

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 87th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2009  
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*As Engrossed: H4/3/09*  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1619

5 By: Representative George  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ECONOMIC  
10 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
11 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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**Subtitle**

15 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
16 COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
17 APPROPRIATION.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby  
23 appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the  
24 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
25 following:

26 (A) For grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,  
27 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,  
28 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site  
29 development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment  
30 acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and  
31 waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements,  
32 environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water  
33 and sewer systems, the sum of .....\$1,000,000.  
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35 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby  
36 appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the



1 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund account, the  
2 following:

3 (A) For grants to eligible entities in efforts to promote economic and  
4 social development including the purchase, distribution, and associated costs  
5 for providing emergency food, food banks/food suppliers, government surplus  
6 food distribution sites, home assistance/supplies, the sum of  
7 .....\$350,000.

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9 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
10 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The  
11 appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by requirements  
12 that may be applicable to other programs currently administered. New rules  
13 and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the General  
14 Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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16 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
17 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
18 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
19 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
20 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
21 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
22 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
23 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
24 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
25 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
26 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
27 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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35 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
36 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained

1 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
2 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
3 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
5 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
6 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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8 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
9 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
10 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
11 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of  
12 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
13 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective  
14 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the  
15 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.  
16 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being  
17 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and  
18 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.

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20 /s/ George  
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