

**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 928 of the Regular Session**

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

HOUSE BILL 1674

5 By: Representative Ragland  
6 By: Senator Laverty  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR STATEWIDE GRANTS TO COUNTY  
FAIRS AND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - COUNTY FAIR 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 grants to County Fairs, the sum of .....\$250,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT 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 grants to Volunteer Fire Departments, the sum of .....\$250,000.



1 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
 2 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
 3 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
 4 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
 5 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
 6 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
 7 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
 8 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 9 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 10 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 11 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 12 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

13 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
 14 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
 15 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
 16 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
 17 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
 18 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 21 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 22 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 23 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 24 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
 25 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
 26 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
 27 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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29 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 30 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 31 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
 33 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 34 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
 35 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
 36 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, 2007.

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