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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1646

By: Representative Murdock

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.

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

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

(B) for grants to Arkansas' Boys and Girls Clubs for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with providing youth program activities, in a sum not to exceed .....\$100,000.

(C) for community improvement grants to counties, for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses



associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed  
.....\$100,000.

SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

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

SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or

summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2013 is essential to the operation of the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2013 could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental 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, 2013.