

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2003  
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# A Bill

Act 770 of 2003  
SENATE BILL 34

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL  
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE  
11 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR THE BIENNIAL  
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2005; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
17 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2003-2005  
18 BIENNIUM.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the  
25 Department of Rural Services for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following  
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the  
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code  
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.  
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual  
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of  
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying  
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the  
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),  
34 or its successor.  
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Maximum Annual



Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years		
				2003-2004	2004-2005	
1	(1)	7077	DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	\$69,565	\$71,287
2	(2)	R199	ASST DIR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE 22	
3	(3)	R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	2	GRADE 19	
4	(4)	R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	GRADE 17	
5	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES			5		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Rural Services for the 2003-2005 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the State General Services Fund Account, for personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Rural Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

ITEM NO.	FISCAL YEARS		
		2003-2004	2004-2005
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$ 176,216	\$ 176,216
(02)	EXTRA HELP	5,400	5,400
(03)	PERSONAL SERV MATCH	51,209	51,209
(04)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION		
(A)	OPER. EXPENSE	78,483	78,483
(B)	CONF. & TRAVEL	10,100	10,100
(C)	PROF. FEES	0	0
(D)	CAP. OUTLAY	0	0
(E)	DATA PROC.	0	0
(05)	GRANTS/AID - RURAL COMMUNITY GRANTS	200,000	200,000
(06)	RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS	300,000	300,000

1	(07) COUNTY FAIR IMPROVEMENT GRANTS	<u>42,583</u>	<u>42,583</u>
2	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 863,991</u>	<u>\$ 863,991</u>

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 4 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATIONS - CASH - CONFERENCE EXPENSES. There is hereby  
 5 appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from cash  
 6 funds as defined by Arkansas Code 19-4-801 of the Department of Rural  
 7 Services, for conference expenses of the Department of Rural Services for the  
 8 biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the following:

10	ITEM	FISCAL YEARS	
11	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
12	(01) CONFERENCE EXPENSES	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
13	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>

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 15 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 16 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY  
 17 FAIR GRANTS. The Department of Rural Services shall develop the necessary  
 18 rules and regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county  
 19 fairs for the construction of new or replacement buildings. The grants shall  
 20 be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county  
 21 fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

22 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2003  
 23 through June 30, 2005.

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 25 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT  
 27 AWARD CRITERIA. The Department of Rural Services shall promulgate regulations  
 28 establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will  
 29 be made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and after  
 30 prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget  
 31 Committee, the Department of Rural Services shall distribute the grants. The  
 32 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from ~~July 1, 2001~~ July 1,  
 33 2003 through ~~June 30, 2003~~ June 30, 2005.

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 35 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized  
 36 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds

1 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the  
2 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and  
3 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
4 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
5 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
6 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
7 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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18 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
20 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2003 is essential to the operation of  
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
23 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
24 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2003 could work irreparable harm upon the  
25 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
26 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
27 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
28 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2003.

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31 APPROVED: 3/27/2003  
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