

1 State of Arkansas  
2 90th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 328

5 By: Senator Teague  
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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.

## 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 PROJECTS. 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 community improvement grants to counties, for operating,  
26 construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses  
27 associated with county fairs and rodeos, in a sum not to exceed  
28 .....\$250,000.

29 (B) for grants to libraries, fire departments, counties,  
30 municipalities, or subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for  
31 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance  
32 expenses, in a sum not to exceed.....\$250,000.  
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34 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
35 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

36 Notwithstanding any other rules, regulations or provision of law to the



1 contrary the appropriations authorized in this Act shall not be restricted by  
2 requirements that may be applicable to other programs currently administered.  
3 New rules and regulations may be adopted to carry out the intent of the  
4 General Assembly regarding the appropriations authorized in this Act.  
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6 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor  
7 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects  
8 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available  
9 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and  
10 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and  
11 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or  
12 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State  
13 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects  
14 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds  
15 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General  
16 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall  
17 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

18 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing  
19 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue  
20 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State  
21 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,  
22 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any  
23 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.  
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25 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
26 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
27 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
28 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
29 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget  
30 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
31 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
32 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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34 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
35 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
36 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the

1 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2015 is essential to the operation of  
2 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
3 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
4 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2015 could work irreparable harm  
5 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
6 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
7 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
8 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2015.

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