

March 27, 2019

Senator Larry Teague, Co-Chair  
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair  
Joint Budget Committee  
Arkansas General Assembly  
State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

The Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services would like to submit to the Joint Budget Committee the proposed Rural Community Grants for Cycle II of Fiscal Year 2019, submitted pursuant to Section 56 of Act 1048 of the 2017 regular session and the County Fair Building Grants for Cycle II of Fiscal Year 2019, submitted pursuant to Section 55 of Act 1048 of the 2017 regular session. We respectfully request the committee to review the proposed funding recommendations and give approval for funding.

The attached funding recommendations were approved by the Arkansas Rural Development Commission on March 25, 2019 and Governor Asa Hutchinson on March 26, 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Preston  
Executive Director

Cc: Kevin Anderson, Bureau of Legislative Research

Attachments

Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Division of Rural Services  
Fiscal Year 2019, Cycle II Grant Funding  
Contact: Amy Fecher, 501-682-1124

**PURPOSE:**

To present funding recommendations from AEDC Rural Services for the Arkansas Rural Community and Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Programs.

**BACKGROUND:**

Each fiscal year, AEDC Rural Services receives legislative appropriation to award funds from the above named grant programs.

Applications received by AEDC Rural Services go through the following process:

1. Reviewed for eligibility by Rural Services staff;
2. Eligible applications and rankings are then reviewed by the Rural Development Commission;
3. Recommendations are forwarded to the Governor; and
4. Recommendations are forwarded to Joint Budget for final approval.

**COMMUNITIES IMPACTED:**

- **Rural Community Grant Program**– Cities and towns with a population of less than 3,000 (no limit on unincorporated areas). Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, community centers, fire stations, parks, storm sirens, storm shelters, beautification projects and any equipment associated. The cap for this grant program is \$15,000 and requires a 50/50 match from all applicants.
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**– Counties with a population of less than 55,000. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, construction or renovation of livestock barns, exhibit building, concession stands, bathroom facilities, auditorium and pavilion. It can also be used to purchase equipment such as doors, windows, siding, roofing, lawn mowers, toilets, showers, bleachers or other seating, major appliances. The cap on this grant program is \$4,000 and requires a 50/50 match from all applicants.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:**

- **Rural Community Grant Program**
  - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$614,520.66
  - o Amount Available for Distribution: \$325,459.58
  - o ***Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$325,459.58***
- **Arkansas County Fair Building Grant Program**
  - o Total Dollars Requested from Complete and Eligible Applications: \$45,804.56
  - o Amount Available for Distribution: \$45,804.56
  - o ***Amount of Total Funding Recommendations: \$45,804.56***



## Rural Community Grant Programs

### Funding Recommendations

Fiscal Year 2019

Cycle 2

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
9 Mile Ridge Fire Department	Fulton	\$2,357.00	The 9 Mile Ridge Fire Department is requesting \$2,357.00 in funding to purchase new turnout gear and radio equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Marsh Davis	\$2,357.00
Arkana	Baxter	\$6,171.00	The Community of Arkana is requesting \$6,171.00 in funding to remodel the kitchen of their community center. It has water damage to the exterior and interior. They will be replacing the roof and windows.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	\$0.00
Bearden Fire Department	Ouachita	\$2,727.50	The Bearden Fire Department is requesting \$2,727.50 in funding to replace equipment such as SCBA apparatuses, turnouts, radios and helmets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	David Fielding	\$2,727.50
Bergman	Boone	\$13,625.00	The City of Bergman is requesting \$13,625.00 in funding to purchase a used skid steer.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00
Briarcliff	Baxter	\$15,000.00	The City of Briarcliff is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to aid in the purchase of a dump truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	\$0.00
Brookland	Craighead	\$11,004.49	The city of Brookland is requesting \$11,004.49 in funding to complete a multi complex room at the west end of a storm shelter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Dan Sullivan	\$0.00
Brookland Fire Protection District	Craighead	\$15,000.00	The Brookland Fire Protection District is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Blake Johnson	Dan Sullivan	\$15,000.00
Cale Fire Department	Nevada	\$1,618.00	The Cale Fire Department is requesting \$1,618.00 in funds to purchase two radios and a set of turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	Danny Watson	\$1,618.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Resubmit	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Cedarville Fire Department	Crawford	\$12,293.00	The City of Cedarville is requesting \$12,293.00 in funding to purchase 10 sets of National Fire Protection Association compliant turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Charlene Fite	\$12,293.00
Chimes	Van Buren	\$3,442.95	The City of Chimes is requesting \$3,442.95 in funding to replace and add cabinets and windows in their community center as well as relocate their heat and air unit.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breanne Davis	Stan Berry	\$3,442.95
Colt	St. Francis	\$4,941.00	City of Colt is requesting \$4,941.00 to finish repairing and adding to the existing sidewalk on the North side of Old Military Road in the city limits.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Steve Hollowell	\$0.00
Cord Volunteer Fire Department	Independence	\$15,000.00	The Cord Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase turnout gear, wildland jackets and pants, SCBAs with masks and AED Devices.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Dwight Tosh	\$15,000.00
Cornerville Fire Department	Lincoln	\$6,908.87	The Community of Cornerville is requesting \$6,908.87 in funding to restore an old water tank for the Fire Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eddie Cheatham	Mike Holcomb	\$0.00
DeGray Volunteer Fire Department	Clark	\$8,050.00	The DeGray Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$8,050.00 in funding to purchase a washer extractor with a gear drying cabinet to wash the turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	Richard Womack	\$0.00
Denning	Franklin	\$5,900.00	The City of Denning is requesting \$5,900.00 in funding to construct two pedestrian bridges over a drainage ditch that separates park properties.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$0.00
Elm Springs	Washington	\$10,994.50	The City of Elm Springs is requesting \$10,994.50 to purchase a new tractor with a boom mower attachment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Robin Lundstrum	\$10,994.50
Enola	Faulkner	\$12,975.00	The City of Enola is requesting \$12,975.00 in funding to install an early warning storm siren.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jason Rapert	Josh Miller	\$0.00
Fairfield Bay Fire Department	Van Buren	\$15,000.00	The City of Fairfield Bay is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct an addition to their Fire Station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Stan Berry	\$15,000.00

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Felsenthal	Union	\$1,050.00	The City of Felsenthal is requesting \$1,050 in funding to improve their emergency warning system by installing a remote control phone activation mechanism to the warning siren.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Sonia Barker	\$1,050.00
Franklin Volunteer Fire Department	Izard	\$7,738.00	The Franklin Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$7,738.00 in funding to update and replace old fire fighting equipment.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Michelle Gray	\$7,738.00
Galatia	Baxter	\$15,000.00	The Community of Galatia is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to convert their old church building into a community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	John Payton	\$0.00
Garfield	Benton	\$15,000.00	The City of Garfield is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to pave the community walking trail located in Hamilton Park.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cecile Bledsoe	Grant Hodges	\$15,000.00
Gillett	Arkansas	\$15,000.00	The City of Gillett is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to create a community center for the city which would also serve as a museum.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stephanie Flowers	Chris Richey	\$15,000.00
Guy	Faulkner	\$15,000.00	The City of Guy is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to install central heat and air and sheetrock in a historical building which will be their future library.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Josh Miller	\$0.00
Hackett Fire Department	Sebastian	\$14,038.84	Hackett Fire Department is requesting \$14,038.84 in funding to purchase new radios.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mathew Pitsch	Marcus Richmond	\$14,038.84
Hazen	Prairie	\$9,530.72	The City of Hazen is requesting \$9,530.72 in funding to purchase a front loader tractor with attached mower that will be used at the City's baseball complex.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	David Hillman	\$0.00
Highfill Volunteer Fire Department	Benton	\$15,000.00	The Highfill Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new communication equipment for the Highfill Volunteer Fire Department.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bart Hester	Dan M. Douglas	\$15,000.00
Holiday Island	Carroll	\$15,000.00	The Community of Holiday Island is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct a storage facility for snow removal equipment as well as salt and sand.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Harlan Breaux	\$0.00

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Hollywood Fire Department	Clark	\$7,318.45	The Hollywood Fire Department is requesting \$7,318.45 in funding to purchase five new sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Teague	Justin Gonzales	\$7,318.45
Humnoke	Lonoke	\$5,000.00	The City of Humnoke is requesting \$5,000.00 in funding to upgrade the roof of their community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Dismang	Roger Lynch	\$0.00
Huntington Fire Department	Sebastian	\$4,714.00	The Huntington Fire Department is requesting \$4,714.00 in funding to purchase new fire hoses for their pumper trucks.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terry Rice	Marcus Richmond	\$4,714.00
Johnson County Rural Fire District #1	Johnson	\$15,000.00	Johnson County Rural Fire District #1 is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase equipment for their firefighters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Aaron Pilkington	\$0.00
Lakeview	Baxter	\$6,842.50	The City of Lakeview is requesting \$6,842.50 in funding to purchase a Kubota X9000.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$6,842.50
Lewisville Fire Department	Lafayette	\$15,000.00	The Lewisville Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a new pumper truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	David Fielding	\$15,000.00
Lincoln Fire Department	Washington	\$10,591.80	The Lincoln Fire Department is requesting \$10,591.80 in funding to purchase new fire equipment for their firefighters and firestation.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Charlene Fite	\$10,591.80
Marshall	Searcy	\$15,000.00	The City of Marshall is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to add a walking trail and small pavilions to their city park.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Keith Slape	\$0.00
Maysville	Benton	\$8,387.50	The City of Maysville is requesting \$8,387.50 in funding to repair the exterior of their community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Hendren	Gayla McKenzie	\$8,387.50
Monette	Craighead	\$15,000.00	The City of Monette is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase an early warning storm siren.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dave Wallace	Dan Sullivan	\$15,000.00
Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department	Union	\$15,000.00	The Mount Holly Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new sets of PPE gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Matthew Shepherd	\$15,000.00

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Mulberry Fire Department	Crawford	\$15,000.00	The Mulberry Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace six fire hydrants throughout the city.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Sarah Capp	\$0.00
NEBCO Fire and EMS	Benton	\$15,000.00	NEBCO Fire and EMS is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase 14 sets of turnout gear.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cecile Bledsoe	Grant Hodges	\$0.00
Newark Fire Department	Independence	\$7,130.00	The Newark Fire Department is requesting \$7,130.00 in funding to purchase a specialized washer and dryer to clean turnout gear.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Stu Smith	\$7,130.00
Oak Grove	Nevada	\$15,000.00	The Community of Oak Grove is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to renovate an existing building to become the town's new community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bruce Maloch	David Fielding	\$15,000.00
Oil Trough	Independence	\$13,205.00	The City of Oil Trough is requesting \$13,205.00 in funding to renovate an old school gym into a storm shelter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Stu Smith	\$0.00
Pangburn Fire Department	White	\$15,000.00	The Pangburn Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to replace a 44 year old pumper truck.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Cameron Cooper	\$0.00
Perry	Perry	\$9,970.70	The City of Perry is requesting \$9,970.70 in funding to construct foundation for the historic Perry Railroad Depot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Rick Beck	\$9,970.70
Rondo Fire Department	Lee	\$13,500.00	The Rondo Fire Department is requesting \$13,500.00 in funding to purchase new turnout gear and communication equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ronald Caldwell	Reginald Murdock	\$13,500.00
Rudy	Crawford	\$15,000.00	The City of Rudy is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase play equipment for their city park.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bob Ballinger	Bruce Coleman	\$0.00
Scranton	Logan	\$10,750.00	The City of Scranton is requesting \$10,750.00 in funding to install new storm sirens.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Jon Eubanks	\$10,750.00
Scranton Rural Fire Department	Logan	\$15,000.00	The Scranton Rural Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase new equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Jon Eubanks	\$0.00

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Strong	Union	\$14,303.46	The City of Strong is requesting \$14,303.46 to purchase gym equipment for their new community center open to the public.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Sonia Barker	\$14,303.46
Thornton	Calhoun	\$15,000.00	The City of Thornton is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to construct a community center.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trent Garner	Jeff Wardlaw	\$15,000.00
Viola Fire Department	Fulton	\$3,191.38	The Viola Fire Department is requesting \$3,191.38 in funding to replace and upgrade equipment for their fire station.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Missy Irvin	Marsh Davis	\$3,191.38
Watalula Volunteer Fire Department	Franklin	\$15,000.00	The Watalula Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$15,000.00 in funding to purchase a used fire engine to replace an existing 40 year old engine.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$0.00
Williams Junction Volunteer Fire Department	Perry	\$7,500.00	The Williams Junction Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$7,500.00 in funding to add a three bay addition to the fire station. This Phase consists of preparation and a concrete slab.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Johnson	Mary Bentley Andy Davis	\$7,500.00
Williford Volunteer Fire Department	Sharp	\$6,500.00	The Williford Volunteer Fire Department is requesting \$6,500.00 in funding to pour a concrete driveway for sub-station 2.	<input type="checkbox"/>	James Sturch	Frances Cavanaugh	\$0.00
Yellville	Marion	\$5,250.00	The City of Yellville is requesting \$5,250.00 in funding to consturct a chain link fence around the city's new pool area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scott Flippo	Jack Fortner	\$0.00

57 record(s) totaling \$614,520.66

**Total Recommended:** \$325,459.58





## County Fair Building Grant Program

### Complete and Eligible Report

Fiscal Year 2019

Cycle 2

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
Carroll County Fair Grounds	Carroll	\$4,000.00	The Carroll County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to add a concrete footer to the bay door, add double pane windows in meeting rooms, upgrade the lighting arena and restrain the floors.	Bob Ballinger	Ron McNair Harlan Breaux	\$4,000.00
Cleveland County Fair Association Inc.	Cleveland	\$3,000.00	The Cleveland County Fair is requesting \$3,000.00 in funding to purchase new folding chairs and new fence gates for livestock area.	Eddie Cheatham	Jeff Wardlaw Mike Holcomb	\$3,000.00
Conway County Fair Association	Conway	\$2,600.00	The Conway County Fair is requesting \$2,600.00 in funding to refurbish and update the Fair Commercial Building.	Mark Johnson	Rick Beck	\$2,600.00
Drew County Livestock and Fair Association	Drew	\$4,000.00	The Drew County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to purchase livestock show rings and LED lighting in the commercial building.	Eddie Cheatham	LeAnne Burch	\$4,000.00
Johnson County Fair Association	Johnson	\$2,214.56	The Johnson County Fair is requesting \$2,214.56 in funding to purchase a new zero turn mower.	Gary Stubblefield	Aaron Pilkington	\$2,214.56
Lafayette County Fair Association	Lafayette	\$4,000.00	Lafayette County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to restore and upgrade the fairground bathrooms.	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	David Fielding Lane Jean	\$4,000.00
Lawrence County Fair	Lawrence	\$4,000.00	The Lawrence County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to build a pavillion on the fairgrounds.	Blake Johnson	Frances Cavanaugh	\$4,000.00
Little River County Fair Association, Inc.	Little River	\$4,000.00	The Little River County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to add an aluminum ceiling to an existing fair building.	Jimmy Hickey, Jr.	DeAnn Vaught	\$4,000.00

Applicant	County	Requested	Narrative	Senator	Representative	Recommendation
North Franklin County Fair Association	Franklin	\$2,000.00	The North Franklin County Fair is requesting \$2,000.00 in funding to improve the appliances in the concession stand.	Gary Stubblefield	Sarah Capp	\$2,000.00
Poinsett County Fair Association	Poinsett	\$4,000.00	The Poinsett County Fair Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to update and repair old electrical work at the fairgrounds.	Dave Wallace	Dwight Tosh	\$4,000.00
Searcy County Fair Inc.	Searcy	\$4,000.00	The Searcy County Fair is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to modify their concession stand to meet the requirements of the ADH.	Missy Irvin	Keith Slape John Payton	\$4,000.00
South Logan County Fair and Livestock Association	Logan	\$4,000.00	The South Logan County Fair and Livestock Association is requesting \$4,000.00 in funding to repair and remodel a concession stand within the fairground.	Gary Stubblefield	Jon Eubanks	\$4,000.00
The Three County Fair	Woodruff	\$3,990.00	The Three County Fair is requesting \$3,990.00 in funding to modify the fairground concession stand to meet ADH standards.	Ronald Caldwell	Craig Christiansen	\$3,990.00

13 record(s) totaling \$45,804.56