

State of Arkansas
95th General Assembly
Regular Session, 2025

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1635

By: Representative McCullough

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR A GRANT FOR AN
ARKANSAS TEACHING VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AT THE LITTLE
ROCK ZOO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR A GRANT FOR AN ARKANSAS
TEACHING VETERINARIAN HOSPITAL AT THE
LITTLE ROCK ZOO FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING
OFFICER APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026
FISCAL YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - LITTLE ROCK ZOO GRANT. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration - Disbursing
Officer, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as
determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant for
construction-related expenses for an Arkansas Teaching Veterinarian Hospital
at the Little Rock Zoo for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the
following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>

(01) GRANT FOR ARKANSAS TEACHING VETERINARIAN



1 HOSPITAL AT THE LITTLE ROCK ZOO

\$5,000,000

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3 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. FUND
5 TRANSFER - LITTLE ROCK ZOO GRANT. Immediately upon the effective date of this
6 Act, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on his or her books
7 and those of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of the State the sum of five
8 million dollars (\$5,000,000) from the General Revenue Allotment Reserve Fund
9 to a cash fund deposited in the State Treasury as determined by the Chief
10 Fiscal Officer of the State to be used exclusively for a grant for
11 construction-related expenses for an Arkansas Teaching Veterinarian Hospital
12 at the Little Rock Zoo.

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14 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
15 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
16 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
17 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
18 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
19 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
20 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
21 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
22 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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

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33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
35 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
36 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2025 is essential to the operation of

1 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
2 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
3 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2025 could work irreparable harm
4 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
5 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
6 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
7 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.