobby Glover

**APPLICANT:** Desha  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Independence / Hon. Bill Hicks  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Desha Community is requesting \$2,887 to fill the cracks and seal their existing walking trail.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$5,774.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$2,887.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. James McLean / Hon. David Wyatt

**APPLICANT:** Dorcheat  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Columbia / Hon. Larry Atkinson  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Dorcheat Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$13,626.50 to repair/remodel one of their fire station.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$27,253.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$13,626.50  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Bruce Maloch / Hon. Percy Malone

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**APPLICANT:** Jacksonport  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Jackson / Hon. Marcus Dodson  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Jacksonport Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$2,500 to purchase water rescue equipment.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$5,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$2,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jody Dickinson / Hon. David Wyatt  
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**APPLICANT:** Johnson  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Washington / Hon. Lonnie Barron  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Johnson Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase hoses and air packs to equip their fire trucks.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$31,385.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jon Woods / Hon. Bill Pritchard  
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**APPLICANT:** Lodi  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Pike / Hon. Donald Baker  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Lodi Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$9,000 to purchase a used tanker truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$18,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$9,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Randy Stewart / Hon. Larry Teague  
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**APPLICANT:** Monette  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Craighead / Hon. Jerry Chub Qualls  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Monette is requesting \$5,250 to put a new roof on the Buffalo Island Museum.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,500.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,250.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Ray Kidd / Hon. Paul Bookout  
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**Rural Community Grant Program  
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**APPLICANT:** Newcastle

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** St. Francis / Hon. Gary Hughes

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Newcastle Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$11,000 to build an additional bay to their fire station and add a fire hydrant to the service area.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,000.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$11,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. David Dunn / Hon. Jack Crumbly  
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**APPLICANT:** Nimrod-Aplin

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Perry / Hon. Baylor House

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Nimrod-Aplin Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new fire station/community center.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$63,237.00

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

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

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Independence / Hon. Bill Hicks

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Northside Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$5,360.12 to purchase 5 sets of turn-out gear.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$10,720.25

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$5,360.12

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. James McLean / Hon. David Wyatt  
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**APPLICANT:** Oppelo

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Conway / Hon. Cletus McCoy

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

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$80,410.00

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

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Johnny Hoyt / Hon. Bob Johnson  
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**APPLICANT:** Perry  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Perry / Hon. Willie Summers  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Perry Fire Dept is requesting \$6,969.07 to purchase a used pumper truck and hoses.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$13,938.15  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$6,969.07  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Johnny Hoyt / Hon. Bob Johnson  
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**APPLICANT:** Scott County  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Scott / Hon. James Forbes  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Scott County is requesting \$15,000 to construct walking trails at Forester Park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$35,095.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Terry Rice / Hon. Ed Wilkinson  
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**APPLICANT:** Stephens  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Ouachita / Hon. Harry Brown  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Stephens is requesting \$15,000 to construct a walking trail in their city park.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$31,248.57  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Willie Hardy / Hon. Percy Malone  
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**APPLICANT:** Sturkie  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Fulton / Hon. Charles Willett  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Sturkie Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase 10 sets of turn-outs and 2 SCBA's.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,000.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Curren Everett / Hon. Paul Miller  
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**APPLICANT:** Yellville

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Marion / Hon. Shawn Lane

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Yellville is requesting \$10,000 to remodel a railroad caboose at the Yellville Depot to be used for special events.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$20,000.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$10,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Monty Davenport / Hon. Johnny Key  
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**To:** Legislative Council  
**From:** Butch Calhoun, Director  
**Date:** September 17, 2010  
**Re:** FY11 County Fair Building Grant

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The funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas County Fair Building Grant. By the August 20th deadline, 4 complete and eligible applications were received with \$16,000.00 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution totaled \$16,000.00.

We recommend funding all the complete and eligible applicants so you will not find an unfunded recommendation report.

Thanks!

Butch Calhoun, Director  
Department of Rural Services

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**Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**  
**Fiscal Year 2011**  
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:**

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 awards history to determine if the county has any open grants in the program. 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 three-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 Legislative Council and the Governor for approval. The grants are awarded at a special awards ceremony scheduled by the department.

**FY10Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution: \$24,000.00

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$16,000.00

Amount Recommended for Distribution under the County Fair Building Grant Program:  
**\$16,000.00**

## Arkansas County Fair Building Grant FY 2011 Funding Recommendations

**APPLICANT:** Chicot County Fair Association

**PROGRAM:** County Fair Building Grant

**COUNTY/JUDGE** Chicot / Hon. Mack Ball, Jr.

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Chicot County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to construct a chain link fence along the property

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$11,376.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$4,000.00

**SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE:** J. Jeffress / Moore

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**APPLICANT:** Lincoln County Fair Association

**PROGRAM:** County Fair Building Grant

**COUNTY/JUDGE** Lincoln / Hon. Charles Capps

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Lincoln County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to purchase a lawn mower

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$9,688.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$4,000.00

**SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE:** Taylor / Maxwell

Wilkins / Rainey

**APPLICANT:** Lonoke County Fair Association

**PROGRAM:** County Fair Building Grant

**COUNTY/JUDGE** Lonoke / Hon. Charlie Troutman

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Lonoke County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to construct new restroom facilities

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

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$4,000.00

**SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE:** Glover / McCrary

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**APPLICANT:** Montgomery County Fair Association

**PROGRAM:** County Fair Building Grant

**COUNTY/JUDGE** Montgomery / Hon. Alvin Black

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Montgomery County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to repair the leaking roof on the exhibit building.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$9,500.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$4,000.00

**SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE:** Faris / Abernathy

/ Stewart