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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1961

By: Representative Lovell

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
SERVICES - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS
GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATIONS - RURAL FIRE PROTECTION GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) For Rural Fire Protection Grants, the sum of\$80,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. GRANTS. The grants authorized in Section 1 of this act shall not be restricted by local population limitations, dollar amount limitations, or dollar matching requirements that may be applicable to other grant programs currently administered by the Department of Rural Services. The Department of Rural Services may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the General Assembly regarding the grant appropriations authorized in Section 1 of this Act.



1 The provisions of this section shall be in effect only from July 1, 2007
2 through June 30, 2009.

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4 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
5 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
6 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
7 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
8 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
9 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
10 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
11 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
12 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
13 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
14 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
15 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

16 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
17 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
18 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
19 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
20 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
21 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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23 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
24 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
25 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
26 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
27 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
28 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
29 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
30 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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32 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
33 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
34 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
35 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
36 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in

1 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
2 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
3 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
4 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
5 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
6 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.