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State of Arkansas  
95th General Assembly  
Regular Session, 2025

## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1649

By: Representative Vaught

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR WATER AND SEWER  
TREATMENT FACILITIES GRANTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE - ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
- ARKANSAS NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL  
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT FACILITIES GRANTS.  
There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Agriculture, to be payable  
from the Water and Sewer Treatment Facilities Grant Program Fund, for water  
and sewer treatment facilities grants of the Department of Agriculture -  
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission for the fiscal year ending June 30,  
2026, the sum of.....\$50,000,000.

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary



1 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
2 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
3 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be  
4 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.  
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6 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
7 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
8 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
9 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
10 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
11 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
12 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
13 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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15 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
16 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
17 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
18 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of  
19 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
20 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
21 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm  
22 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
23 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
24 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
25 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.  
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