

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.

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2 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1945

5 By: Representative L. Evans
6 By: Senator Glover
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - VARIOUS GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

- (A) For Enhanced Community Services Grants, the sum of\$100,000.
- (B) For Enhanced County Services Grants, the sum of\$100,000.
- (C) For Enhanced Services Block Grants, the sum of\$100,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS. The grants authorized in Section 1 of this Act shall not be restricted by local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the



1 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1
 2 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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 34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
 35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
 36 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the

effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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