

1 **State of Arkansas**  
2 **80th General Assembly**  
3 **Regular Session, 1995**  
4 **By: Representative Rorie**

# A Bill

**ACT 971 OF 1995**  
**HOUSE BILL 1824**

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE *DEPARTMENT OF*  
9 *FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISPERSING OFFICER* FOR GRANTS  
10 TO RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING  
11 JUNE 30, 1997; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

## Subtitle

14 "AN ACT FOR THE *DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE*  
15 *AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER*  
16 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 1997 BIENNIAL  
17 PERIOD."

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

21 SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated, to the *Department of Finance*  
22 *and Administration - Disbursing Officer*, to be payable from the *General*  
23 *Improvement Fund*, for grants to rural *communities*, for the 1995-97 biennial  
24 period, the sum of ..... \$1,000,000.

26 SECTION 2. *The Office of Rural Advocacy shall promulgate regulations*  
27 *establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will be*  
28 *made under this act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Director of*  
29 *the Department of Finance and Administration shall distribute the grants as*  
30 *directed by the Office of Rural Advocacy.*

32 SECTION 3 COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
33 by this Act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds  
34 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
35 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary  
36 Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures

1 and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of  
2 this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of  
3 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied  
4 with in disbursement of said funds.

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6 SECTION 4 LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
7 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
8 in this Act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this Act  
9 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
10 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
11 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
12 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint  
13 Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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15 SECTION 5 CODE. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent  
16 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas  
17 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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19 SECTION 6 SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Act or the  
20 application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such  
21 invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Act which  
22 can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this  
23 end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.

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25 SECTION 7 GENERAL REPEALER. All laws and parts of laws in conflict  
26 with this Act are hereby repealed.

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28 SECTION 8 EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and determined by the  
29 Eightieth General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas  
30 prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that  
31 the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 1995 is essential to the operation of  
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
33 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
34 date of this Act beyond July 1, 1995 could work irreparable harm upon the  
35 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.

1 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
2 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
3 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 1995.

4 */s/Rep. Rorie*

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6 APPROVED: 4-6-95

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