

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2015  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1333

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
9 AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS AGRICULTURE  
14 DEPARTMENT - CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT 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 Arkansas Agriculture Department, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional  
26 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,  
27 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, in a sum not to  
28 exceed.....\$25,000,000.

29 (B) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, professional  
30 services contracts for air tankers, construction, acquisition, improvement,  
31 upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities, personal services and  
32 operational expenses related to agricultural disasters, in a sum not to  
33 exceed.....\$10,000,000.

34 (C) for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction,  
35 acquisition, improvement, upgrade, and repair of real property and facilities  
36 relating to County and District Fairs, in a sum not to exceed



.....\$847,200.

(D) for a grant of low interest loan to pay for the debts associated with the Arkansas Boll Weevil Suppression Eradication Act, in a sum not to exceed.....\$13,800,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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