

**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 1620 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 548

5 By: Senator Trusty  
6  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR LOCAL GRANTS AND  
ASSISTANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
SERVICES - LOCAL GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE  
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

18  
19  
20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
21

22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - LOCAL GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE. 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 grants and assistance to fairgrounds, the sum of .....\$20,000.
- 27 (B) For grants and assistance to Boys and Girls Clubs, the sum of  
28 .....\$20,000.
- 29 (C) For grants and assistance for courthouse repairs, the sum of  
30 .....\$80,000.
- 31 (D) For grants and assistance to fire departments, the sum of ...\$275,000.

32  
33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PROGRAM  
35 AUTHORIZATION. The grants authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by



1 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching  
2 requirements that may be applicable to other grant or assistance programs  
3 currently administered by the agency. The agency may adopt rules and  
4 regulations to carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the  
5 grant or assistance appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

8  
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.

27  
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.

36

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.

12  
13  
14 **APPROVED: 4/10/2007**  
15  
16  
17  
18  
19  
20  
21  
22  
23  
24  
25  
26  
27  
28  
29  
30  
31  
32  
33  
34  
35  
36