

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

1 State of Arkansas
2 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026

A Bill

SENATE BILL 76

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5 By: Senator J. Dismang
6 By: Representative J. Moore

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR MATCHING GRANTS
10 TO COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER FOR
12 THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
16 ADMINISTRATION - DISBURSING OFFICER
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
18 YEAR.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE MATCHING GRANTS.

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24 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration
25 - Disbursing Officer, to be payable from the cash fund deposited in the State
26 Treasury as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for a grant
27 program to the University of Arkansas - Division of Agriculture for matching
28 grants to county extension offices for capital improvements for the fiscal
29 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT MATCHING GRANTS	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds



1 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
2 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
3 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
4 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
5 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
6 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
7 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
8 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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10 SECTION 3. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
11 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
12 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
13 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
14 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
15 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
16 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
17 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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19 SECTION 4. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
20 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
21 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
22 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2026 is essential to the operation of
23 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
24 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
25 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2026 could work irreparable harm
26 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
27 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
28 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
29 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2026.

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