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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 646

By: Senator Trusty

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. 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 grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical services and emergency management programs, the sum of .....\$250,000.

(B) For community improvement grants to counties, for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with county fairs and rodeos, the sum of .....\$100,000.

(C) For grants to Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with providing youth program activities, the sum of ...\$100,000.



1 (D) For grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or  
2 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,  
3 renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings,  
4 community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and  
5 cemeteries, the sum of .....\$150,000.  
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7 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
8 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. The  
9 appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by requirements  
10 that may be applicable to other programs currently administered. New rules  
11 and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the General  
12 Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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14 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
15 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
16 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
17 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
18 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
19 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
20 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
21 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
22 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
23 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
24 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
25 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

1 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
2 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
3 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
4 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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