

Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services
Fiscal Year 2018, Cycle 1 Grant Funding
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PURPOSE:

To present funding recommendations from AEDC Rural Services for the Arkansas Rural Community and Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Programs.

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 go through the following process:

1. Reviewed for eligibility by Rural Services staff;
2. Eligible applications and rankings are then reviewed by the Rural Development Commission;
3. Recommendations are forwarded to the Governor; and
4. Recommendations are forwarded to Legislative Council for final 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.
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program** – Counties with a population of less than 55,000. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, construction or renovation of livestock barns, exhibit building, concession stands, bathroom facilities, auditorium and pavilion. It can also be used to purchase equipment such as doors, windows, siding, roofing, lawn mowers, toilets, showers, bleachers or other seating, major appliances. The cap on this grant program is \$4,000 and requires a 50/50 match from all applicants.

PROPOSED FUNDING:

- **Rural Community Grant Program**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$368,344.00
 - o ***Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$246,225.00***
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$5,885.50
 - o ***Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$5,885.50***

County Fair Building Grant Program Complete and Eligible Applications Fiscal Year: 2018

Grant Type: County Fair Building Grant

Applicant	County	Requested	Project Narrative	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Baxter County Fair Association	Baxter	\$3,620.00	The Baxter County Fair Association requested \$4,000.00 for the installation of a sewer and water line to serve a new concession, an existing concession and Carnival Office trailer during the annual county fair and installation of a roof over the hog wash area.	Flippo	Speaks	\$3,620.00
Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Sho	Lonoke	\$2,265.50	The Lonoke County Fair and Livestock Show Association requested \$2,265.50 to upgrade the exhibit and entry software and equipment that is used to manage the fair.	Dismang Williams	Lynch Farrer	\$2,265.00
Total Requested:		\$5,885.50			Total Recommendation	\$5,885.00

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Approved
Joe Williams

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