

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 133

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5 By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL
10 SERVICES AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR THE BIENNIAL
12 PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
17 SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2005-2007
18 BIENNIUM.

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

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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES. There is hereby established for the
25 Department of Rural Services for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following
26 maximum number of regular employees whose salaries shall be governed by the
27 provisions of the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act (Arkansas Code
28 §§21-5-201 et seq.), or its successor, and all laws amendatory thereto.
29 Provided, however, that any position to which a specific maximum annual
30 salary is set out herein in dollars, shall be exempt from the provisions of
31 said Uniform Classification and Compensation Act. All persons occupying
32 positions authorized herein are hereby governed by the provisions of the
33 Regular Salaries Procedures and Restrictions Act (Arkansas Code §21-5-101),
34 or its successor.

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36 Maximum Annual



Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Salary Rate Fiscal Years 2005-2006	Salary Rate Fiscal Years 2006-2007
4	(1) 7077	DIRECTOR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	\$73,191	\$75,131
5	(2) R199	ASST DIR OF RURAL SERVICES	1	GRADE 22	
6	(3) R168	GRANTS COORDINATOR II	2	GRADE 19	
7	(4) R010	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II	<u>1</u>	GRADE 17	
8	MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES		5		

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Rural Services for the 2005-2007 biennium, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - RURAL SERVICES PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out herein, to the Department of Rural Services for the biennial period ending June 30, 2007, the following:

(a) For the Rural Services Program, the sum of \$379,008 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and \$385,842 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

(1) Program Description. To promote rural development in Arkansas by providing administrative assistance and rural advocacy services to the citizens of rural Arkansas.

(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
	<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
(A) General Revenue:		
Miscellaneous Agencies Fund		
Account	\$ <u>329,008</u>	\$ <u>335,842</u>
TOTAL General Revenue	\$ 329,008	\$ 335,842
(B) Other Funds	\$ 74,630	\$ 74,630

(3) Performance Targets:
 (A) Number of Arkansans that participate in Department

1	conferences and workshops.	425	450
2	(B) Number of individuals assisted		
3	by staff with rural issues each		
4	year.	650	700
5	(C) Number of prior year audit		
6	finding repeated in subsequent		
7	years.	0	0

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9 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - RURAL GRANTS PROGRAM. There is hereby
 10 appropriated, to be payable from the funds and fund accounts as set out
 11 herein, to the Department of Rural Services for the biennial period ending
 12 June 30, 2007, the following:

13 (a) For the Rural Grants Program, the sum of \$542,583 for the 2005-2006
 14 fiscal year and \$542,583 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

15 (1) Program Description. To promote rural development in Arkansas by
 16 providing eligible rural communities with grant guidelines and procedures,
 17 and to administer grant funds to those communities chosen as grant
 18 recipients.

19	(2) Appropriation payable from:	FISCAL YEARS	
20		<u>2005-2006</u>	<u>2006-2007</u>
21	(A) General Revenue:		
22	Miscellaneous Agencies Fund		
23	Account	\$ <u>542,583</u>	\$ <u>542,583</u>
24	TOTAL General Revenue	\$ 542,583	\$ 542,583

25	(3) Performance Targets:		
26	(A) Number of rural communities		
27	assisted by Funded grants.	112	115
28	(B) Number of rural community grants		
29	awarded.	82	85
30	(C) Percentage of grants that meet		
31	financial responsibility and		
32	achieve grant objectives based on		
33	the close-out documentation		
34	review by agency.	77%	79%

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36 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS

1 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. COUNTY
2 FAIR GRANTS. The Department of Rural Services shall develop the necessary
3 rules and regulations for the disbursement of matching fund grants to county
4 fairs for the construction of new or replacement buildings. The grants shall
5 be matched on a 50/50 basis. The match may be cash or in-kind. No county
6 fair shall receive more than \$30,000 for the biennium.

7 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~
8 2005 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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10 SECTION 6. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANT
12 AWARD CRITERIA. The Department of Rural Services shall promulgate regulations
13 establishing the criteria to be utilized in determining to whom grants will
14 be made under this Act. Subject to the approval of the Governor, and after
15 prior review by the Arkansas Legislative Council or the Joint Budget
16 Committee, the Department of Rural Services shall distribute the grants. The
17 provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, ~~2003~~ 2005
18 through June 30, ~~2005~~ 2007.

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20 SECTION 7. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
21 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
22 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
23 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
24 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
25 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
26 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
27 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
28 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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30 SECTION 8. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
31 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
32 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
33 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
34 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
35 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
36 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or

1 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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3 SECTION 9. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
4 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
5 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
6 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2005 is essential to the operation of
7 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
8 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
9 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2005 could work irreparable harm upon the
10 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
11 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
12 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
13 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2005.