

DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES (250) - FISCAL YEAR 2011

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Department of Rural Services serves as a single contact point for local governments, state and federal agencies, and other private and non-profit organizations and individuals with an interest in the rural policies and programs of the state. Also, the Department analyzes proposed legislation that could affect rural areas, provides technical assistance to rural areas, and serves as a clearinghouse of information on rural development issues. The Arkansas Rural Development Commission oversees the functions and duties of the agency.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The appropriation for FY11 is \$2,471,268

**FUNDING SOURCE**

The budget is funded by general revenues, a cash fund and funds from the Wildlife Recreation Facilities Fund for the Wildlife Recreation Grants program.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY 2010**

- None

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Authorized for FY11: 6

Total Authorized for FY10: 6

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

\* The Office of Rural Services shall promulgate regulations to determine how grants are to be disbursed subject to approval of Governor and approval of the ALC or Joint Budget Committee.

\* County Fair Grants. Rural Services shall develop rules and regulations for disbursement of the funds. The grants are to be matched 50/50 with no county receiving more than \$30,000 for the biennium.