

Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services
 Fiscal Year 2021, Cycle I Grant Funding
 Contact: Becca Caldwell, 501-682-3292

PURPOSE:

To present funding recommendations from AEDC Rural Services for the Arkansas Rural Community, Arkansas Rural Services Block 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.

GRANT PROGRAMS:

- **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.
- **Rural Services Block Grant Program** – Funding is available to incorporated towns and rural communities with a population of less than 3,000. Additionally, the community population must be at least 51% Low to Moderate income. Eligible projects include: new construction or renovation of community centers, fire stations, or multi-purpose buildings, and the purchase of fire trucks (pumper, tanker, brush or certain service trucks). This grant is made possible through a partnership with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission Grants Division. This cap for this grant program is \$75,000 and requires a 10% match.
- **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 (Attachment A)**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$376,812.02
 - o Amount Available for Distribution: **\$307,485.41**
 - o **Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$307,485.41**
- **Rural Services Block Grant Program (Attachment B)**
 - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$1,680,038.99

- Amount Available for Distribution: **\$1,000,000.00**
- **Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$1,000,000.00**
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program (Attachment C)**
 - Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$4,000.00
 - Amount Available for Distribution: **\$4,000.00**
 - **Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$4,000.00**

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

J approve
JB

To : Governor Asa Hutchinson
From : Jordan Bearden
CC : Alison Williams, Bill Gossage, Ateca Foreman (Other involved staff)
Date : Friday, October 2, 2020
Re : AEDC Division of Rural Services Cycle 1 Grant Funding

Governor,

The purpose of this memo is to review the funding recommendations for AEDC's Rural Community, Block, and County Fair grant programs.

Each year, AEDC Rural Services receives legislative appropriation to award funds through the following grant programs:

- Rural Community Grant
- Rural Services Block Grant
- Arkansas County Fair Building Grant

A description of each program and outline of eligibility is attached.

FUNDING

Requests and recommendations attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please let me know if you agree with these recommendations, or if you have any questions and would like to discuss further. With your approval, these will then go to the Legislative Council for final approval.

JB

Agree Disagree Request More Information Discuss

ATTACHMENTS

1. Overview of grant programs
2. Spreadsheet with requests and AEDC's funding level recommendations

Jordan Bearden / 501.612.4837



Rural Community Grant Programs

Funding Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2021

Cycle 1

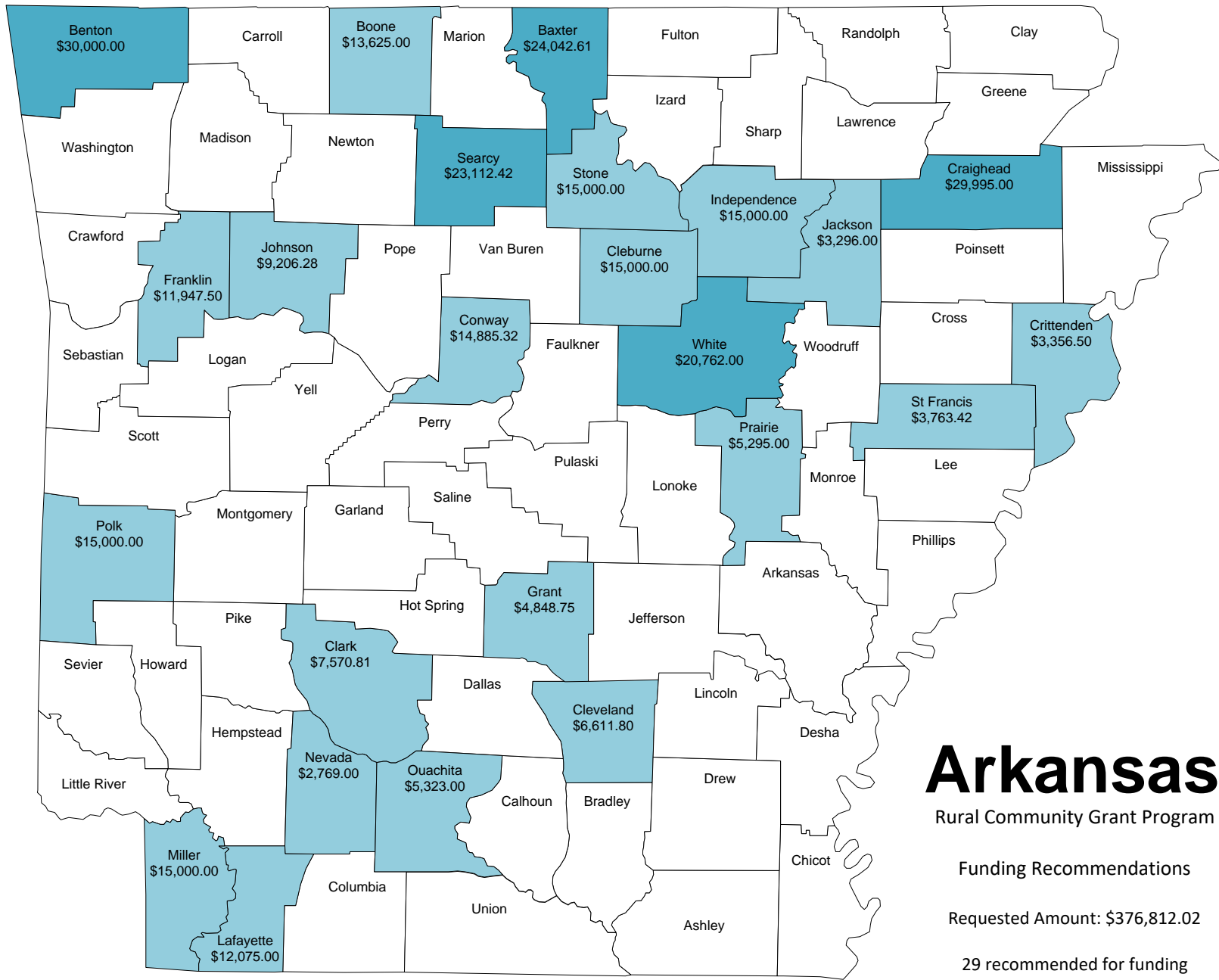
Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Bearden Fire Department	Ouachita	\$5,323.00	The Bearden Fire Department is requesting \$5,323.00 in funding to purchase new equipment such as turnouts, nozzles, radios and backpack water pumps.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	David Fielding	\$5,323.00
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	\$13,625.00
Bergman Volunteer Fire Department	Boone	\$3,278.00	The Bergman Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$3,278.00 in funding to purchase new rubber fire hoses.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Dan Sullivan	\$15,000.00
Cale Fire Department	Nevada	\$2,769.00	The Cale VFD is requesting \$2,769.00 in funding to purchase four SCBA's and two radios. This is to complete their upgrade of new equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	Danny Watson	\$2,769.00
Cave Springs	Benton	\$15,000.00	The City of Cave Springs is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a John Deere tractor with a mower attachment to utilize for various purposes throughout the city.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Dan M. Douglas	\$15,000.00
Centerpoint Fire Association	Prairie	\$5,295.00	The Centerpoint VFD is requesting \$5,295.00 in funding to purchase six complete sets of turnout gear with pumps and air masks.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$5,295.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
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 wild land turnouts, a rescue saw and tray for SCBAs, and other various equipment for the fire department.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Dwight Tosh James Sturch	\$15,000.00
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$13,053.61
Denning	Franklin	\$11,947.50	The town of Denning is requesting \$11,947.50 in funding to purchase fencing to surround their park property.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$11,947.50
Dodd Mountain Volunteer Fire Department	Stone	\$15,000.00	The Dodd Mountain VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace a metal garage which is falling apart and is not operational.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	\$15,000.00
Doddridge	Miller	\$15,000.00	The Doddridge Community is requesting \$15,000.00 to add cabinets, lighting, sheetrock, flooring, doors and gutters to their newly built community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	Lane Jean	\$15,000.00
Earle Fire Department	Crittenden	\$3,356.50	The Earle Fire Department is requesting \$3,356.50 in funding to purchase a new washer-extractor for their turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Ingram	Milton Nicks	\$3,356.50
England	Lonoke	\$15,000.00	The city of England is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace fencing and dugouts at the England Ball Complex for their little league and t-ball fields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	\$0.00
Floyd-Romance Volunteer Fire Department	White	\$15,000.00	The Floyd-Romance VFD is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a new brush truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Cameron Cooper	\$15,000.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Fourche	Perry	\$15,000.00	The city of Fourche is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace worn out playground equipment and add a pavilion for family gatherings and parties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Spencer Hawk	\$0.00
Gassville Fire Department	Baxter	\$10,989.00	The Gassville Fire Department is requesting \$10,989.00 to purchase Jaws of Life extrication equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$10,989.00
Grannis	Polk	\$15,000.00	The town of Grannis is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase two storm sirens.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	John Maddox	\$15,000.00
Hollywood Fire Department	Clark	\$7,570.81	The Hollywood Fire Department is requesting \$7,570.81 in funding to purchase four new sets of firefighter turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	Justin Gonzales	\$7,570.81
Jackson County	Jackson	\$3,296.00	Jackson County is requesting \$3,296.00 in funding to purchase security equipment for the Jackson County Library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Craig Christiansen	\$3,296.00
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Aaron Pilkington	\$9,206.28
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Nelda Speaks	\$0.00
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

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
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	\$12,075.00
Lincoln	Washington	\$11,313.11	The city of Lincoln is requesting \$11,313.11 in funding to purchase new shelving units for the city's library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Charlene Fite	\$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 checked="" 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 air packs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cecile Bledsoe	Grant Hodges	\$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	\$5,762.00
Prattsville Fire Department	Grant	\$4,848.75	The Prattsville Fire Department is requesting \$4,848.75 to purchase a standby generator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alan Clark	Ken Bragg	\$4,848.75
Quitman	Cleburne	\$15,000.00	The city of Quitman is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase playground equipment for their city park.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Josh Miller	\$15,000.00
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	\$8,250.29

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
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	\$14,862.13
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	\$14,995.00
St. Vincent Fire Department	Conway	\$14,885.32	The St. Vincent Fire Department is requesting \$14,885.32 in funding to purchase four new SCBA's	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Rick Beck	\$14,885.32
Wheatley	Saint Francis	\$3,763.42	The city of Wheatley is requesting \$3,763.42 to complete repairs to interior walls of their civic center caused by water leakage. They will also be painting the damaged walls.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Steve Hollowell	\$3,763.42
Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department	Cleveland	\$6,611.80	The Woodlawn Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$6,611.80 in funding to purchase and install four new fire hydrants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	Mike Holcomb	\$6,611.80
36 record(s) totaling \$376,812.02						Total Recommended Amount:	\$307,485.41



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Rural Community Grant Program

Funding Recommendations

Requested Amount: \$376,812.02

29 recommended for funding



Rural Services Block Grant Program

Complete and Eligible Report

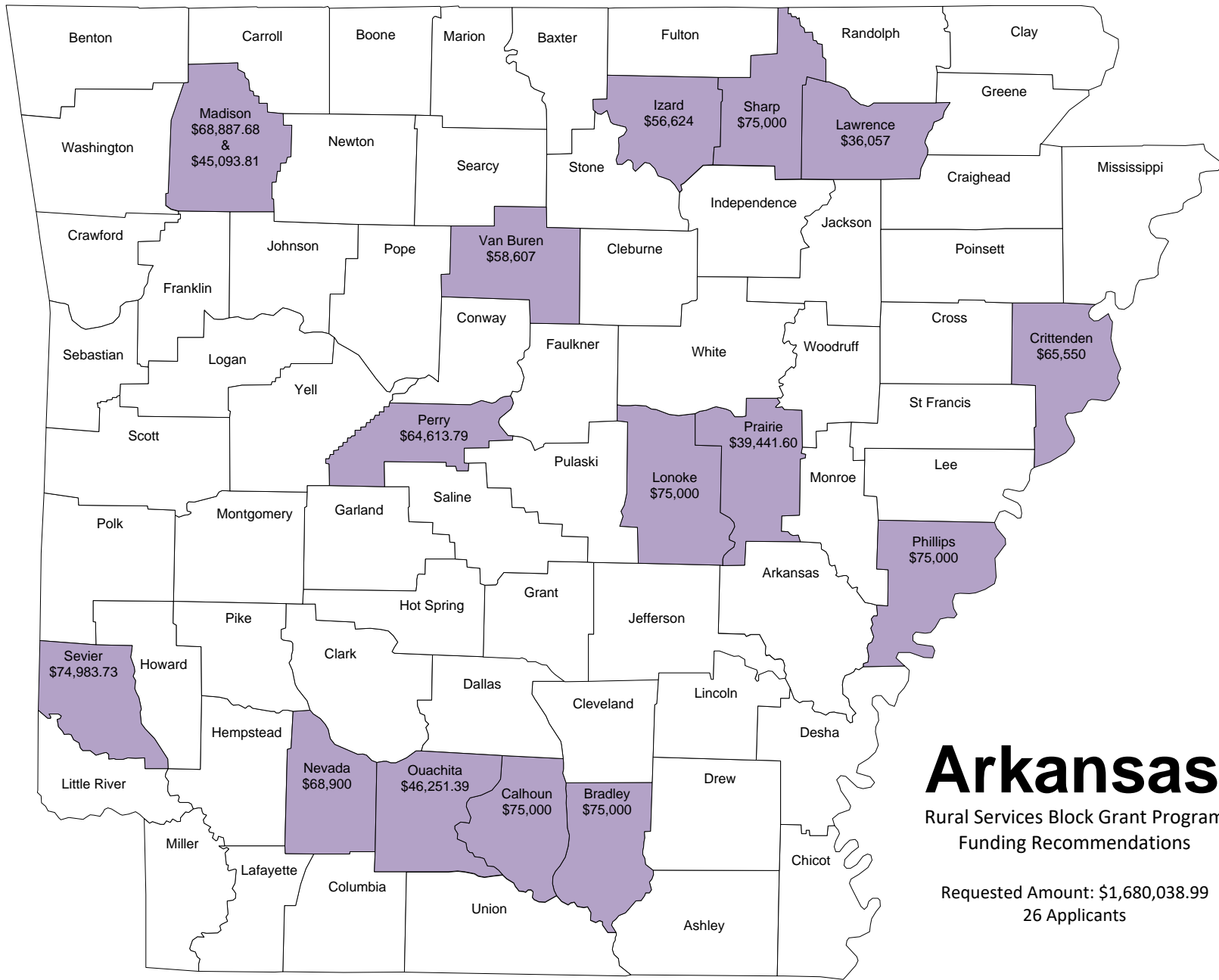
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Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Banks Fire Department	Bradley	\$75,000.00	The Banks Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to construct a fire station for the Banks VFD.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	Jeff Wardlaw	\$75,000.00
Cave City Fire Department	Sharp	\$75,000.00	The Cave City Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase 11 SCBA's to replace the departments 20 year old units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Michelle Gray	\$75,000.00
Dennard Fire Department	Van Buren	\$58,607.00	The Dennard Fire Department is requesting \$58,607.00 in funding to purchase 8 new SCBA's.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breanne Davis	Cameron Cooper	\$58,607.00
Des Arc Fire Department	Prairie	\$39,441.60	The City of Des Arc is requesting \$39,441.60 to purchase 20 new sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$39,441.60
East Camden Fire Department	Ouachita	\$46,251.39	The city of East Camden is requesting \$46,251.39 to purchase 15 new sets of turnout gear and radios for the fire department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Matthew Shepherd	\$46,251.39
Gillham Fire Department	Sevier	\$74,983.73	The Gillham Fire Department is requesting \$74,983.73 in funding to purchase turnouts and other fire equipment that is needed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	John Maddox	\$74,983.73
Hindsville Fire Department	Madison	\$68,877.68	The city of Hindsville is requesting \$68,877.68 to purchase a pumper truck, re-breathers, turnout gear, axes, and helmets.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Harlan Breaux	\$68,877.68

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Horseshoe Bend Fire Department	Izard	\$56,624.00	The Horseshoe Bend Fire Department is requesting \$56,624.00 to purchase 3 gas detector monitors, a thermal camera and 20 sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Michelle Gray	\$56,624.00
Humnoke Fire Department	Lonoke	\$75,000.00	The Humnoke Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to renovate the current Fire Station. They will be adding ADA compliant bathrooms, drain lines, HVAC system and sand oil separator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	\$75,000.00
Jacksonport Fire Department	Jackson	\$74,973.00	The Jacksonport Fire Department is requesting \$74,973.00 in funding to purchase 10 new SCBA's to replace 14-21 year old units.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Craig Christiansen	\$0.00
Jennette	Crittenden	\$65,550.00	The Jennette Fire Department is requesting \$65,550.00 to expand the fire station.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Keith Ingram	Milton Nicks	\$65,550.00
Kingston fire Department	Madison	\$49,904.80	The town of Kingston is requesting \$49,904.90 to purchase turnout gear and a rescue stretcher.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Sarah Capp	\$45,093.81
Marvell Fire Department	Phillips	\$75,000.00	The Marvell Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase a new fire truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Ingram	Chris Richey	\$75,000.00
Midland Fire Department	Sebastian	\$75,000.00	The Midland Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to purchase 9 new SCBA's and 2 cylinders.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Terry Rice	Marcus Richmond	\$0.00
Milo Fire Department	Ashley	\$75,000.00	The Milo Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to construct a second fire station to improve the departments response capability.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	LeAnne Burch	\$0.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Murfreesboro Fire Department	Pike	\$74,228.00	The Murfreesboro Fire Department is requesting \$74,228.00 in funding to make much needed repairs to the building.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	Justin Gonzales	\$0.00
Pangburn Fire Department	White	\$75,000.00	The Pangburn Fire Department is requesting \$75,000.00 in funding to construct a new fire station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Cameron Cooper	\$0.00
Parkin Fire Department	Cross	\$75,000.00	The city of Parkin is requesting \$75,000.00 to build a new fire station	<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Ingram	Milton Nicks	\$0.00
Perryville Fire Department	Perry	\$64,613.79	The Perryville Fire Department is requesting \$64,613.79 in funding to repair the entrance to their Fire Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Rick Beck	\$64,613.79
Ravenden Fire Department	Lawrence	\$36,057.00	The city of Ravenden is requesting \$36,057.00 to purchase 16 sets of turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Frances Cavanaugh	\$36,057.00
Rosston Fire Department	Nevada	\$68,900.00	The City of Rosston is requesting \$68,900.00 to purchase a new fire truck.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	David Fielding	\$68,900.00
Salem Fire Department	Fulton	\$52,901.00	The Salem Fire Department is requesting \$52,901.00 in funding to purchase extrication equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Marsh Davis	\$0.00
Strong Fire Department	Union	\$39,500.00	The Strong Fire Department is requesting \$39,500.00 in funding to purchase a skid-steer, service truck and Jaws-of-Life system.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Sonia Barker	\$0.00
Sulphur Springs	Benton	\$75,000.00	Sulphur Springs in requesting \$75,000.00 to update the Community Center.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Gayla H. McKenzie	\$0.00
Thornton	Calhoun	\$75,000.00	The city of Thornton is requesting \$75,000.00 to build a community center onto the existing fire station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Jeff Wardlaw	\$75,000.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Winslow	Washington	\$58,626.00	The city of Winslow is requesting \$58,626.00 in funding to renovate their existing community center which is in need of repair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Bruce Coleman	\$0.00
26 record(s) totaling \$1,680,038.99				Total Recommended Amount:			\$1,000,000.00



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Rural Services Block Grant Program
Funding Recommendations

Requested Amount: \$1,680,038.99
26 Applicants



County Fair Building Grant Program

Complete and Eligible Report

Fiscal Year 2021

Cycle 1

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
South Logan County Fair and Livestock Association	Logan	\$4,000.00	The South Logan County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to repair and replace the existing light fixtures for the outdoor show ring.	Gary Stubblefield	Jon Eubanks	\$4,000.00

1 record(s) totaling \$4,000.00

Total Recommended Amount: \$4,000.00