

For Immediate Attention

West Nile Virus

Governor Huckabee has authorized the release of \$1,000,000 to assist counties with mosquito abatement to control West Nile Virus (WNV). The Department of Health is developing a funding formula based upon population and geographic area.

- Eligible Applicants:** Inter-Governmental Cooperative Councils
- Eligible Counties:** All counties are eligible for funding.
- Application Process:** Counties must prepare a West Nile Virus Control Plan (see attached). Plans must prioritize known and suspected locations of WNV. We encourage dissemination of public education materials.
- Required Partners:** Cooperative Extension Service and Department of Health Environmental Specialists for technical assistance and advice
- Allowable Use of Funds:** Purchase of larvicide for control of mosquitoes
There are no other allowable uses of funds
Equipment and staff costs are non-allowable
- Fund Release:** Immediate upon approval of plan; we encourage rapid application for funding and rapid plan implementation
- Deadline for Applications:** August 21, 2002
- Questions:** Laurie Lacer, 501-661-2184
Arkansas Department of Health
- Submit Application To:** Arkansas Department of Health
4815 West Markham; Slot 32
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205
Fax: 501-280-4090

Mosquito abatement plans for 2003 should be developed in cooperation with the State Plant Board, the Cooperative Extension Service and the Arkansas Department of Health.

**West Nile Virus Control Plan
August 2002**

County:

Name of County Judge:

Summary of Existing Mosquito Control Efforts (larvicide, adulticide, nuisance control, public education) and the annual budget of those efforts:

All County Mosquito Control Contact Person(s)/Phone/Fax:

Amount of funds requested:

Proposed use of funds:

I certify that these funds will be used only for control of mosquito activity. Funds will be used to protect both urban and rural populations. The use of chemicals to control mosquitoes will be used in accordance with state and federal regulations and guidelines.

Signature of Chair, Inter-Governmental Cooperative Council

Date