

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 1749 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas  
2 86th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2007  
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As Engrossed: S3/7/07

A Bill

SENATE BILL 754

5 By: Senator Miller  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AND  
11 ASSISTANCE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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14 **Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
16 SERVICES - ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AND  
17 ASSISTANCE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
18 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 - ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE. There is  
23 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from  
24 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
25 following:

- 26 (A) For Community Enhancement grants and assistance, the sum of  
27 .....\$500,000.
- 28 (B) For County Enhancement grants and assistance, the sum of .....  
29 .....\$205,000.
- 30 (C) For Local Services Enhancement grants and assistance, the sum of  
31 .....\$60,000.

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33 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
34 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS.  
35 The grants authorized in Section 1 of this Act shall not be restricted by



1 local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching  
2 requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently  
3 administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural  
4 Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the  
5 General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1  
6 of this Act.

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

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

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

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

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SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the 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.

*/s/ Miller*

**APPROVED: 4/10/2007**