

## MEMO

**TO:** Arkansas Legislative Council, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw

**FROM:** Becca Caldwell

**RE:** AEDC Rural Services Funding Recommendations

**DATE:** April 11, 2022

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### **PURPOSE:**

To present funding recommendations from AEDC Rural Services for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Each fiscal year, AEDC Rural Services receives legislative appropriation to award funds from the above named grant programs.

Applications received by AEDC Rural Services are reviewed for eligibility. Eligible applications are reviewed by committees comprised of members of the Rural Services Commission. The committee's funding recommendations are forwarded to the full commission for approval.

### **COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:**

- **Rural Community Grant Program** – Cities and towns with a population of less than 3,000 (no limit on unincorporated areas). Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, community centers, fire stations, parks, storm sirens, storm shelters, beautification projects and any equipment associated. The cap for this grant program is \$15,000 and requires a 50/50 match from all applicants.

### **PROPOSED FUNDING:**

- **Rural Community Grant Program (Attachment A)**
  - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$103,724.61
  - o Amount Available for Distribution: \$103,724.61
  - o ***Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$103,724.61***

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

AEDC Rural Services requests your approval on the funding recommendations for the programs listed above. Attachments outlining recommendations for each program are included with this memo.



ARKANSAS  
RURAL SERVICES

# Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2022

Cycle 2

*Approved*  
*ADD*

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Previous Funding
Cherry Hill	Perry	\$15,000.00	The Cherry Hill community is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to renovate the Cherry Hill Community Center. This is phase I of the project.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Mary Bentley	
Cord Volunteer Fire Department	Independence	\$15,000.00	The Cord Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a Washer Extractor, Wall Mounted Turnout Rack and Portable Rack for Turnouts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Dwight Tosh	Cord VFD received \$15,000.00 in 2021 for Turnout gear.
Evening Shade	Sharp	\$3,855.00	The city of Evening Shade is requesting \$3,855.00 in funding to purchase five sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Michelle Gray	Evening Shade received \$10,475 to purchase emergency sirens in 2015.
Hampton	Calhoun	\$15,000.00	The City of Hampton is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to resurface the softball fields and add new fencing/netting.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Jeff Wardlaw	Hampton received \$3,000.00 in 2014 to redo their baseball fields.
Lincoln Fire Department	Washington	\$15,000.00	The Lincoln Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase extrication equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Charlene Fite	The Lincoln FD received \$10,591 in 2019 to purchase various equipment.
Oakland Promise Land Fire Protection District	Marion	\$12,232.61	The Oakland Promise Land FPD is requesting \$12,232.61 in funding to purchase jaws of life equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	Oakland Promise Land FPD received \$8,490 in 2021 to purchase SCBAs
Southridge Volunteer Fire Department	Craighead	\$3,297.00	The Southridge VFD is requesting \$3,297.00 in funding to purchase two sets of equipment, including: battery operated hand saws, tower lights and hand tools.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	The Southridge VFD received \$14,995.00 in 2021 to purchase turnout gear.
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