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"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR MAKING GRANTS AND LOANS FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF RURAL MEDICAL CLINICS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the State Board of Finance, to be payable from the Rural Medical Clinic Revolving Loan Fund, for making of loans or grants to medical clinics in rural areas in this State, as authorized by Act 1094 of 1979, as amended, [Ark. Stats. 82-4301 et seq.] to be used for the acquisition of land, construction, renovation, repair and acquisition and installation of equipment required by rural medical clinics, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1989, the following:

(A) For loans to physicians for establishment of medical clinics which are to be repaid in no more than 15 years, the sum of......\$140,000.

(B) For grants or loans to communities not to exceed \$10,000 for any community to establish a medical clinic, the sum of......\$ 65,000.

(C) For grants or loans due to critical needs as determined by the Director of the Department of Health to physicians or communities to establish a medical clinic, the sum of.....\$ 20,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded or obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that the Institutions and Agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income, and/or funds available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the said State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of said project or projects. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for maintenance and general operation of the said Institutions and Agencies shall not be used for any of the purposes set out in this Act.

(B) The General Accounting Procedures Law, the State Purchasing Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, and other applicable fiscal laws of the State, or their successors, shall be strictly complied with, with respect to use of any funds provided by this Act.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Sixth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1987 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 1987 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1987.

APPROVED: 4/4/87