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4

A Bill

SENATE BILL 532

5 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 RURAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS FOR GENERAL
10 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

25 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
26 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for fire protection,
27 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance
28 expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials,
29 parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and cemeteries, in a sum not to
30 exceed.....\$500,000.
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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 TEMPORARY LAW.

34 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
35 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
36 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.



1 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
 2 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

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

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

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 33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
 36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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