



January 30, 2015

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Joint Budget Committee Chair
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

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The attached funding recommendations were approved by the Arkansas Rural Development Commission on January 22, 2015.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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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 II FY15 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$155,631.73
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$155,631.73
Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$42,525.00
Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$113,106.73

**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year 2015**

APPLICANT: Alread
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Van Buren / Hon. Roger Hooper
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Alread Community is requesting \$8043 to make many updates to their park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,086.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,043.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Trevor Drown / Vacant

APPLICANT: Cotter
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter / Hon. Peggy Hammack
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cotter VFD is requesting \$12,864.91 to replace 4 Scott Air Paks, 4 facepicccs, and 8 aluminum/carbon cyclinders for volu
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$25,729.82
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$12,864.91
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Jonathan Dismang

APPLICANT: Daisy
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Pike / Ronnie Partee
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Daisy Fire Department is requesting \$9,750 to aid in purchasing a pumper truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$19,500.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,750.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Justin Gonzales / Hon. Larry Teague

APPLICANT: Dallas County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Dallas / Hon. Jimmy Jones
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Dallas County is requesting \$11,807 to improve the Dallas County Farmer's Market.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$11,807.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$5,003.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Bruce Maloch

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APPLICANT: Dennard
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Van Buren / Hon. Roger Hooper
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Dennard VFD in Van Buren County is requesting \$10000 to purchase a used truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$20,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$10,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Trevor Drown / Vacant
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APPLICANT: Evening Shade
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sharp / Hon. Richard Huff
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Evening Shade is requesting \$10475 to purchase tornado sirens.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$20,950.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$10,475.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Michelle Gray / Hon. Linda Collins-Smith
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APPLICANT: Gassville
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter / Hon. Jeff Brain
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Gassville is requesting \$4004 to install a new half court basketball area and playground equipment for the new city park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,008.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,004.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Jonathan Dismang
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APPLICANT: Halley
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Desha / Hon. Roy E. Rodgers
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Halley VFD in Desha County is requesting \$15000 to purchase a newer pumper truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$49,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mark McElroy / Hon. Eddie Cheatham
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APPLICANT: Lone Rock
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter / Hon. Mickey Pendergrass
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Lone Rock Fire Protection District in Baxter County is requesting \$14800 to construct a 20 x 60 addition to its existing building.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$29,700.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,800.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. John Payton / Hon. Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: Pettigrew
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Madison / Hon. Frank Weaver
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Pettigrew Community in Madison County is requesting \$15000 to renovate the Pettigrew School Building Community Center.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,590.69
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Bill Gossage / Hon. Bryan King

APPLICANT: Saffell
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lawrence / Hon. Dale Freeman
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Saffell VFD in Lawrence County is requesting \$15,000 to make an addition onto their station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. James Ratliff / Hon. Blake Johnson

APPLICANT: Tulip-Princeton
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Dallas / Hon. Jimmy Jones
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tulip-Princeton VFD is requesting \$9633.37 to make some necessary renovations to their fire station and purchase much needed equipment for their brush truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$25,855.84
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,633.37
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Bruce Maloch

**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle II of Fiscal Year 2015**

APPLICANT: Tyrone
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Poinsett / Hon. Marion Bearden
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Tyrone is requesting \$6,382.50 to outfit twenty firefighters with new NFPA regulation helmets with face shields and provide storage for firefighters equipment.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$12,765.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$6,382.50
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Dwight Tosh / Hon. David Burnett
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APPLICANT: Washington
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Hempstead / Hon. Paul Henley
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Washington Fire Department is requesting \$4,675.95 to equip a recently purchased fire truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,351.90
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,675.95
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Brent Talley / Hon. Larry Teague
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APPLICANT: Western Greene County
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Greene / Hon. Jerry Shipman
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Western Greene County Fire District is requesting \$15000 to construct a 50 X 80 four bay station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Joe Jett / Hon. Blake Johnson
Hon. James Ratliff /
