

1 State of Arkansas  
2 89th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1425

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 RURAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
14 SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
15 APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to  
22 the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement  
23 Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

24 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or  
25 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,  
26 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with  
27 public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters,  
28 recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries.....\$5,000,000.  
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30 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
31 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
32 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
33 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
34 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
35 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
36 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State



1 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
 2 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
 3 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
 4 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
 5 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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 13 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
 14 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
 15 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
 16 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
 17 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
 18 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 19 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 20 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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 22 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 23 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 24 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 25 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of  
 26 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 27 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 28 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm  
 29 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 30 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 31 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 32 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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 35 **APPROVED: 03/01/2013**  
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