

## **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.

### **RCGP Cycle I FY15 Information:**

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$92,131.59

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$99,639.53

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$50,900.94

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$43,393.00

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$48,738.59

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**APPLICANT:** Cushman  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Independence / Hon. Jean Weatherford  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Cushman is requesting \$8950 to purchase and install a tornado siren warning system.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$18,950.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$8,950.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Tommy Wren / Hon. David Wyatt  
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**APPLICANT:** England  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Lonoke / Hon. Danny Maynard  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of England is requesting \$15000 to purchase a storage building, upgrade three press boxes, and expand dugouts in their ballpark complex.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$36,167.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Walls McCrary / Hon. Jonathan Dismang  
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**APPLICANT:** Green Forest  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Carroll / Hon. Charlie Reece  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Green Forest is requesting \$7500 to aid in purchasing a metal building to house critical equipment.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$7,500.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$7,500.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Burris / Hon. Michael Lamoureux  
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**APPLICANT:** Marion County  
**PROGRAM:** Community Development  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Marion / Hon. Terry C. Ott  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Marion County Library is requesting \$6193 to remove a wall posing a safety hazard, construct a new wall, and install acoustical panels to reduce noise.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$12,386.22  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$6,193.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Johnny Key  
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**APPLICANT:** Rheas Mill

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Washington /

Hon. Marilyn Edwards

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** Rheas Mill is requesting \$1750 to remove and replace the water damaged ceiling and old insulation in the community building.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$3,500.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$1,750.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Charlene Fite

/ Hon. Jim Hendren  
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**APPLICANT:** Tuckerman

**PROGRAM:** Community Development

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Jackson / Hon. Larry Bowen

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Tuckerman is requesting \$4000 to purchase a new lawn mower.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$8,000.00

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$4,000.00

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John K. Hutchison

/ Hon. Ronald Caldwell  
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**APPLICANT:** Caraway  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Craighead / Hon. Barry Riley  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Caraway Fire Department requests \$2540.74 to purchase radio and siren equipment.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$5,081.49  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$2,540.74  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Homer Lenderman / Hon. David Burnett  
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**APPLICANT:** Clarkridge  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Baxter / Hon. Mickey Pendergrass  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Clarkridge Fire Department requests \$15,000 to purchase a late model 4-wheel drive chassis and equip it with a body to serve as a brush truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$33,479.93  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Karen Hopper / Hon. Johnny Key  
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**APPLICANT:** Fairfield Bay  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Van Buren / Hon. Paul Wellenberger  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Fairfield Bay Fire Department requests \$6,317.50 to purchase equipment, such as saws, hoses, valves, gated wyes, and turnouts.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$12,635.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$6,317.50  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Robert Dale / Hon. Missy Irvin  
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**APPLICANT:** Scotland  
**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection  
**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Van Buren / Hon. Roger Hooper  
**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Scotland Fire Department requests \$15,000 to purchase a brush truck.  
**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,429.00  
**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$15,000.00  
**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Robert E. Dale / Hon. David Sanders  
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**APPLICANT:** Strawberry

**PROGRAM:** Fire Protection

**MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE:** Lawrence / Hon. Opal Mullen

**PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Strawberry Fire Department requests \$9,880.35 to purchase turnout gear.

**TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$19,760.70

**AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:** \$9,880.35

**REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. James Ratliff / Hon. Robert Thompson  
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