

**RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO  
ACT 1750 OF 2001, GREAT STRIDES GRANT PROGRAM**

**SECTION I. AUTHORITY**

The following Rules and Regulations for the annual Great Strides Grant Program are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, Act 1750 of 2001.

**SECTION II. PURPOSE**

To establish regulations to create a grant program known as the Great Strides Grant Program and thereby assist to establish health and fitness trails in communities throughout the State of Arkansas. Funds for grants will be made available by the Arkansas Department of Health through the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement.

**SECTION III. DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of these regulations, the following words and terms, when used in these sections, shall have the following meanings:

**“Great Strides Grant”** is a grant program providing funds for communities to establish health and fitness trails. The intent of the program is to encourage physical activity and health related benefits by providing safe and easily accessible facilities.

**“Eligible Applicants”** are incorporated cities, county-sponsored unincorporated communities, or joint applications between a city or county and other organizations and individuals.

**SECTION IV. PROGRAM RULES, REGULATIONS, AND MANAGEMENT**

The Arkansas Department of Health will enter into a sub grant agreement with the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism. The sub grant agreement will be reviewed periodically as necessary and define detailed grant program responsibilities, requirements, and regulations. The Department of Health will provide overall program funding authority. The Department of Parks and Tourism will provide program management, staffing, and technical assistance. Either agency may terminate the agreement by giving the other a 30-day notice of intent to terminate.

**C. Selection Panel**

A grant award selection panel will review applications and make funding recommendations. The panel shall consist of seven members: one (1) representative from the Arkansas Governor’s Council on Fitness; one (1) representative from the Arkansas Department of Health; one (1) representative from the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism; one (1) representative from the Minority Health Commission; one (1) representative from the Arkansas Recreation and Parks Association (ARPA); one (1) representative from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department; and the

Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society. The director within each organization will appoint a committee representative. The length of service for each representative will be at the pleasure of each individual organization's director. The selection panel shall elect or appoint a chairperson annually from the above representatives. Selection panel representatives shall serve without compensation.

Annual award recommendations from the selection panel will be submitted to the Director of the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism for review and to the Governor for approval.

**SECTION V. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of these Rules and Regulations, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of these Rules and Regulations which can give effect without the invalid provisions or applications, and to this end the provisions hereto are declared to be severable.

**SECTION VI. REPEAL**

All Regulations and parts of Regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**CERTIFICATION**

This is to certify that the foregoing Rules and Regulations for the Great Strides Grant Program in Arkansas were adopted by the Arkansas State Board of Health at a regular session of said Board held in Little Rock, Arkansas on the (date)th day of (Month), (Year).

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Fay Boozman, MD MPH  
Director, Arkansas Department of Health  
Secretary of Arkansas State Board of Health

The foregoing Rules and Regulations, copy having been filed in my office, are hereby approved on the (date)th day of (Month), (Year).

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Mike Huckabee  
Governor