

Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services
Fiscal Year 2020, Cycle II Grant Funding
Contact: Becca Caldwell, 501-682-3292

PURPOSE:

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

BACKGROUND:

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COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:

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PROPOSED FUNDING:

- **Rural Community Grant Program (Attachment A)**
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$567,423.33
Amount Available for Distribution: \$276,379.56
Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$276,379.56
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$41,192.22
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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.

Briefing Memo

To : Governor Asa Hutchinson
From : Megan Perkins
CC : Alison Williams, Bill Gossage, Ateca Foreman,
Karen Whatley, Jordan Bearden, Chad Brown
Date : March 26, 2020
Re : Funding Recommendations for Arkansas Rural
Community and Arkansas County Fair Building Grant
Programs

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RURAL SERVICES

Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program

FY 20; CY 2

Requested

\$567,423.33

52 Applicants

Recommended

\$276,379.56

28 Applicants



Rural Community Grant Programs

Funding Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2020

Cycle 2

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Antioch Fire Department	White	\$15,000.00	The Antioch Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new equipment to outfit their new service truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Cameron Cooper	\$15,000.00
Barnes Rural Volunteer Fire Department	Franklin	\$4,877.50	The Barnes VFD is requesting \$4,877.50 in funding to purchase a washer and extractor for their turnout gear. This washer will be used by two other VFD's, Watalula and Pleasant View.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$4,877.50
Bearden Fire Department	Ouachita	\$5,323.00	The Bearden Fire Department is requesting \$5,323.00 in funding to purchase new equipment such as turnouts, nozzels, radios and backpack water pumps.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	David Fielding	\$0.00
Bergman	Boone	\$13,625.00	The Town of Bergman is requesting \$13,625.00 in funding to purchase a used skid steer.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Brookland	Craighead	\$15,000.00	The city of Brookland is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to complete a multi complex room at the west end of a storm shelter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Dan Sullivan	\$15,000.00
Brookland Fire Protection District	Craighead	\$15,000.00	The Brookland Fire Protection District is requesting \$15,000.00 to purchase new sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Dan Sullivan	\$0.00

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Brown Grove Volunteer Fire Department	Prairie	\$7,500.00	The Brown Grove VFD is requesting \$7,500.00 in funding to purchase a used 1985 Ford F-750 pumper truck from the Oak Prairie VFD.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$7,500.00
Bull Shoals	Marion	\$13,520.50	The City of Bull Shoals is requesting \$13,520.50 in funding to aid in the purchase of two new zero turn lawn mowers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Carroll County	Carroll	\$15,000.00	Carroll County is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct an equipment shed to house county equipment in.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Harlan Breaux	\$0.00
Cave Springs	Benton	\$15,000.00	The City of Cave Springs is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a tractor with a mower attachment to utilize for various purposes throughout the city.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Dan M. Douglas	\$0.00
Charleston Fire Department	Franklin	\$13,595.76	The Charleston Fire Department is requesting \$13,595.76 in funding to purchase a utility vehicle to be used during fire runs that are inaccessible by full size fire trucks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Rice	Sarah Capp	\$0.00
Columbia County	Columbia	\$15,000.00	Columbia County is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new jaws of life equipment which will be used by the county and fire protection districts of Columbia County.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	Lane Jean David Fielding	\$15,000.00
Cord Volunteer Fire Department	Independence	\$15,000.00	The Cord VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase 6 sets of turnout gear, 2 sets of wildland turnouts, a rescue saw and tray for SCBAs, and other various equipment for the fire department.	<input type="checkbox"/>		Dwight Tosh James Sturch	\$0.00

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Cotter Fire Department	Baxter	\$13,053.61	The Cotter Fire Department is requesting \$13,053.61 in funding to purchase Jaws of Life equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Cotter-Gassville Rural Fire Protection District	Baxter	\$12,993.34	The Cotter-Gassville RFD is requesting \$12,933.34 in funding to begin the first year of replacing their SCBA units. This is a three year plan, replacing 4 units each year. Each pack will be accompanied with a harness, PASS tracker, carbon cylinder and face piece/mask.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$12,993.34
Decatur	Benton	\$15,000.00	The city of Decatur is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to help complete a splashpad project in their veteran's park. They have obtained a grant from parks and tourism and will be covering the remaining balance using city appropriation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Gayla McKenzie	\$0.00
DeGray Volunteer Fire Department	Clark	\$1,628.50	The DeGray Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$1,628.50 in funding to replace a damaged set of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	Richard Womack	\$1,628.50
Des Arc Volunteer Fire Department	Prairie	\$15,000.00	The Des Arc VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$0.00
Dutch Creek Volunteer Fire Department	Yell	\$4,000.00	The Dutch Creek Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to aid in the purchase of a washer/extractor unit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Mary Bentley	\$4,000.00

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Elkins	Washington	\$15,000.00	The City of Elkins is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to aid in the construction of a 1,200 square foot pavilion at the city's baseball/softball park. The pavilion will include bathrooms and an open area with fans for people to gather.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lance Eads	Bruce Coleman	\$15,000.00
Elm Springs	Washington	\$15,000.00	The city of Elm Springs is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct a large equipment shed for the city's equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Robin Lundstrum	\$0.00
Gilbert	Searcy	\$9,000.00	The city of Gilbert is requesting \$9,000.00 in funding to renovate the Gilbert VFD to include removing existing siding and the installation of new metal siding, repainting garage doors and lettering, etc...	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Jack Fortner	\$9,000.00
Hackett Volunteer Fire Department	Sebastian	\$14,716.20	The Hackett VFD is requesting \$14,716.20 to purchase new sets of SCBAs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathew Pitsch	Marcus Richmond	\$0.00
Highland	Sharp	\$4,918.00	The city of Highland is requesting \$4,918.00 in funding to purchase a new specialized washer/dryer set to clean the Fire Department's turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Frances Cavanaugh	\$4,918.00
Hindsville	Madison	\$10,000.00	The City of Hindsville is requesting \$10,000.00 in funding to construct a paved walking trail located at the Georgia Mae Smith Memorial Park.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Harlan Breaux	\$10,000.00

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Holiday Island	Carroll	\$15,000.00	The community of Holiday Island is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase two \$4,400 gallon double walled chemical storage tanks for holding liquid road deicing chemicals. They will be housed at the community's Road Department and Waste Water Treatment Plant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Harlan Breaux	\$15,000.00
Hunter Fire Department	Woodruff	\$3,254.03	The Hunter Fire Department is requesting \$3,254.03 in funding to purchase a condenser and furnace which will provide the station with heat and air.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Craig Christiansen	\$3,254.03
Hwy 35 South Volunteer Fire Department	Cleveland	\$10,530.00	The Hwy 35 South VFD is requesting \$10,530.00 in funding to purchase four new sets of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)'s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	Mike Holcomb	\$10,530.00
Johnson County Rural Fire District 8	Johnson	\$9,206.28	The Johnson County Rural Fire District 8 is requesting \$9,206.28 in funding to purchase 8 sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Aaron Pilkington	\$0.00
Lakeview	Baxter	\$3,250.00	The city of Lakeview is requesting \$3,250.00 in funding to purchase a new zero turn mower for the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Nelda Speaks	\$0.00
Lavaca Fire Department	Sebastian	\$15,000.00	The city of Lavaca is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase 15 new sets of turnout gear for the Fire Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Lee Johnson	\$15,000.00
Leachville	Mississippi	\$15,000.00	The city of Leachville is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to add insulation to the city's public gym which is also used for various activities and serves as the city's senior center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Johnny Rye	\$15,000.00

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Lead Hill	Boone	\$6,485.50	The City of Lead Hill is requesting \$6,485.50 in funding to purchase two zero turn lawn mowers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Lewisville Fire Department	Lafayette	\$12,075.00	The Town of Lewisville is requesting \$12,075.00 in funding to purchase new sets of turn out gear as the current gear is unsafe and out of date.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	David Fielding	\$0.00
Lockesburg	Sevier	\$14,250.00	The city of Lockesburg is requesting \$14,250.00 in funding to purchase kitchen equipment to serve their senior citizens from the senior center/community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	DeAnn Vaught	\$14,250.00
Maddox Bay Volunteer Fire Department	Monroe	\$3,975.00	The Maddox Bay Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$3,975.00 in funding to purchase a new on truck generator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Flowers	Reginald Murdock	\$3,975.00
Marion County	Marion	\$2,000.00	Marion County is requesting \$2,000.00 in funding to purchase DVD shelves for the library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$2,000.00
Moro Fire Department	Lee	\$7,323.50	The town of Moro is requesting \$7,323.50 in funding to replace the siding and roof on the Moro Fire and Rescue Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Reginald Murdock	\$0.00
Mulberry	Crawford	\$15,000.00	The city of Mulberry is requesting \$15,000.00 to purchase outdoor exercise equipment to place along their walking trail.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Sarah Capp Lee Johnson	\$0.00
NEBCO	Benton	\$15,000.00	The NEBCO Fire District is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new airpacks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cecile Bledsoe	Grant Hodges	\$0.00

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Oak Grove	Carroll	\$15,000.00	The Town of Oak Grove is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to aid in paving a walking trail and adding new playground equipment at its city park.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Ron McNair	\$15,000.00
Pangburn Fire Department	White	\$5,762.00	The Pangburn Fire Department is requesting \$5,762.00 in funding to purchase a washer and dryer for their turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Cameron Cooper	\$0.00
Peppers Lake Volunteer Fire Department	Prairie	\$7,750.98	The Peppers Lake Volunteer Fire Department has requested \$7,750.98 in funding to purchase new SCBA units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$7,750.98
Rock Creek Community	Searcy	\$8,250.29	The Rock Creek Community is requesting \$8,250.29 in funding to purchase and install a covered picnic area with a concrete slab and fixed barbecue grills on site. This is the second phase for improvements at the community center.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	\$0.00
Scott Fire Protection District	Lonoke	\$14,961.80	The Lonoke County Fire Protection District #18 is requesting \$14,961.80 in funding to replace ten turnout suits which are set to expire.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	\$14,961.80
Searcy County	Searcy	\$14,862.13	Searcy County is requesting \$14,862.13 in funding to construct additional handicap parking spaces and make sidewalk improvements at the Searcy County Civic Center located in Marshall.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Keith Slape	\$0.00

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Southridge Volunteer Fire Department	Craighead	\$14,995.00	The Southridge Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$14,995.00 in funding to purchase 14 new sets of turnout gear, to include helmets, nomex hoods, jackets, gloves, pants and boots.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	\$0.00
Star City	Lincoln	\$7,072.00	The City of Star City is requesting \$7,072.00 in funding to replace a failed A/C system at the City's Civic Center.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	Mike Holcomb	\$7,072.00
Thornton	Calhoun	\$14,400.00	The city of Thornton is requesting \$14,400.00 in funding to complete phase II of their community center project. With this grant they will be constructing the sides of the building and roof.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Jeff Wardlaw	\$14,400.00
Tyronza	Poinsett	\$9,680.00	The City of Tyronza is requesting \$9,680.00 in funding to purchase new rubber boots and nomex hoods for their turnout gear. The current turnouts for the Fire Department are nearing expiration.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	\$9,680.00
Western Greene County Fire District	Greene	\$7,838.41	The Western Greene County Fire District is requesting \$7,838.41 in funding to install the water connection, septic system and restroom in a recently completed station in the district.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Joe Jett Frances Cavanaugh	\$7,838.41
Winthrop	Little River	\$5,750.00	The town of Winthrop is requesting \$5,750.00 in funding to install new flooring and paint their community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	DeAnn Vaught	\$5,750.00
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RURAL SERVICES

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County Fair Building Grant Program Complete and Eligible Report

Fiscal Year 2020
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Baxter County Fair Association	Baxter	\$4,000.00	The Baxter County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to install heating and air conditioning in their Horticulture room and two restrooms.	Scott Flippo	Nelda Speaks	\$4,000.00
Calhoun County Fair Association	Calhoun	\$4,000.00	The Calhoun County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to repair a leaking roof and tear out damaged walls.	Trent Garner	Jeff Wardlaw Sonia Barker	\$4,000.00
Carroll County Fair Association	Carroll	\$4,000.00	The Carroll County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to install new sinks in the restrooms and paint the concrete floors.	Bob Ballinger	Ron McNair Harlan Breaux	\$4,000.00
Clark County Fair Association	Clark	\$2,695.62	The Clark County Fair Association is requesting \$2,695.62 in funding to replace the lights in the arts and crafts exhibit hall.	Bruce Maloch	Richard Womack	\$2,695.62
Fulton County Fair Association, Inc.	Fulton	\$4,000.00	The Fulton County Fair has requested \$4,000.00 in funding to purchase panels and gates for the holding pens in show arena.	Missy Irvin	James Sturch Marsh Davis	\$4,000.00
Howard County Fair Association	Howard	\$4,000.00	The Howard County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 to aid in the construction of a climate controlled building. The total project cost is \$18,153.00.	Larry Teague	Justin Gonzales	\$4,000.00
Johnson County Fair Association	Johnson	\$2,496.60	The Johnson County Fair Association is requesting \$2,496.00 in funding to purchase a large indoor fan for their livestock barn.	Gary Stubblefield	Aaron Pilkington	\$2,496.60

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North Franklin County Fair Association	Franklin	\$4,000.00	The North Franklin County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to purchase a new zero turn mower.	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$4,000.00
Sharp County Fair Association	Sharp	\$4,000.00	The Sharp County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to updated their ticket building office and expanding the sidewalk around the building to make it ADA accessible.	James Sturch	Frances Cavenaugh Marsh Davis	\$4,000.00
Van Buren County Fair	Van Buren	\$4,000.00	The Van Buren County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to install a cool seal and air conditioning units for their exhibit halls.	Mark Johnson	Josh Miller	\$4,000.00
Yell County Fair Association	Yell	\$4,000.00	The Yell County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to purchase an industrial fan for their livestock barn.	Gary Stubblefield	Mary Bentley	\$4,000.00
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