

MEMO

To: Legislative Council
From: Butch Calhoun, Director
Date: April 6, 2012
Re: FY12 Cycle 3 RCGP Funded Communities

The Fiscal Year 2012 Cycle 3 funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the March 16th deadline, 26 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$282,000 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$170,069.19.

Thanks!

Butch Calhoun, Director
Department of Rural Services

Enclosures



Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs

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Programs:

The Arkansas Rural Community Grants are made up of the following programs with examples of eligible projects noted:

Arkansas Rural Community Development Grant

-  Construction or renovations to publicly owned buildings (civic, community, recycling, senior and youth centers, libraries, museums, etc.);
-  Parks and other recreational facilities (baseball and softball fields, landscape/beautification projects, picnic areas, jogging/walking trails, etc.).

Arkansas Rural Community Fire Protection Grant

-  Construction of new fire facilities;
-  Purchase of fire protection equipment and/or vehicles;
-  Rehabilitation/Retrofitting of newly acquired equipment and vehicles;
-  Renovation of existing facilities

Grant Review Process:

Each grant application is date stamped and assigned a control number upon receipt to the Department of Rural Services (DRS). The grants are then reviewed in the order they are received. The reviewer uses a standard checklist to review each application. Applicants submitting their applications prior to the application deadline are notified of application deficiencies and are given the opportunity to submit additional materials prior the application deadline. Applicants postmarking their application on the date of the deadline are eligible and are reviewed by the same process, but are not allowed to submit material to eliminate any deficiencies. All complete applications as of the application deadline are then checked against the previous grant awards database to determine if the community currently has an active grant. Applications are then entered into a database to generate lists and total requests. Copies of complete and eligible applications with a computerized listing are then forwarded to a six-person review committee made up of members of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) appointed by the ARDC Chairperson. The ARDC Grants Review Committee meets and reviews the grants with staff members with their recommendations. Recommendations are entered into the grant database and a listing of all complete and eligible grant applications with funding recommendations is forwarded to all members of the ARDC. The ARDC then meets, discusses the recommendations, and approves final funding recommendations that are forwarded to the Governor for approval.

Cycle 3 FY12 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$170,069.19
Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$282,953.41
Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$104,564.74
Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$60,715.52
Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$178,388.67
Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$109,353.67

**Rural Community Grant Program
Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2012**

APPLICANT: Cave Springs

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / Hon. Larry Smith

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cave Springs Fire Dept is requesting \$8,039 to purchase six sets of turnout gear and 20 SCBA's.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,078.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,039.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tim Summers / Hon. Kim Hendren
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APPLICANT: Chicot County

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Chicot / Hon. Mack Ball

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Chicot County is requesting \$14,000 on behalf of the Museum of Chicot County to have electrical work done.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Robert S. Moore / Hon. Jimmy Jeffress
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APPLICANT: Hilltop

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Faulkner / Hon. Preston Scroggin

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Hilltop Fire District 51 is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$137,757.60

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Stephen Meeks / Hon. Gilbert Baker
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APPLICANT: Iron Mountain

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Stone / Hon. Stacey Avey

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Iron Mountain Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to finish out the inside of their new fire station with electrical wiring, flooring, insulation, and install a bathroom.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,718.50

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Montgomery County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Montgomery / Hon. Alvin Black
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Montgomery County is requesting \$15,000 to construct a concession stand at Clenney Fields.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$41,519.34
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Nate Bell / Hon. Mike Fletcher
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APPLICANT: Morning Star
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Garland / Hon. Rick M. Davis
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Morning Star Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase land and build a 3-bay fire station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$80,709.25
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. John T. Vines / Hon. Mike Fletcher
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APPLICANT: Morriston
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Fulton / Hon. Charles Willett
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Morriston Fire Dept is requesting \$3,500 to purchase Wildland protective gear and fire hose.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,046.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Mount Vernon
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Faulkner / Hon. Ricky Pearce
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Mount Vernon is requesting \$820 to have electrical wiring done at the library.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,640.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$820.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Stephen Meeks / Hon. Jason Rapert
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APPLICANT: Newcastle
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: St. Francis / Hon. Gary Hughes
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Newcastle Rural Fire Dept is requesting \$3,678.42 to purchase Scott air packs, gloves, face shields, hoses, nozzles, and hoods.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,356.85
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,678.42
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Marshall Wright / Hon. Jack Crumbly
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APPLICANT: Pangburn
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: White / Hon. Gary Doyle
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Pangburn Fire Dept is requesting \$9,136.25 to purchase communication equipment.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,272.50
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,136.25
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jody Dickinson / Hon. David Wyatt
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APPLICANT: Philadelphia
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Craighead / Hon. Ed Hill
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Philadelphia Fire Dept is requesting \$10,000 to erect a radio tower to be used by county fire depts.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$21,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$10,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Butch Wilkins / Hon. Paul Bookout
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APPLICANT: Prim
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleburne / Hon. Brenda Hunt
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Prim Community is requesting \$4,504.50 to add a porch onto their community center and purchase swings and basketball backboards.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,009.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,504.50
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Josh Johnston / Hon. Jason Rapert
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**Rural Community Grant Program
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APPLICANT: Smithville

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lawrence / Hon. Dale Freeman

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Smithville Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to replace the roof and the central heat and air unit and add a room onto the station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,705.89

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. James Ratliff / Hon. Robert Thompson
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APPLICANT: Tinsman

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Calhoun / Hon. Floyd Nutt

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tinsman Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to complete Phase 1 in the construction of their fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$39,520.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jeff Wardlaw / Hon. Gene Jeffress
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APPLICANT: Union

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Logan / Hon. Gus Young

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Union Community is requesting \$14,972.69 to paint and repair their community center as well as build a handicap bathroom.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$33,589.01

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,972.69

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Jon S. Eubanks / Hon. Bruce Holland
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APPLICANT: Wilton

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Little River / Hon. Russell Hatridge

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Wilton is requesting \$11,945.12 to purchase a tornado siren.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$23,890.24

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,418.33

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Larry Cowling / Hon. Steve Harrelson
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**Rural Community Grant Programs
Unfunded Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year
2012**

APPLICANT: Caddo Valley

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Clark / Hon. Alan Dillavou

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Caddo Valley Fire Dept is requesting \$8,657.50 to purchase communication equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$17,315.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Johnnie J. Roebuck / Hon. Percy Malone

APPLICANT: Clarkridge

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Baxter / Hon. Joe Bodenhamer /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Clarkridge Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a newer truck chassis for their tanker.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$32,500.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Lori Benedict / Hon. Johnny Key

APPLICANT: Garfield

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Benton / Hon. Laura Hamilton

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Garfield is requesting \$15,000 on behalf of NEBCO Fire and EMS to replace a pumper truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$68,500.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Duncan Baird / Hon. Cecile Bledsoe

**Rural Community Grant Programs
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APPLICANT: Hazen

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Prairie / Hon. David Duch

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Hazen is requesting \$12,705.93 to purchase exercise equipment for their community center.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$25,411.86

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tiffany Rogers / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams

APPLICANT: Lockesburg

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Sevier / Hon. Danny Ruth

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Lockesburg is requesting \$9,999.50 to replace a retaining wall at the city's park.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$19,999.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Nate Steel / Hon. Larry Teague

APPLICANT: Miller County

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Miller / Hon. Larry E. Burgess /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Miller County is requesting \$9,400 to add playground equipment to Alex Smith Park.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,800.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson / Hon. Steve Harrelson

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APPLICANT: Mulberry
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Crawford / / Hon. Gary Baxter
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Mulberry Fire Dept is requesting \$3,900 to replace 6 sets of turnout gear.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,800.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Leslee Milam Post / Hon. Ruth Whitaker

APPLICANT: Oxford
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Izard / / Hon. Mike Warden
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Oxford is requesting \$11,217 to purchase playground equipment for their city park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,434.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: St. Paul
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Madison / / Hon. Kenny Grinder
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The St. Paul Fire Dept is requesting \$11,477.50 to purchase extrication equipment.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,955.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. David L. Branscum / Hon. Randy Laverty

**Rural Community Grant Programs
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APPLICANT: Tulip-Princeton

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Dallas / Hon. Jimmy Jones /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tulip-Princeton Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to complete Phase 3 of their fire station including partition walls, a kickwall, gas lines, and electrical work.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$37,649.64

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Bobby J. Pierce / Hon. Percy Malone