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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1537

5 By: Representative Woods  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT  
10 GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES  
14 - COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS GENERAL  
15 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANTS. There is  
22 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from  
23 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or  
26 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for fire protection,  
27 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance  
28 expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials,  
29 parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and cemeteries, in a sum not to  
30 exceed.....\$50,000.  
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32 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
33 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

34 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the  
35 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
36 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.



1 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
2 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

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

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33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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