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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1535

By: Joint Budget Committee

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS, HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF HERITAGE
FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
HERITAGE, AND TOURISM - DIVISION OF
HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY GRANTS AND/OR
LOANS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Parks, Heritage,
and Tourism - Division of Heritage, to be payable from the Development and
Enhancement Fund, the following:

(A) for funding for grants and/or loans to state agencies, cities,
counties, community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible
entities for projects that preserve and promote Arkansas's natural cultural
heritage, advance the arts, establish or maintain a natural area, chronicle
the social, political, and creative history of the state, and/or chronicle
the life and times of the people, traditions, music and art of the state, in
a sum not to exceed\$30,000,000.

SECTION 2. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects



1 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
2 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
3 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
4 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
5 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
6 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
7 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
8 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
9 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
10 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

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

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28 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
29 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
30 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
31 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2021 is essential to the operation of
32 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
33 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
34 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2021 could work irreparable harm
35 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
36 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act

being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2021.