

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

SENATE BILL 449

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5 By: Senator Bledsoe

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
9 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR  
10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AND REGIONAL AIRPORT  
11 AUTHORITIES LOW-COST CARRIER INCENTIVES GRANTS; AND  
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND  
16 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER -  
17 GRANTS GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
24 GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and  
25 Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the General  
26 Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, for grants to  
27 planning and development districts, the following:

28 (A) for the Northwest Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
29 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

30 (B) for the North Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
31 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

32 (C) for the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
33 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

34 (D) for the Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in  
35 a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

36 (E) for the Southwest Economic Development District of Arkansas, Inc.,



1 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

2 (F) for the Western Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
3 sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

4 (G) for the West Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc.,  
5 in a sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

6 (H) for the Central Arkansas Economic Development District, Inc., in a  
7 sum not to exceed.....\$1,000,000.

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9 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITIES LOW-COST  
10 CARRIER INCENTIVES GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department  
11 of Finance and Administration - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the  
12 General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
13 following:

14 (A) for grants to regional airport authorities, created under Arkansas  
15 law, for low-cost carrier incentives, in a sum not to exceed  
16 .....\$2,000,000.

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18 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
19 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

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26 SECTION 4. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
27 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
28 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
29 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
30 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
31 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
32 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
33 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
34 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
35 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
36 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall

1 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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18 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
19 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
20 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
21 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
22 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
23 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
24 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
25 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
26 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
27 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
28 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.