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**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 468

By: Senator Teague

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE ARKANSAS  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - GENERAL  
IMPROVEMENT AND CAPITAL PROJECT GRANTS  
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 Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment, industrial site development costs including, construction, renovation, and equipment acquisition, development of intermodal facilities, including port and waterway projects, rail spur construction and road and highway improvements, environmental mitigation projects, and construction and improvement of water and sewer systems, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS STATEWIDE. There is



hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to Boys and Girls Clubs statewide for construction, renovation, maintenance, purchase of equipment, personal services and operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$10,000,000.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATEWIDE MEMBERSHIP-BASED NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION GRANT. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for a grant for a statewide membership-based nonprofit association for continued development to promote and support statewide capacity building and nonprofit workforce development through technical assistance for organizational development, products and services to improve efficiency, and a network for professional and organizational engagement, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ARKANSAS WORLD TRADE CENTER. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for a grant for the Arkansas World Trade Center for personal services, operating expenses, materials, equipment, renovations, construction and maintenance, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants for cities for land acquisition, construction, renovation, equipment, maintenance and operating expenses for Information Technology Centers, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be

payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, professional fees and grants for an economic alliance of counties that seeks to bring new businesses to the Arkansas Delta, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - CONNECT ARKANSAS PROJECT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants for personal services, operating expenses, various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement and upgrade and repair of real property and facilities for the Connect Arkansas Project, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS FUELING STATIONS - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to cities, counties, planning and development districts, and other eligible entities for land acquisition, improvements, construction, renovation, major maintenance, and purchase of equipment for compressed natural gas fueling stations, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 9. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS TO HEALTH RELATED FACILITIES OR HOSPITALS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to health related facilities or hospitals for construction, land acquisition, improvements, renovation, maintenance, equipment acquisition, and technology upgrades, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, 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 public buildings, community centers, memorials, parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, fire protection and cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed .....\$10,000,000.

(B) 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 .....\$10,000,000.

(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 .....\$10,000,000.

(D) for Enhanced Community Services Grants, in a sum not to exceed .....\$10,000,000.

(E) 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 .....\$10,000,000.

(F) for grants for various maintenance, renovation, equipping, construction, acquisition, improvement, upgrade and repair of real property and facilities or for real property or facilities that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(G) for grants to counties, municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses for African American cemeteries, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(H) for grants for construction, renovation, equipping and upgrades of public buildings and facilities owned by Counties, Municipalities or subdivisions, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(I) for grants for maintenance and operations, construction, repairs

and equipment for Museums, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(J) for grants for operating expenses, maintenance, renovation, equipment and improvements for after school programs, in a sum not to exceed .....\$5,000,000.

(K) for grants to cities and counties for construction, renovation, major maintenance for infrastructure, parking lots, signage, and operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(L) for grants to counties for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with county jails, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

(M) for grants to police departments for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation and maintenance expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

SECTION 11. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Rural Services Division of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:

(A) for grants to counties for operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with law enforcement, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.

*SECTION 12. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT. There is hereby appropriated to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, to be payable from the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the following:*

*(A) for a grant for nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations for printing, media production expenses, curriculum materials, recreational programs, enrichment programs, facilities repair, equipment, construction, painting, renovation, improvements, professional fees, personal services and operating expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$5,000,000.*

SECTION 13. 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 14. 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 15. 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 16. 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, 2017 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, 2017 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, 2017.

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