

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.

Act 1272 of the Regular Session

As Engrossed: S3/1/07 H3/30/07

A Bill

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007

SENATE BILL 760

5 By: Senator Whitaker

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ENTITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES - GRANTS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SEARCH AND RESCUE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN ENTITIES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For sole purpose of grants of no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire departments, search and rescue, and medical technician entities, the sum of .....\$100,000.

(B) For providing grants to senior citizens centers, the sum of.....  
.....\$100,000.

(C) For providing community grants for improvements, additions, lighting, and equipment, the sum of.....\$25,000.



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2 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
3 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.  
4 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by  
5 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching  
6 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently  
7 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural  
8 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the  
9 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1  
10 of this Act.

11 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007  
12 through June 30, 2009.

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14 SECTION 3. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as Senate  
15 Bill 833 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for the sole purpose  
16 of grants of no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire  
17 departments, search and rescue, and medical technician entities in Crawford  
18 County, Franklin County and Washington county (Winslow and Morrow), providing  
19 grants to senior citizens centers in Crawford County, Franklin County and  
20 Washington County (Winslow and Morrow) and for providing community grants to  
21 the Uniontown area for improvements, additions, lighting and equipment shall  
22 instead be deemed to be for the sole purpose of grants of no less than ten  
23 thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire departments, search and rescue, and  
24 medical technician entities, and for providing grants to senior citizens  
25 centers and for providing community grants for improvements, additions,  
26 lighting and equipment.

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28 SECTION 4. As referenced in SECTION 3 of the Act introduced as House Bill  
29 2501 of 2007, the authorized funding for the project for the sole purpose of  
30 grants of no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire  
31 departments, search and rescue, and medical technician entities in Crawford  
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1 thousand dollars (\$10,000) each to fire departments, search and rescue, and  
2 medical technician entities, and for providing grants to senior citizens  
3 centers and for providing community grants for improvements, additions,  
4 lighting and equipment.

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6 SECTION 5. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
7 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
8 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
9 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
10 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
11 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
12 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
13 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
14 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
15 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
16 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
17 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

18 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
19 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
20 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
21 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
22 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
23 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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25 SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
26 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
27 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
28 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
29 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
30 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
31 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
32 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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34 SECTION 7. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
36 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
4 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
5 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
6 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
7 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
8 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

9 /s/ Whitaker

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11 APPROVED: 4/5/2007  
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