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 1481 of the Regular Session

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2	86th General Assembly A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2007	SENATE BILL	436
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5	By: Senator Luker		
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled		
9	AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTM	MENT	
10	OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANT PROGRAMS; AND FOR		
11	OTHER PURPOSES.		
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14	Subtitle		
15	AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL		
16	SERVICES - GRANT PROGRAMS GENERAL		
17	IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.		
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS	SAS:	
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22	SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - GRANT PROGRAMS. There is her	eby appropriate	ed,
23	to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the	General	
24	Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the	following:	
25	(A) For Rural Fire and Police Protection Grants for build	ling construction	on
26	or renovation and equipment, the sum of	\$6,000,000	0.
27	(B) For Community Improvement Grants, to include construc	tion or	
28	renovation and equipping of public buildings and facilities	owned by	
29	Counties, Municipalities or subdivisions thereof, the sum of	: -	
30		\$6,000,000	0.
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32	SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO	THE ARKANSAS	
33	CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORAR	RY LAW. GRANTS	
34	The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by		
35	local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or	dollar matching	g



- 1 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently
- 2 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural
- 3 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the
- 4 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1
- 5 of this Act.
- The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
- 7 through June 30, 2009.

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- 9 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
- 10 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
- 11 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
- 12 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
- 13 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
- 14 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
- 15 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
- 16 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
- 17 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
- 18 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
- 19 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
- 20 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.
- 21 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
- 22 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
- 23 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
- 24 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
- 25 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
- 26 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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- 28 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
- 29 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
- 30 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
- 31 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
- 32 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
- 33 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
- 34 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
- 35 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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