

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2021

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1535

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

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF HERITAGE  
10 FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,  
15 HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF  
16 HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT  
17 APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY GRANTS AND/OR  
24 LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage,  
25 and Tourism - Division of Heritage, to be payable from the Development and  
26 Enhancement Fund, the following:

27 (A) for funding for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities,  
28 counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible  
29 entities for projects that preserve and promote Arkansas's natural cultural  
30 heritage, advance the arts, establish or maintain a natural area, chronicle  
31 the social, political, and creative history of the state, and/or chronicle  
32 the life and times of the people, traditions, music and art of the state, in  
33 a sum not to exceed .....\$30,000,000.  
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35 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
36 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects



1 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
2 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
3 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
4 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
5 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
6 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
7 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
8 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
9 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
10 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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28 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of  
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm  
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

1 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
2 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.

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