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A Bill

SENATE BILL 449

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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.
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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 PROJECT GRANTS. 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 exceed
28\$250,000.
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30 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANTS. There
31 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable
32 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
33 following:

34 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
35 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
36 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with



1 public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters,
2 recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to
3 exceed.....\$250,000.
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5 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANTS. There
6 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable
7 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
8 following:

9 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or
10 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,
11 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with
12 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical
13 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed
14\$250,000.
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16 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANTS. There
17 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable
18 from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the
19 following:

20 (A) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating,
21 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses
22 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed
23\$250,000.
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25 SECTION 5. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
26 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
27 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the
28 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by
29 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.
30 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the
31 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.
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33 SECTION 6. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
34 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
35 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
36 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and

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

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

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

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25 SECTION 8. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
26 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
27 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
28 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of
29 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
30 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
31 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm
32 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
33 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
34 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
35 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2013.

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