

**Notice of Availability of Funding for the
Rural Services Block Grant Program**

**Fiscal Year 2010 Deadline:
December 11, 2009**

This is to announce funding availability through the Rural Services Block Grant Program (RSBGP) funded through HUD's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program and administered for the State of Arkansas and the Department of Rural Services through a partnership with the Arkansas Department of Economic Development.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Funds from the RSBGP?

- Incorporated and unincorporated cities and towns in RURAL Arkansas with less than 3,000 people (verifiable by current US census information)
- Population must be at least 51% low to moderate income (LMI). A list of Arkansas communities under 3,000 in population and at least 51% LMI are included with this letter. A complete list of Arkansas community LMI percentages is available on our website at www.arkansas.gov/drs.
- The census does not track LMI for unincorporated areas, so they must conduct a door to door survey to determine their LMI.

Are There Other Eligibility Restrictions?

Applicants not currently a party to one categorical grant through ADED and counties that are not currently a party to two categorical grants are eligible. Categorical grants include the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program (ACEDP) and the Rural Services Block Grant Program (RSBGP) administered by the Arkansas Department of Economic Development.

What Types of Projects are Eligible?

- New construction or renovation of community centers, fire stations, or multi-purpose use buildings (community center/fire station) for the betterment of the community;
- The purchase of firefighting vehicles, specialized life-saving equipment such as "jaws of life" and protective clothing worn by fire fighters.

Request Limit

Eligible applicants may submit an application for a maximum of \$30,000. A community may request up to \$50,000 if a project is deemed extraordinary. Anything above \$30,000 must be approved by Director of the Department of Rural Services Butch Calhoun before the application is accepted.

Matching Requirements

The RSBGP is a nine-to-one (9:1) matching program. This requires that the applicant must be able to match its grant award with cash, in-kind labor, in-kind materials, or land at a rate of one dollar to every nine grant dollars (10%).

Please contact our office if you have any questions about community or project eligibility.

You can download the application at www.arkansas.gov/drs or contact DRS to have an application mailed to you:

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Arkansas communities under 3,000 in population with at least 51% LMI

Community	Population	LMI (Low to Moderate Income Level)
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Ashley

Montrose	526	67.5%
Parkdale	377	71.8%

Baxter

Big Flat	104	57.5%
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Benton

Decatur	1314	55.1%
Gravette	1810	52.3%
Highfill	379	64.8%
Sulphur Springs	671	59.3%

Boone

Diamond City	730	51.1%
Everton	170	57%
Omaha	165	53%
Zinc	76	61.7%

Bradley

Banks	120	52.7%
Hermitage	769	57%

Calhoun

Tinsman	75	59.3%
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Carroll

Green Forest	2717	53.3%
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Chicot

Eudora	2819	67.4%
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Clark

Whelen Springs	84	70.8%
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Clay

McDougal	195	61.4%
Peach Orchard	195	54.9%
Pollard	240	57.5%

Community	Population	LMI (Low to Moderate Income Level)
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Cleveland

Kingsland	449	59.4%
Rison	1271	54%

Columbia

McNeil	662	56.8%
Waldo	1594	60.2%

Craighead

Caraway	1349	55.9%
Cash	294	60.6%
Egypt	101	59.8%

Crawford

Dyer	585	55.6%
Rudy	72	59.6%

Crittenden

Anthonyville	250	62.9%
Crawfordsville	514	63.5%
Edmondson	513	64.2%
Gilmore	292	74.6%
Horseshoe Lake	321	52.2%
Jennette	124	69.1%
Jericho	184	75.1%
Sunset	348	77.7%
Turrell	957	75.3%

Cross

Parkin	1602	55.9%
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Dallas

Carthage	442	51.1%
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Desha

Arkansas City	589	53.5%
Mitchellville	497	70.3%
Reed	275	74.3%

Drew

Wilmar	571	67.2%
Winchester	191	53.4%

	Community	Population	LMI (Low to Moderate Income Level)
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Faulkner

	Holland	577	57.6%
	Mount Vernon	144	53.1%

Franklin

	Altus	817	54.2%
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Fulton

	Mammoth Spring	1147	51.2%
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Garland

	Lonsdale	118	60.3%
	Mountain Pine	772	59.4%

Grant

	Leola	515	55.9%
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Greene

	Marmaduke	1158	52.7%
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Hempstead

	McCaskill	84	55.7%
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Hot Spring

	Perla	115	57.3%
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Independence

	Cushman	461	55.7%
	Moorefield	160	55.2%

Izard

	Franklin	184	56.1%
	Guion	90	63.1%
	Mount Pleasant	401	51.2%
	Oxford	642	56.1%

Jackson

	Amagon	95	64.1%
	Tupelo	177	53.8%

Jefferson

	Altheimer	1192	65.3%
	Wabaseka	323	62.3%

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Johnson

Hartman	596	53.9%
Lamar	1415	54%

Lafayette

Bradley	563	70.6%
Buckner	396	55.8%
Stamps	2131	53.9%

Lawrence

Alicia	145	53.3%
Sedgwick	112	55.6%

Lee

Aubrey	221	61.7%
Haynes	214	70.8%
La Grange	122	55.4%
Rondo	237	57.1%

Lincoln

Gould	1305	60.7%
Grady	523	57.2%

Little River

Foreman	1125	53.9%
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Logan

Blue Mountain	132	71.1%
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Lonoke

Allport	127	69.2%
Coy	116	55.8%
Humnoke	280	67.5%
Ward	2580	55.3%

Madison

Hindsville	75	54%
St. Paul	163	51.9%

Marion

Flippin	1357	56.1%
Pyatt	253	60.5%

Community	Population	LMI (Low to Moderate Income Level)
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Miller

Garland	352	64%
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Mississippi

Birdsong	40	62.5%
Dyess	515	54.6%
Etowah	366	59.5%
Luxora	1317	58.6%
Victoria	59	56.9%

Monroe

Clarendon	1960	51.1%
Holly Grove	722	66%

Montgomery

Norman	423	60.7%
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Nevada

Emmet	506	54.6%
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Newton

Jasper	498	56.5%
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Ouachita

Chidester	335	55.1%
Louann	195	59.9%
Reader	82	82.2%

Phillips

Elaine	865	57.4%
Lake View	531	67.1%
Marvell	1395	54.6%

Poinsett

Fisher	265	57.3%
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Polk

Cove	383	64.9%
Hatfield	402	58.1%
Vandervoort	120	54.6%
Wickes	675	62.9%

Prairie

Biscoe	476	63%
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Prarie

Des Arc	1933	53.1%
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Pulaski

Alexander	614	56.5%
Wrightsville	1368	57.1%

Randolph

Maynard	381	63.1%
Ravenden Springs	137	63.7%

Saline

Haskell	2645	51.5%
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Searcy

Gilbert	33	68.6%
Leslie	482	60.7%
Marshall	1313	52.6%
St. Joe	85	51.5%

Sebastian

Hartford	772	58.5%
Midland	253	59.5%

Sevier

Gillham	188	57.7%
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Sharp

Ash Flat	977	60.9%
Hardy	754	58.8%
Sidney	275	54.7%
Williford	63	71.8%

St. Francis

Hughes	1867	59.4%
Madison	987	65%
Widener	355	56.5%

Union

Calion	516	55%
Junction City	721	51.4%
Strong	651	60.9%

Community	Population	LMI (Low to Moderate Income Level)
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Washington

Lincoln	1752	51.4%
Winslow	399	57%

White

Bradford	800	53.5%
Garner	284	61%
Georgetown	126	77.7%
Higginson	378	58%
Judsonia	1982	51.7%
Kensett	1791	58%
Letona	201	51.1%
McRae	661	57.5%
Russell	228	58.1%
West Point	164	59%

Woodruff

Augusta	2665	57.2%
Cotton Plant	960	70.7%
Patterson	467	60.2%

Yell

Belleville	371	54%
Havana	392	51.8%
Ola	1204	60.3%