

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE (3)

No. 2024 - 27

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARKANSAS DISASTER RELIEF FUND AND AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR BOONE COUNTY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE TO ADMINISTER SUCH BUDGET AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Article 1: Affirmation

This Court affirms the receipt of \$10,000.00 for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program, an Arkansas Income Tax check-off program. These grant funds were awarded to the county by the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) for individual assistance to qualified applicants affected by the current declared tornado disaster of May 2024. All individual assistance disbursements shall be made in compliance with the county policies and procedures established for this program and filed with this ordinance as public information.

Article 2: Amendment/Appropriation

The following is an amendment to the 2024 Boone County Budget Ordinance No. 2023-33 making an appropriation to the Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund budget.

From: Fund 2000 – Dedicated County Roads \$10,000.00

To: 3500-0803-3103:

Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund; Social Service Grants; Disaster Relief \$10,000.00

This amendment increases the amount appropriated for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Grant Fund by \$10,000.00 making the total 2024 Arkansas Disaster Relief Fund appropriation \$10,000.00.

Article 3: Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Boone County Quorum Court that the appropriation contained in this ordinance is only an amendment to the 2024 operating budget. All other appropriations and policy statements of the county budget ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. This appropriation, unlike other county appropriations, is for individual assistance which is the goal of the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program as established by Arkansas Code Annotated § 26-51-2502 and the ADEM grant award letter of June 2024. The maximum amount to be awarded per claim is \$2,500.00.

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Article 4: Effective Date

This appropriation ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage by the quorum court and approval by the county judge in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-907(f).

Adopted and approved this 13th day of August, 2024.

In accordance with the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. 14-14-116, this publication is paid for from the budget of the Boone County Quorum Court. The total cost of this publication is ______.

SUBMITTED BY: Justice Rodney Sullins

APPROVED

Robert Hathaway

Boone County Judge

ATTEST:

Boone County Clerk

Policy and Procedures for the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program 2024

Boone County, Arkansas

Boone County is able to provide limited funding for the immediate needs of individuals/families experiencing major impacts from the current declared tornado disaster of May, 2024. This limited funding is made available through the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management from private donations made through the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program, an Arkansas Income Tax check-off program.

The assistance is for qualified homeowners/renters whose primary residence was damaged or destroyed in the declared designated area. This assistance is very limited and is intended only to partially alleviate a loss.

The following is a combined list of criteria for the award of individual assistance; documentation to be provided by an applicant and retained as county documentation for audit; and eligibility requirements:

- Damage must be due to the declared Arkansas disaster of May, 2024;
- Damage must be done to your primary residence;
- Applicant must show proof of ownership [mortgage statement, deed or title];
- Applicant must show proof of residency [utility bill];
- Only one applicant per household/residence;
- Receipts for materials related to storm damage such as lumber; roofing; siding; tarps; etc. and/or receipts for any medical expenses due to injury caused by the declared disaster; and
- Applicant must provide documentation of any insurance claim(s), settlement(s), and/or other benefits received due to the declared disaster, including any assistance received through the State's Individual Assistance Program. The County will not duplicate any benefits of loss.

All claims are to be processed through the normal county claims process with the applicable documentation attached to each claim for payment. The amount of each claim paid from the Arkansas Disaster Relief Program budget may be for an amount up to and including the maximum amount per claim as established by the appropriation ordinance for said program.