

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1500

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
9 ARKANSAS - FORT SMITH FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -  
14 FORT SMITH 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 University of Arkansas - Fort Smith, to be  
23 payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund  
24 accounts, the following:

25 (A) for construction, renovation, maintenance, critical maintenance,  
26 equipment, security enhancements, technology upgrades/equipment, library  
27 resources, personal services, operating expenses, supplies and programmatic  
28 materials related to employment training, in a sum not to exceed  
29 .....\$500,000.  
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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  
8 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
9 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
10 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
11 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
12 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
13 otherwise by law.

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

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