

Rural Advocate

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Rural Community Grant Program

Amount Requested= \$316,164.17

Amount Funded= \$152,741.10

Big Creek FD (Sebastian)- \$15,000
Calico Rock (Izard)- \$4,820.25
Clarkridge FD (Baxter)- \$15,000
Etowah FD (Mississippi)- \$13,932
Gassville (Baxter)- \$6,000
Humnoke (Lonoke)- \$4,989.50
Miller County- \$9,400
NEBCO FD (Benton)- \$4,150
Perry FD (Perry)- \$8,100
Rheas Mill (Washington)- \$3,500
Searcy County- \$14,999.35
South Fork Center (Montgomery)- \$8,100
Sturkie FD (Fulton)- \$12,000
Tulip-Princeton FD (Dallas)- \$15,000
Water Valley FD (Randolph)- \$15,000
Witter (Madison)- \$2,750

Rural Services Block Grant Program

Amount Requested= \$954,477.32

Amount Funded: \$711,500.00

Altus FD (Franklin)- \$73,000
Augusta FD (Woodruff)- \$73,000
Black Fork FD (Scott)- \$14,000
Caraway (Craighead)- \$47,500
Chidester FD (Ouachita)- \$69,000
Cushman (Independence)- \$70,000
Emmet (Nevada)- \$12,000
Jasper FD (Newton)- \$61,000
Lake Village FD (Chicot)- \$73,000
Lincoln FD (Washington)- \$73,000
Maddox Bay FD (Monroe)- \$73,000
Tinsman (Calhoun)- \$73,000

Be Better Prepared, if you need to dial 9-1-1!

Arkansas has adopted Smart911 statewide- allowing for better location services and emergency responses to rural addresses.

How it works:

- Citizens create a free & private Safety Profile for their household and include any information they want 9-1-1 to have in the event of an emergency
- When the citizen dials 9-1-1, their profile is securely delivered to the 9-1-1 call taker, providing them with a better understanding of the situation
- Profile information can be relayed to responding units, allowing them to have valuable information about the citizen in need

To create a Safety Profile go to www.smart911.com

Take 5 minutes. It could save your life... or the life of someone you love.

2013 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, May 14th, 2013

- 9:00 a.m. Exhibitor Set-up
- 11:00 a.m. **Conference Registration**
Convention Center Lobby
- 1:00 p.m. **Welcoming Session**
Guest Speaker— Chuck Dovish, Exploring Arkansas
- 1:30 p.m. Legislative Committee Meeting
- 1:45 p.m. Exhibit and Refreshment Break
- 2:00 p.m. **Session 1: USDA: Committed to the Future of Rural AR**
- 3:45 p.m. **Session 2: Broadband in Rural Arkansas**
- 4:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner at the Oaklawn Jockey Club**
- 8:30 p.m. **Karaoke at the Hot Springs Convention Center**

Wednesday, May 15th, 2013

- 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration
Continental Breakfast Bar Open
- 9:00 a.m. **Session 3: The Role of Elected Officials in Econ. Development**
- 10:30 a.m. Visit with the Exhibitors

Legislative Committee Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. **ARDC Luncheon**
Keynote Speaker— Governor Mike Beebe
- 1:00 p.m. Exhibit Break
- 1:30 p.m. **Session 4: Strengthening Rural Fire Departments**
- 3:00 p.m. Exhibit/Refreshment Break
- 3:30 p.m. **Session 5: Political Roundtable**
- 4:30 p.m. Hospitality Suite Opens

Dinner on your own

Thursday, May 16th, 2013

- 7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast Bar Open
- 8:00 a.m. **Session 6: Development in the Delta**
- 10:00 a.m. **Session 7: Funding Resources for Rural Communities**
- 11:30 a.m. Break

Legislative Committee Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. **ARDC Closing Luncheon w/ Keynote Speaker-
John Thurston, Commissioner of State Lands**

All Sessions and Meals will take place at the Hot Springs Convention Center.
The Hospitality Suite is located at the Embassy Suites.

****Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. on the 14th but attendees can register anytime after that as well.**

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The objective of the annual event is to provide participants with the opportunity to gain a working knowledge about a variety of programs and services that are available to assist our communities and their leaders with development, planning and revitalization efforts. The Department of Rural Services and the Arkansas Rural Development Commission are committed to providing the most up to date information in a relaxed environment conducive to learning and sharing. If there is one goal of this annual event, it would be to provide our participants with the information and resources to help themselves.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Arkansas Rural Development Conference is designed for anyone interested in improving the quality of life in Arkansas' rural communities. Its target audience includes state legislators, mayors, county judges, rural fire fighters, local community leaders, and community development professionals who are interested in the future development of the State of Arkansas.

Arkansans with a genuine interest in a better quality of life and who are willing to work for change are strongly encouraged to attend.

CONFERENCE FEE INFORMATION

The conference fee is \$100 per attendee. Spouse/Child(ren) fees are \$50 per person. Exhibit space is \$200 or complimentary with two full paid registrations (any additional person must pay regular fee). The full attendance fee covers all conference materials as well as entertainment activities, receptions, breaks and meals. The registration form and all fees should be received by DRS by 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8th, 2013. Cancellations WILL be subject to a service charge.

Please make checks payable to:

ARDC
101 E. Capitol, Ste. 202
Little Rock, AR 72201

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel accommodations, which start at \$124 per night, are not included in the above fee. Arrangements must be made directly with the Embassy Suites as soon as possible by calling 501-624-9200. Room block release date is April 13, 2013.

REMEMBER TO TELL THEM YOU ARE WITH THE ARKANSAS RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE.

Embassy Suites
400 Convention Boulevard
Hot Springs, AR 71901
501-624-9200
[Www.hotsprings.embassysuites.com](http://www.hotsprings.embassysuites.com)

Overflow Hotels:

The Arlington
239 Central Avenue
1-800-643-1502
Rates start at 91.00/night

The Austin Hotel
305 Malvern Avenue
1-877-623-6697
Rates start at 87.00/night



Registration Form 2013 Arkansas Rural Development Conference

Participant Information:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone/Fax: _____ / _____

E-mail: _____

Spouse/Child(ren) Information:

Name(s): _____

Below are sponsored events which will be provided with your paid registrations (\$100 regular, \$50 each spouse or child). For planning purposes, please indicate which events you and/or your spouse/child(ren) plan on attending by placing an **X** in the blank next to each event.

<u>Participant</u>	<u>Spouse/ Child(ren)</u>	
_____	_____	6:30 p.m. May 14th Dinner at the Oaklawn Jockey Club
_____	_____	8:30 p.m. Karaoke and Dancing
_____	_____	8:00 a.m. May 15th Continental Breakfast
_____	_____	11:30 a.m. May 15th Luncheon w/Governor Mike Beebe
_____	_____	7:30 a.m. May 16th Continental Breakfast
_____	_____	12:00 p.m. May 16th Luncheon w/ Keynote Speaker

YES! My organization has paid two **full** registration fees (\$200 or more) or I am paying one registration fee plus an additional \$100 and would like to reserve a **BOOTH** in the exhibit hall.
I **will** or **will not** require electricity for my exhibit.

*****Each booth is 8x10 and comes with a skirted and dressed folding table and two chairs. Set up will begin at 9am on May 14th. Exhibits may remain up until 2pm on May 16th.**

No. My organization will be unable to have a booth this year.

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"Striving to Enhance the Quality of Life in Rural Arkansas"

**Department of Rural Services Grant Programs
Upcoming Deadlines**

Grants	Eligibility	Maximum	Match	Cycle I FY14 Deadline	Cycle II FY14 Deadline	Cycle III FY14 Deadline
Rural Community Development Grant	Communities with less than 3,000 people	\$15,000	50%	8/16/2013	12/6/2013	3/14/2014
Rural Fire Protection Grant	Communities with less than 3,000 people	\$15,000	50%	8/16/2013	12/6/2013	3/14/2014
County Fair Building Grant	Counties with less than 55,000 people	\$4,000	50%	8/16/2013	—	—
Rural Services Block Grant	Communities with less than 3,000 people and LMI of 51% or higher	\$75,000	10%	—	12/6/2013	—

** Please try to submit your applications well in advance of the deadline to allow for adequate review **