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A Bill

SENATE BILL 502

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5 By: Senator Horn
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY GRANTS GENERAL
11 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
16 SERVICES COMMUNITY GRANTS GENERAL
17 IMPROVEMENT 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 - COMMUNITY GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.
23 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be
24 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund
25 accounts, the following:

26 (A) For grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or
27 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,
28 renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings,
29 community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and
30 cemeteries, the sum of\$360,000.

31 (B) For grants to cities and counties for construction, renovation, major
32 maintenance for infrastructure, parking lots, signage, and operating expenses
33 the sum of\$150,000.

34 (C) For grants for maintenance and operations, construction, repairs and
35 equipment for Museums, the sum of\$20,000.

36 (D) For grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or



1 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,
2 renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with the provision of fire
3 protection, search and rescue, emergency medical services and emergency
4 management programs, the sum of\$125,000.
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6 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
7 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The
8 appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by requirements
9 that may be applicable to other programs currently administered. New rules
10 and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the General
11 Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.
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13 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
14 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
15 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
16 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
17 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
18 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
19 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
20 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
21 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
22 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
23 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
24 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

25 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
26 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
27 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
28 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,
29 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
30 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.
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32 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.
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