

- To: Legislative Council
- From: Butch Calhoun, Director
- Date: September 16, 2011
- **Re:** FY12 Cycle I RCGP Funded Communities

The Fiscal Year 2012 Cycle I funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. By the August 19th deadline, 29 complete and eligible applications were received with over \$291,000.00 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution in the areas of fire protection and community development totaled \$165,502.85.

Thanks!

Butch Calhoun, Director Department of Rural Services

Enclosures

Arkansas Rural Community Grant Programs Contact: Butch Calhoun, 682-6013

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 | FY12 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution for Community Development and Fire Protection Grants: \$165,502.85 Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$291,857.65 Amount Requested under the Community Development Program: \$98,694.92 Amount Available for Distribution under the Community Development Program: \$32,744.42 Amount Requested under the Fire Protection Program: \$193,162.73 Amount Available for Distribution under the Fire Protection Program: \$132,758.43

APPLICANT: Arkana PROGRAM: Community Development MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Baxter Hon. Joe Bodenhamer PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Arkana Community is requesting \$15,000 to insulate the ceiling and walls, put in storm windows, replace floor, repair ceiling, and paint their community center. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$31,161.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 / Hon. Johnny Key **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Lori Benedict **APPLICANT:** Capps Batavia PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** Hon, James Norton MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Boone PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Capps Batavia Fire Protection Association is requesting \$15,000 to construct a new 4 bay fire station. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$30,933.20 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 / Hon. Randy Laverty **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. John Burris **APPLICANT:** Decatur **PROGRAM: Community Development** MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Benton / Hon. Charles Linam PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Decatur is requesting \$3,369.42 to purchase shelving, 2 computers, and a cordless book scanner for their library. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$6,738.84 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,369.42 **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** / Hon. Kim Hendren Hon. Mary L. Slinkard APPLICANT: Diaz **PROGRAM: Fire Protection** MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Jackson / Hon. Dwight Davis PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Diaz Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$4,350 to construct a building to house their tanker truck. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$8,700.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,350.00 / Hon. David Wyatt **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Jody Dickinson 1

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APPLICANT: Floral

PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** Hon. Claude Dill MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Cleburne PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Floral Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to construct a two-bay substation. TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$39,343.00 \$15,000.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: / Hon. Jason Rapert Hon. Josh Johnston **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** 1 APPLICANT: Horseshoe Bend PROGRAM: Fire Protection / Hon. Bob Barnes MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Izard PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Horseshoe Bend Fire Dept is requesting \$1,550.00 to insulate the ceiling in their fire bays. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$3,100.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$1,550.00 / Hon. Missy Irvin **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Tommy Wren Hon. Lori Benedict 1 APPLICANT: Murfreesboro PROGRAM: Fire Protection / Hon. Travis Branch MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Pike **PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Murfreesboro Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$8,560 to purchase fire hose. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$17,120.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$8,560.00 / Hon. Larry Teague **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Randy Stewart 1 APPLICANT: Peel PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** Hon. James "Pete" Giles MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Marion PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Peel Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a used pumper truck and a used tanker truck. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$55,000.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Kelley Linck / Hon. Johnny Key

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APPLICANT: Pettigrew **Community Development** PROGRAM: Hon, Frank Weaver MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Madison PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Pettigrew Community is requesting \$14,375 to restore and preserve their community center. TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$28,750.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$14,375.00 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. David L. Branscum / Hon. Randy Laverty **APPLICANT:** Sturkie PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** Hon. Charles Willett MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Fulton PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sturkie Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$10,463.47 to purchase equipment to for their tanker truck. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$20,926,95 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$10,463.47 **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** / Hon. Missy Irvin Hon. Lori Benedict APPLICANT: Taylor **PROGRAM:** Fire Protection / Hon. Charles Matlock MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Columbia **PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The Taylor Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$3,337.40 to purchase various fire equipment. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$6,674.81 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,337.40 / Hon. Steve Harrelson **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Lane Jean / Hon. Percy Malone **APPLICANT:** Tontitown PROGRAM: Fire Protection MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Washington / Hon. Tommy Granata PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tontitown Area VFD is requesting \$11,041.56 to purchase 3 radio repeaters and a Mobil Date Terminal.

TOTAL PROJECT COST:\$22,083.12AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:\$11,041.56REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:Hon. Jonathan Barnett

/ Hon. Bill Pritchard

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APPLICANT: Tulip-Princeton **PROGRAM: Fire Protection** Hon. Jimmy Jones MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Dallas PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Tulip-Princeton Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to complete Phase 2 of their expansion plans for their station. \$30,537.80 **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 Hon. Bobby J. Pierce / Hon. Percy Malone REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: 1 APPLICANT: Ward **PROGRAM:** Fire Protection MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Lonoke / Hon. Art Brooke PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Ward Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase and install 10 fire hydrants throughout their city. TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$33,514.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 / Hon. Eddie Joe Williams **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Davy Carter APPLICANT: Western Greene County PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** Hon. Jerry Shipman MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Greene PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Western Greene County Fire District is requesting \$15,000 to construct a four-bay insulated fire station. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$58,335.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$15,000.00 / Hon. Robert Thompson **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:** Hon. Mike Patterson 1 **APPLICANT:** Wooster PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** MAYOR/COUNTY JUDGE: Faulkner / Hon. Terry Don Robinson PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Wooster Volunteer Fire Dept is requesting \$3,456 to purchase 2 twist-lock vehicle stabilization kits. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$6,912.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$3,456.00 / Hon. Gilbert Baker

Hon. David Meeks

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:

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APPLICANT: Clarkridge PROGRAM: **Fire Protection** COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: 1 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: Hon. Lori Benedict

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:

\$0.00

/ Hon. Johnny Key

APPLICANT: Concord PROGRAM: **Community Development** / Hon. Warren Rone COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Cleburne **PROJECT NARRATIVE:** The City of Concord is requesting \$9,724.00 to renovate their community center. \$19,466.00 **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00 / Hon. David Wyatt Hon. Josh Johnston **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:**

APPLICANT: Cotter PROGRAM: Fire Protection / Hon. Peggy Hammack COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Baxter PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Cotter Fire Dept is requesting \$12,217.30 to purchase a skid unit, a SKED rescue system, a rope rescue system, radios, and other equipment. **TOTAL PROJECT COST:** \$24,434.60 \$0.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:

Hon. Karen S. Hopper **REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:**

/ Hon. Johnny Key

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 APPLICANT: Dell

 PROGRAM: Fire Protection

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Mississippi / / Hon. Kenneth Jackson

 PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Dell Fire Dept is requesting \$15,000 to purchase a pumper truck.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$52,400.00

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Charolette Wagner / Hon. David Burnett

 APPLICANT: Gravette

 PROGRAM: Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: Benton / / Hon. Byron Warren

 PROJECT NARRATIVE: The City of Gravette is requesting \$15,000 to complete renovations to their city pool.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$35,782.11

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Mary L. Slinkard / Hon. Kim Hendren

 APPLICANT:
 Greers Ferry

 PROGRAM:
 Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Cleburne
 / Hon. Don Ware

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The City of Greers Ferry is requesting \$2,255 to replace the bleachers in the city baseball park.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST:
 \$4,510.00

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:
 \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:
 Hon. Josh Johnston
 / Hon. Jason Rapert

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 APPLICANT:
 Lincoln

 PROGRAM:
 Fire Protection

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Washington /
 / Hon. Rob Hulse

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The Lincoln Fire Dept is requesting \$14,237 to purchase a search and rescue boat.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST:
 \$28,475.00

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:
 \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:
 Hon. Justin Harris
 / Hon. Bill Pritchard

 APPLICANT:
 Marmaduke

 PROGRAM:
 Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Greene
 / Hon. Steve Dixon

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The City of Marmaduke is requesting \$4,250 to purchase batting cages.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST:
 \$8,500.00

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:
 \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:
 Hon. Mike Patterson
 / Hon. Robert Thompson

 APPLICANT:
 Mt. Judea

 PROGRAM:
 Fire Protection

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Newton
 / Hon. Warren Campbell

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The Mt. Judea Fire Dept is requesting \$3,950 to purchase 5 sets of turnout gear.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST:
 \$3,950.00

 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:
 \$0.00

 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:
 Hon. David L. Branscum
 / Hon. Randy Laverty

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 APPLICANT:
 Oxford

 PROGRAM:
 Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Izard
 /

 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: Prim

 PROGRAM: Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR: 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:\$9,009.00AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:\$0.00

REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Josh Johnston

 APPLICANT:
 Woodlawn

 PROGRAM:
 Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Cleveland
 / Hon. Gary Spears
 /

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The Woodlawn Community is requesting \$15,000 to complete a second field at their baseball complex.

TOTAL PROJECT COST:\$30,000.00AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING:\$0.00REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR:Hon. Sheilla E. Lampkin

/ Hon. Jerry Taylor

/ Hon. Jason Rapert

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 APPLICANT:
 Woodlawn

 PROGRAM:
 Community Development

 COUNTY/JUDGE/MAYOR:
 Lonoke
 / Hon. Doug Erwin
 /

 PROJECT NARRATIVE:
 The Woodlawn Community is requesting \$4,000 to upgrade the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning at their community center.

 TOTAL PROJECT COST:
 \$8,400.00

AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00 REPRESENTATIVE/SENATOR: Hon. Walls McCrary

/ Hon. Eddie Joe Williams



To: Legislative Council

From: Butch Calhoun, Director

Date: September 9, 2011

Re: FY12 County Fair Building Grant

The funding recommendations are enclosed for the Arkansas County Fair Building Grant. By the August 19th deadline, 7 complete and eligible applications were received with \$28,000.00 in requests. Funds available this cycle for distribution totaled \$16,000.00.

Enclosed you will find the County Fair Funded Report and County Fair Unfunded Report.

Thanks,

Butch Calhoun, Director Department of Rural Services

Enclosures

Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program Fiscal Year 2012 Contact: Butch Calhoun, 682-6013

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:

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 awards history to determine if the county has any open grants in the program. 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 three-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 Legislative Council and the Governor for approval. The grants are awarded at a special awards ceremony scheduled by the department.

FY12 Information:

Amount Available for Distribution: \$16,000.00 Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applicants: \$28,000.00 Amount Recommended for Distribution under the County Fair Building Grant Program:

\$16,000.00

Arkansas County Fair Building Grant FY 2012 Funding Recommendations

APPLICANT: Poinsett County PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE Poinsett / Honorable Charles Nix PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Poinsett County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to build a 14x24 metal building to be used mainly for a beauty pageant dressing room.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00 SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Burnett / Loveli / /
APPLICANT: Sevier County PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant COUNTY/JUDGE Sevier / Honorable Greg Ray
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sevier County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to tear down and replace 135 feet of chain link fence. TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00 SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Teague / Steel
Harrelson /
APPLICANT: Sharp County PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant COUNTY/JUDGE Sharp / Honorable Larry Brown PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Sharp County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to construct a covered pavillion to be used primarily for the Ash Flat Eagle Fest each year, amongst other activities.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,000.00 AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00 SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Irvin / Benedict / Collins-Smith
APPLICANT: Yell County PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE Yell / Honorable Mark Thone PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Yell County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to construct an open-air ampitheatre on the fairgrounds for concerts, etc. TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,612.90
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$4,000.00 SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Lamoureux / Catlett

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Arkansas County Fair Building Grant FY 2012 Unfunded Recommendations

APPLICANT: Johnson County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE Johnson / Honorable Mike Jacobs
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Johnson County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to expand their poultry/rabit exhibit at the Johnson County Fair
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$10,700.00
MOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Laverty / Overbey
/
APPLICANT: Lawrence County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant COUNTY/JUDGE Lawrence / Honorable Dale Freeman
COUNTY/JUDGE Lawrence / Honorable Dale Freeman PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Lawrence County Fair is requesting \$4,000 to install a new roof on the fair's exhibit building.
TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$8,419.90
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Thompson / Ratliff
APPLICANT: Searcy County
PROGRAM: County Fair Building Grant
COUNTY/JUDGE Searcy / Honorable Johnny Hinchey PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Searcy County is requesting \$4,000 to add heating and air and exhaust fans to their EH building, and ceiling fans in
PROJECT NARRATIVE: The Searcy County is requesting \$4,000 to add heating and air and exhaust fans to their EH building, and certain fans in the livestock barn.
AMOUNT RECOMMENDED FOR FUNDING: \$0.00
SENATOR/REPRESENTATIVE: Laverty / Branscum