

**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 1530 of the Regular Session**

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

SENATE BILL 519

5 By: Senator Horn  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE TO  
FIRE DEPARTMENTS, FAIR ASSOCIATIONS, COMMUNITY  
CENTERS, CITIES AND COUNTIES; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated,  
25 to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General  
26 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

27 (A) For grants providing assistance to fire departments, the sum of  
28 .....\$175,000.

29 (B) For grants providing assistance to fair associations, the sum of  
30 .....\$75,000.

31 (C) For grants providing assistance to community centers, the sum of  
32 .....\$50,000.

33 (D) For grants providing assistance to cities and counties, the sum of  
34 .....\$400,000.  
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1 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
 2 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.  
 3 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this Act shall not be restricted by  
 4 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching  
 5 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently  
 6 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural  
 7 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the  
 8 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1  
 9 of this Act.

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

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

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

32 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained  
 34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
 35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
 36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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17 **APPROVED: 4/5/2007**  
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