

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1691

5 By: Representative E. Elliott  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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13 AN ACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
14 COMMISSION GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
15 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 - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
22 hereby appropriated, to the Economic Development Commission, to be payable  
23 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts,  
26 and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction,  
27 renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site  
28 development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment  
29 acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and  
30 waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements,  
31 environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water  
32 and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$450,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the



1 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
2 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
3 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
4 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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

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

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

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35 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
36 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the

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

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