

1 State of Arkansas  
2 92nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2019

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1603

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 ARKANSAS HERITAGE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS  
14 HERITAGE - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS  
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 - NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY GRANTS AND/OR  
22 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Arkansas Heritage,  
23 to be payable from the Development and Enhancement Fund, the following:

24 (A) for funding for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities,  
25 counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible  
26 entities for projects that preserve and promote Arkansas's natural cultural  
27 heritage, advance the arts, establish or maintain a natural area, chronicle  
28 the social, political, and creative history of the state, and/or chronicle  
29 the life and times of the people, traditions, music and art of the state, in  
30 a sum not to exceed .....\$30,000,000.

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32 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
33 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
34 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
35 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
36 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and



1 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
2 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
3 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
4 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
5 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
6 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
7 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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25 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
27 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of  
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm  
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.

36 APPROVED: 3/8/19