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SENATE BILL 386

5 By: Senator E. Cheatham
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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 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL
14 SERVICES 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 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 Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating,
26 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
27 associated with providing youth program activities, in a sum not to
28 exceed.....\$100,000.

29 (B) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
30 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
31 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
32 public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters,
33 recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to
34 exceed.....\$100,000.

35 (C) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
36 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,



1 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
2 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical
3 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to
4 exceed.....\$100,000.

5 (D) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating,
6 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
7 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed
8\$100,000.

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10 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
11 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

12 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
13 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
14 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
15 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
16 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.

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18 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
19 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
20 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
21 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
22 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
23 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
24 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
25 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
26 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
27 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
28 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
29 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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10 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
11 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
12 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
13 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of
14 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
15 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
16 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm
17 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
18 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
19 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
20 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.