

**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 1385 of the Regular Session**

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

HOUSE BILL 2126

5 By: Representative Patterson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR LOCAL GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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

- 26 (A) For Enhanced Community Services Grants, the sum of\$500,000.
 - 27 (B) For Enhanced County Services Grants, the sum of\$500,000.
 - 28 (C) For Enhanced Services Block Grants, the sum of\$500,000.
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30 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
31 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.
32 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by
33 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching
34 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently
35 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural



1 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the
 2 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1
 3 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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 35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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

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