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DATE: July 12, 2023
TO: All Interested Persons
FROM: Arkansas Economic Development Commission
SUBJECT: Proposed Amendment to Rural Services Block Grant Program

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (the "AEDC") a proposed amendment to the AEDC's Rural Services Block Grant Program.

Pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and all other applicable statutes or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on July 24th, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the Diamond Mine Room on the second floor of the offices of the Arkansas Department of Commerce, 1 Commerce Way, Little Rock, AR 72202.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the AEDC should adopt the proposed amendments. The proposed amendments increase the cap on grant awards from \$75,000 to \$100,000 in order to account for the effects of inflation and rising material costs.

All interested persons are encouraged to send their comments, statements, or opinions to the address below or to attend the Public Hearing and present, orally or in writing, statements, arguments, or opinions on the proposed amendments. The record will remain open for public comment until the close of the 30-day period outlined in the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act; in this instance, August 11, 2024.

Persons who wish to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance of the Public Hearing. Inquiries should be directed to: Jake Windley, Director of Legislative Affairs & Policies, Arkansas Department of Commerce, 501-682-5355, email: jake.windley@arkansas.gov. A copy of the proposed amendments may be obtained or viewed at <https://www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules>.

Sincerely,

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