

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 359

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR GENERAL  
10 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
15 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION GENERAL  
16 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 Economic Development Commission, to be  
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,  
26 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,  
27 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site  
28 development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment  
29 acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and  
30 waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements,  
31 environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water  
32 and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$750,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
35 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
36 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available



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

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

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

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 26 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 27 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 28 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 29 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
 30 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 31 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 32 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
 33 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 34 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 35 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 36 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.