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2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1340

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 RURAL SERVICES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL  
14 SERVICES - CAPITAL PROJECTS 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 - CAPITAL PROJECTS. There is hereby  
22 appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the  
23 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
24 following:

25 (A) for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or  
26 other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment,  
27 renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with public buildings,  
28 community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers,  
29 libraries and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed.....\$7,000,000.  
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31 SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
32 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
33 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
34 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
35 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
36 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or



1 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
2 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
3 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
4 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
5 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
6 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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14 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
15 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
16 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
17 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
18 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
19 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
20 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
21 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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23 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
24 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
25 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
26 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
27 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
28 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
29 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
30 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
31 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
32 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
33 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.