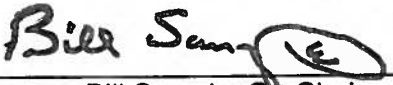


**Arkansas Legislative Council Report
For Emergency Approval of
Arkansas Department of Rural Services -- Rural Community
Development Grants and County Fair Building Grants for
Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015
April 16, 2015**

On April 16, 2015, Senator Bill Sample and Representative David Branscum, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council received written notification from Mr. Larry Walther, Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, that approval of Rural Community Development Grants and County Fair Building Grants for Cycle III of FY2015, as requested by the Arkansas Department of Rural Services, required immediate action. The department requires expedited approval of the grants due to notification timelines related to previously planned activities which will pass prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Legislative Council.

Under Rule 17 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council determined that emergency approval of the grants was essential to enable the department to perform essential services. As such, the Senate Co-Chair and the House of Representatives Co-Chair of Legislative Council may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to this agreement, and state herein that this agreement shall be filed as approved in accordance with § 12 of Act 116 of 2014, and be reported to the Legislative Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 17.

Respectfully Submitted,



Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



Representative David Branscum, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council



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April 15, 2015

Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair
Representative David L. Branscum, Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Emergency Grant Distribution Approval Request – Department of Rural Services

Dear Co-Chairs:

Pursuant to Section 12 of Act 116 of 2014, distribution of grants by the Department of Rural Services requires the approval of the Governor and the Arkansas Legislative Council prior to distribution. The attached document reflects the approval of the Governor's Office for grant distribution.

The Department of Rural Services has indicated to my office that delaying approval of grant awards until the next regular meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council will cause undue harm as a result of grant award notification timelines related to previously planned activities.

Therefore, in my capacity as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, I am notifying you of my approval of this item on an emergency basis per Rule 17 of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry W. Walther".

Larry W. Walther
Director

Cc: Ms. Amy Fecher, Director
Department of Rural Services

Attachment



April 16, 2015

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Legislative Council Co-Chair
State Capitol, Rm. 315
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Representative Branscum:

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Thank you for your help on this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Senator Bill Sample, Co-Chair
Jill Thayer, Bureau of Legislative Research
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Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs

Contact: Amy Fecher, Director

682-6011

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

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Cycle III FY15 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants:\$252,200.00

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$153,196.28

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$123,300.00

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$211,231.00

Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$128,900.00

<p align="center">Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015</p>

APPLICANT: Bald Knob

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: White / Hon. Beth Calhoun

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Bald Knob is requesting \$5,475 to replace the heating and air conditioning system in the 1915 Missouri Pacific Depot.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$5,475.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$5,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Jeremy Gillam / The Honorable Ronald Caldwell
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APPLICANT: Bradley County

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Bradley / The Honorable Keith Neely

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Bradley County Rural Fire Department is requesting \$15,000 for a fire station to house five vehicles.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$48,371.09

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw / The Honorable Eddie Cheatham
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APPLICANT: Cash

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Craighead / Hon. Michael Cureton

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Cash is requesting \$15,000 to replace the heating and air system in the old Church of Christ building that now serves as a community center.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,160.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Jack Ladyman / The Honorable John Cooper
The Honorable Dwight Tosh /

APPLICANT: Center Point

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Howard / The Honorable Kevin Smith

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Center Point VFD is requesting \$2,400 for new radios and radio equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4,800.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$2,400.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Gonzales / The Honorable Larry Teague
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<p style="text-align: center;">Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015</p>
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APPLICANT: Collins
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Drew / The Honorable Robert Akin
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Collins FD is requesting \$9,104 to purchase protective equipment and radios for their firefighters.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,208.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Sheilla Lampkin / The Honorable Eddie Cheatham
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APPLICANT: Conway County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Conway / The Honorable Jimmy Hart
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Conway County Library is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a bookmobile that will increase its service area.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$144,934.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Rick Beck / The Honorable David Sanders
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APPLICANT: Crawfordsville
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Crittenden / Hon. Joe Marroti
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Crawfordsville is requesting \$10,350 to purchase and install an emergency warning system.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$21,165.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$10,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Milton Nicks / The Honorable Keith Ingram
The Honorable Deborah Ferguson /

APPLICANT: Genoa
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Miller / The Honorable Larry E. Burgess
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Genoa FD is requesting \$15,000 to begin construction on a new fire station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Lane Jean / The Honorable Jimmy Hickey, Jr
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<p align="center">Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015</p>

APPLICANT: Harrisburg

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Poinsett / Hon. Randy Mills

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Harrisburg is requesting \$15,000 to purchase and install two storm sirens.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$42,909.49

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Dwight Tosh / The Honorable David Burnett
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APPLICANT: Hazen

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Prairie / Hon. David Duch

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Hazen is requesting \$8,350.70 to purchase gravel for parking lot of the baseball field, fencing to divide the fields and red rock for the infields.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,790.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable David Hillman / The Honorable Jonathan Disman
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APPLICANT: Highfill

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / Hon. Stacy Digby

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Highfill is requesting \$14,000 to move their historic community building to their city park and restore it.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$13,500.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Dan M. Douglas / The Honorable Bart Hester
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APPLICANT: Highland

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sharp / Hon. Russell Truitt

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Highland is requesting \$8,450 to purchase an emergency warning system.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,450.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable James Ratliff / The Honorable Linda Collins-S
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<p align="center">Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015</p>

APPLICANT: Howard County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Howard / The Honorable Kevin Smith
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Howard County is requesting \$4,015.84 to construct a greenhouse at the Howard County Farmers Market.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10,020.53
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Gonzales / The Honorable Larry Teague
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APPLICANT: Huntsville
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Madison / Hon. Darrell Trahan
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Huntsville Fire Department is requesting \$15,000 to purchase new airpaks for their firefighters.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,119.11
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Bill Gossage / The Honorable Bryan King
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APPLICANT: Jacksonport
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Jackson / Hon Marcus Dodson
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Jacksonport is requesting \$2,331.05 to install new safety equipment to their city park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$4,662.10
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$2,300.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Michael John Gray / The Honorable Ronald Caldwell
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APPLICANT: Jasper
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Newton / Hon. Janice Larson
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Jasper is requesting \$15,000 to improve Bradley Park's athletic fields, dugouts, concession stand, and storage facility.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$32,805.99
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable David Branscum /
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Rural Community Grant Program Funding Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015
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APPLICANT: Lake Village

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Chicot / Hon. JoAnne Bush

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Lake Village FD is requesting \$14,567.50 to purchase equipment and turnouts.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$14,567.50

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Mark McElroy / The Honorable Eddie Cheatham
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APPLICANT: Locust Bayou

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Calhoun / The Honorable Floyd Nutt

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Locust Bayou VFD is requesting \$8,000 to purchase a new water tanker truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Baine / The Honorable Bobby Pierce
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APPLICANT: Mayflower

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Faulkner / Hon. Randy Holland

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Mayflower is requesting \$4,151.50 for funds to assist with repairs and upgrades to the central fire station.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,303.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Douglas House / The Honorable Jason Rapert
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APPLICANT: Ozone

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Johnson / Hon. Herman H. Houston

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Ozone community is applying for \$15,000 to replace roof and repair decking on community building.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,295.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Betty Overbey / The Honorable Gary Stubblefield
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APPLICANT: Rodney-Jordan
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter / The Honorable Mickey Pendergrass
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Rodney Jordan VFD is requesting \$12,500 to build two additional bays to their current fire station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$25,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$12,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Payton / The Honorable Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Salem
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Saline / The Honorable Avery Jeff
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Salem FD is requesting \$15,000 to buy a new brush truck.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$47,064.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Lanny Fite / The Honorable Jeremy Hutchins
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APPLICANT: Salem
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Fulton / Hon. Daniel Bush
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Salem is requesting \$7,151 to replace its fire department's turnout gear.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,151.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$7,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Scott Baltz / The Honorable Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Wheeler
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Washington / The Honorable Marilyn Edwards
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Wheeler FD is requesting \$15,000 to purchase 4 sets of SCBA for their firefighters.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,888.73
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,500.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Charlene Fite / The Honorable Jim Hendren
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APPLICANT: Fox
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Stone / The Honorable Stacey Avey /
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Community of Fox is requesting \$3,100 for the purchase of a new lawn mower for their park.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$6,200.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Payton / The Honorable Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: Leachville
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Mississippi / Hon. Ralph Wells
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Leachville VFD is requesting \$15,000 to begin building a new substation.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$33,800.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Dave Wallace / The Honorable David Burnett

APPLICANT: McNeil
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Columbia / Hon. Terri Triplet
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of McNeil is requesting \$3,123.69 to complete a city beautification project. It will help replace flowers, picnic tables, re-stain the gazebo, and ect.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$6,247.38
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable David Fielding / The Honorable Bruce Maloch

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APPLICANT: Monette
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Craighead / / Honorable Jerry Qualls
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Montett FD is requesting \$7,573 to purchase hand held radios.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,147.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Dan Sullivan / The Honorable David Burnett

APPLICANT: Mountainburg
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Crawford / / Hon. Neal Moon
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Moutainburg Fire Department is requesting \$11,384 to purchase up to date rescue equipment.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,768.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Harris / The Honorable Bryan King

APPLICANT: Newnata-Timbo
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Stone / The Honorable Stacey Avey /
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Newnata-Timbo FD is requesting \$15,000 to build an addition to their current fire station.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$44,879.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Payton / The Honorable Missy Irvin

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APPLICANT: Reyno

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Randolph / Hon. Vicki Edington

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Reyno is requesting \$4,000 to repair the city sidewalks that are mostly deteriorated.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Joe Jett / The Honorable Linda Collins-S

APPLICANT: South Pike County

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Pike / The Honorable Dewight Mack /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Community in South Pike County is requesting \$15,000 to resurface, paint, and add handicap accessibility to three tennis courts.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$40,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Gonzales / The Honorable Larry Teague

APPLICANT: Sturkie

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Fulton / The Honorable Darrell Zimme /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Sturkie VFD is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new 40 x 40 substation at Moko.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Scott Baltz / The Honorable Missy Irvin

**Rural Community Grant Programs
Unfunded Recommendations for Cycle III of Fiscal Year 2015**

APPLICANT: Wirth

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Sharp / The Honorable Larry Brown /

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Wirth VFD is requesting \$14,400 to expand the capacity of their main fire station by three bays.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28,800.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Scott Baltz / The Honorable Linda Collins-S

Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program
Fiscal Year 2015

Contact: Amy Fecher, 682-6011

Program:

Grant awards are available to county fairs located in counties with a population of less than 55,000. Applications for this program are accepted on an annual basis. Eligible projects for this fiscal year include construction, renovation or general improvements of county fair buildings and grounds, or the purchase of items shown to directly improve the buildings, grounds or the services that the county fair association may provide. Maximum grant awards for this fiscal year is \$4,000.

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FY 15 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution: \$20,073.00

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$24,074.98

Total Complete & Eligible Grant Applications: 8

Amount Recommended for Distribution under the County Fair Building Grant Program:
\$20,073.00

Arkansas County Fair Building Grant FY 2015 Funding Recommendations
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APPLICANT: Clark County

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/JUDGE Clark / Ron Daniel

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Clark County Fair Association is requesting \$577.60 to purchase and install cell phone boosters for all three fair buildings.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$1,155.21

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$577.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Maloch / Womack
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APPLICANT: Miller County

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/JUDGE Miller / Larry Burbess

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Miller County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 to replace lights in the fair building and to build bleachers in the livestock showing arena.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,100.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Hickey / Jean
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APPLICANT: Randolph County

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/JUDGE Randolph / David Jansen

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Randolph County Fair Association is requesting \$3,728.00 to add a center tie aisle in the cattle barn.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,456.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,728.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Johnson / Baltz
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APPLICANT: Scott County

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/JUDGE Scott / James Forbes

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Scott County Fair Association is requesting \$1,912.89 to install an interior wall in the Commerical Building and paint the exterior of the Home Economics Building.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3,825.78

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$1,912.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Rice / Richmond
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APPLICANT: Searcy County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE Searcy / Jim Harness
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Searcy County Fair Association is requesting \$1,856.49 to purchase a computer software program to record fair entries and print checks for exhibitors.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$3,712.99
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$1,856.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Irvin / Branscum
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APPLICANT: South Logan County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE South Logan / Ray Gack
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The South Logan County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 to renovate and update the animal show ring, animal wash rack, poultry barn, and band stand.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Stubblefield / Eubanks
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APPLICANT: St. Francis County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE St. Francis / Gary Hughes
PROJECT NARRATIVE: St. Francis County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000 to repair the roof on the Exhibit Building.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,096.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Caldwell / Murdock
/ Ferguson

**Arkansas County Fair Building Grant
FY 2015 Unfunded Recommendations**

APPLICANT: Cleburne County

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/JUDGE Cleburne / Jerry Holmes

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cleburne County Fair Association is requesting \$ 4,000.00 to install ADA compliant restrooms and outdoor water spigot.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Irvin / Miller
/ Payton
