

Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs Fiscal Year 2016, Cycle 1

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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 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division 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 only allowed one day 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 four 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 Legislative Council and the Governor for approval.

Cycle I FY16 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$191,217.00

Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$113,160.47

Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$89,197.00

Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$117,535.29

Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$102,020.00

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APPLICANT: Clear Creek VFD

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Drew / The Honorable Robert Akin

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Clear Creek VFD is requesting \$11,612 to purchase a water truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$23,224.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,612.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Mike Holcomb / The Honorable Eddie Chatham
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APPLICANT: Decatur

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / The Honorable Bob Tharp

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Decatur is requesting \$15,000 to improve their parks and accessibility in town.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$50,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Kim Hendren / The Honorable Jim Hendren
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APPLICANT: Greers Ferry

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleburne / The Honorable John Carlton

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Greers Ferry is requesting \$15,000 for the purchase of materials and construction of two sets of bleachers at the city ball field and a cover for one existing set of bleachers.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$31,545.92

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Payton / The Honorable Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Holly Grove

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Monroe / The Honorable Lula Tyler

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Holly Grove is requesting \$15,000 to make improvements to the community building.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,582.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Reginald Murdock / The Honorable Jonathan Dismang
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APPLICANT: Huntington

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Sebastian / The Honorable Gary Lawrence

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Huntington is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a Class A Pumper Truck.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Marcus E. Richmond / The Honorable Terry Rice
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APPLICANT: Marion County

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Marion / The Honorable Terry C. Ott

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Marion County Library is requesting \$4,722.25 for equipment to initiate an outreach program to public and private facilities around the county.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$9,444.50

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,722.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Kelley Linck / The Honorable Scott Flippo
/ The Honorable Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: McCaskill

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Hempstead / The Honorable Marion Hoosier

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of McCaskill is requesting \$11,250 for the construction of a maintenance shed to house equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,500.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,250.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Brent Talley / The Honorable Larry Teague
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APPLICANT: Monette

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Craighead / The Honorable Jerry Qualls

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Monette is requesting \$7,573.50 to replace outdated hand-held radios.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,147.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$7,573.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Dan Sullivan / The Honorable David Burnett
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APPLICANT: Mountainburg

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Crawford / The Honorable Neal Moon

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Mountainburg is requesting \$11,384 to purchase up-to-date extrication equipment.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$22,768.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$11,384.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Harris / The Honorable Bryan King
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APPLICANT: NEBCO FD

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / The Honorable Robert Clinard

PROJECT NARRATIVE: NEBCO FD is requesting \$14,970 to replace some of their turnout gear.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$29,940.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,970.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Grant Hodges / The Honorable Cecile Bledsoe
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APPLICANT: Newnata-Timbo VFD

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Stone / The Honorable Stacey Avey

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Newnata-Timbo VFD is requesting \$15,000 to add an addition to the Timbo substation.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$44,879.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable John Payton / The Honorable Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Ogden

PROGRAM: Community Development

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Little River / The Honorable Sandra Furlow

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Ogden is requesting \$9,225 to purchase and install a storm warning siren.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$18,450.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$9,225.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable DeAnn Vaught / The Honorable Jimmy Hickey, Jr.
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APPLICANT: Pike County
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Pike / The Honorable Dewight Mack
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Pike County is requesting \$15,000 to resurface, paint, and add handicap accessibility to three tennis courts.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$43,066.66
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Justin Gonzales / The Honorable Larry Teague
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APPLICANT: Rector
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Clay / The Honorable Teresa Roofe
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Rector is requesting \$7,529 to purchase two thermal imagers and three SCBA's.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,059.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$7,529.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Joe Jett / The Honorable Blake Johnson
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APPLICANT: Reyno
PROGRAM: Community Development
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Randolph / The Honorable Vicki Edington
PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Reyno is requesting \$4,000 to repair or replace sidewalks.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Joe Jett / The Honorable Linda Collins-Smith
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APPLICANT: Sturkie VFD
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Fulton / The Honorable Darrell Zimmer
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Sturkie VFD is requesting \$15,000 to construct a metal building for its Moko substation.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$30,000.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Scott Baltz / The Honorable Missy Irvin
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APPLICANT: Western Greene Co.

PROGRAM: Fire Protection

MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Greene / The Honorable Rusty McMillon

PROJECT NARRATIVE: Western Green Co. FD is requesting \$3,952.13 to construct a bathroom inside station #5.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,904.27

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,952.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Joe Jett / The Honorable Blake Johnson
The Honorable James Ratliff /

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APPLICANT: Camp VFD
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Fulton /The Honorable Darrell Zimmer /
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Camp VFD is requesting \$7,114.66 for 16 SCBA cylinders.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$14,229.33
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Scott Baltz / The Honorable Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: Fairfield Bay
PROGRAM: Community Development
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Cleburne / / The Honorable Paul Wellenberger
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Fairfield Bay is requesting \$9,967.62 for the purchase of new L.E.D. lighting to replace existing lighting.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$19,935.25
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Trevor Drown / The Honorable Missy Irvin

APPLICANT: Grassy Knob VFD
PROGRAM: Fire Protection
COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Carroll /The Honorable Sam Barr /
PROJECT NARRATIVE: Grassy Knob VFD is requesting \$8,400 to outfit a fire boat with safety equipment to address shoreline fires.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$16,800.00
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Bob Ballinger / The Honorable Bryan King

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APPLICANT: Sulphur Springs

PROGRAM: Community Development

COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Benton / The Honorable Gregory Barber

PROJECT NARRATIVE: City of Sulphur Springs is requesting \$13,995.60 to replace the roof on the old school complex.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$61,200.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: The Honorable Kim Hendren / The Honorable Jim Hendren

**Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program
Fiscal Year 2016, Cycle 1**

Contact: Amy Fecher, 501-682-1124

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.

Grant Review Process:

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Cycle I FY16 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution: \$27,574.00

Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$27,574.91

Total Complete & Eligible Grant Applications: 7

Amount Recommended for Distribution under the County Fair Building Grant Program: \$27,574.00

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APPLICANT: Fulton County Fair Association

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Fulton / JUDGE: Darrell Zimmer

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Fulton County Fair is requesting \$3,574.91 to purchase new speakers for the new Salem Civic Center.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$7,149.83

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,574.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Missy Irvin / The Honorable Scott Baltz
The Honorable Linda Collins-Smith /

APPLICANT: Independence County Fair Association

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Independence / JUDGE: Robert Griffin

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Independence County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to add metal siding to each of the fair barns

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$13,500.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Linda Collins-Smith / The Honorable James Sturch The Honorable Michelle Gray
/ The Honorable Dwight Tosh The Honorable Michael Gray

APPLICANT: Izard County Fair Association

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Izard / JUDGE: David Sherrell

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Izard County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to replace and install new bleacher seats at the show arena.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Linda Collins-Smith / The Honorable Michelle Gray
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APPLICANT: Lafayette County Fair

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Lafayette / JUDGE: Mike Rowe

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Lafayette County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to build new livestock pens.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,300.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Jimmy Hickey, Jr. / The Honorable David Fielding
/ The Honorable Lane Jean

APPLICANT: Marion County Fair Association

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Marion / JUDGE: Terry C. Ott

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Marion County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to remodel the kitchen area of the community building.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10,870.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Scott Flippo / The Honorable Kelley Linck
The Honorable Missy Irvin / The Honorable John Payton

APPLICANT: North Franklin

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE North Franklin / JUDGE: Rickey Bowman

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The North Franklin County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to construct new bleachers.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$15,967.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Terry Rice / The Honorable Bill Gossage
The Honorable Gary Stubblefield /
The Honorable Bryan King

APPLICANT: Sharp County Fair Association

PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant

COUNTY/MAYOR OR JUDGE Sharp / JUDGE: Larry W. Brown

PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sharp County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 to replace the roof, refurbish building, and add sidewalks.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,628.97

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00

SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE The Honorable Linda Collins-Smith / The Honorable James Ratliff
/ The Honorable Michelle Gray
