

**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.  
Act 1542 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 534

5 By: Senator Wilkins  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

### Subtitle

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

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the  
23 Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund  
24 or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

25 (A) For grants and aid to organizations and departments statewide, the sum  
26 of .....\$1,090,000.  
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28 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
29 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
30 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
31 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
32 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
33 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
34 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
35 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects



1 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
2 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
3 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
4 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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21 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
22 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
23 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the  
24 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of  
25 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
26 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
27 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the  
28 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
29 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
30 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
31 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.

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33 APPROVED: 4/5/2007  
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