

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
4

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1049

5 By: Joint Budget Committee
6
7

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR ANIMAL RESCUE
10 SHELTERS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF STATE FOR
11 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
13
14

Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER OF
16 STATE - ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
19
20
21

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
23

24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS - CITY. There is
25 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable
26 from the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for municipalities for
27 personal services, grants, construction, maintenance and operation of
28 registered governmentally owned animal rescue shelters for the fiscal year
29 ending June 30, 2027, the following:
30

| 31 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 32 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 33 (01) ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS - CITY | <u>\$25,000</u> |

34
35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS - COUNTY. There is
36 hereby appropriated, to the Office of the Treasurer of State, to be payable



1 from the Animal Rescue and Shelter Trust Fund, for counties for personal
 2 services, grants, construction, maintenance and operation of registered
 3 governmentally owned animal rescue shelters for the fiscal year ending June
 4 30, 2027, the following:

| 6 ITEM | FISCAL YEAR |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|
| 7 <u>NO.</u> | <u>2026-2027</u> |
| 8 (01) ANIMAL RESCUE SHELTERS - COUNTY | <u>\$25,000</u> |

9
 10 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
 11 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
 12 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
 13 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
 14 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
 15 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
 16 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
 17 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
 18 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

19
 20 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
 21 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
 22 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
 23 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
 24 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
 25 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
 26 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
 27 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

28
 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 one (1) year period; that the
 32 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 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 legislative session, the delay in the
 35 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
 36 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental

1 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
2 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
3 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

4
5
6 **APPROVED: 4/22/26**
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36