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2 88th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1689

5 By: Representative E. Elliott  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT  
9 OF RURAL SERVICES FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT  
10 PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL SERVICES  
14 GENERAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. There is  
21 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Rural Services, to be payable from  
22 the General Improvement Fund or its successor fund or fund accounts, the  
23 following:

24 (A) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or  
25 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for fire protection,  
26 operating, construction, improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance  
27 expenses associated with public buildings, community centers, memorials,  
28 parks, amphitheaters, recreation centers, and cemeteries, in a sum not to  
29 exceed.....\$250,000.

30 (B) for grants for construction, renovation, equipping and upgrades of  
31 public buildings and facilities owned by Counties, Municipalities or  
32 subdivisions, in a sum not to exceed.....\$100,000.

33 (C) for grants to fire departments, counties, municipalities, or  
34 subdivisions thereof, or other eligible entities for operating, construction,  
35 improvements, equipment, renovation, and maintenance expenses associated with  
36 the provision of fire protection, search and rescue, emergency medical



1 services and emergency management programs, in a sum not to exceed  
2 .....\$150,000.  
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4 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
5 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

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

24 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State  
25 Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the  
26 Revenue Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of  
27 this State and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and  
28 Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in  
29 disbursement of any funds provided by this act unless specifically provided  
30 otherwise by law.  
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32 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General  
33 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations  
34 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for  
35 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive  
36 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget

1 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or  
 2 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative  
 3 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.  
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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General  
 6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the  
 7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the  
 8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2011 is essential to the operation of  
 9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in  
 10 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the  
 11 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2011 could work irreparable harm  
 12 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental  
 13 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act  
 14 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health  
 15 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2011.

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