

By: Representative Harness

To: Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 1513

1 AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNION CHURCH WATER
2 ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE ASSOCIATION IN PAYING
3 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CERTAIN WATER SYSTEM AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
4 IMPROVEMENTS IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following sum, or so much of it as may be
7 necessary, is appropriated out of any money in the State General
8 Fund not otherwise appropriated, to the Union Church Water
9 Association, for the purpose of assisting the association in
10 paying costs associated with water system improvements for removal
11 of organic material from well water, distribution system
12 improvements, service pumps, well motors and other equipment, and
13 other related improvements to protect the health, safety and
14 welfare of residents in Jefferson County, and meet compliance with
15 Mississippi State Department of Health requirements, for the
16 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30,
17 2023.....\$ 750,000.00.

18 **SECTION 2.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
19 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the State General Fund



20 not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants issued by the State
21 Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer shall issue his or
22 her warrants upon requisitions signed by the proper person,
23 officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

24 **SECTION 3.** (1) As used in this section and Section 4 of
25 this act, the term "association" means the Union Church Water
26 Association.

27 (2) The association shall not disburse any funds
28 appropriated under this act to any recipient without first: (a)
29 making an individualized determination that the reimbursement
30 sought is, in the association's independent judgment, for
31 necessary expenditures eligible under Section 602 of the federal
32 Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of the federal
33 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and its implementing
34 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
35 may be amended or supplemented from time to time, by the United
36 States Department of the Treasury; and (b) determining that the
37 recipient has not received and will not receive reimbursement for
38 the expense in question from any source of funds, including
39 insurance proceeds, other than those funds provided under Section
40 602 of the federal Social Security Act as added by Section 9901 of
41 ARPA. In addition, the association shall ensure that all funds
42 appropriated under this act are disbursed in compliance with the
43 Single Audit Act (31 USCS Sections 7501-7507) and the related
44 provisions of the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR Section 200.303



45 regarding internal controls, Sections 200.330 through 200.332
46 regarding sub-recipient monitoring and management, and subpart F
47 regarding audit requirements.

48 **SECTION 4.** (1) As a condition of receiving and expending
49 the funds appropriated to the association under this act, the
50 association shall certify to the Department of Finance and
51 Administration that each expenditure of the funds appropriated to
52 the association under this act complies with the guidelines,
53 guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as may be
54 amended from time to time, of the United States Department of the
55 Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus State
56 Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA.

57 (2) If the Office of Inspector General of the United States
58 Department of the Treasury, or the Office of Inspector General of
59 any other federal agency having oversight over the use of monies
60 from the Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by
61 ARPA (a) determines that the association or recipient has expended
62 or otherwise used any of the funds appropriated to the association
63 under this act for any purpose that is not in compliance with the
64 guidelines, guidance, rules, regulations and/or other criteria, as
65 may be amended from time to time, of the United States Department
66 of the Treasury regarding the use of monies from the Coronavirus
67 State Fiscal Recovery Fund established by ARPA, and (b) the State
68 of Mississippi is required to repay the federal government for any
69 of those funds that the Office of the Inspector General determined



70 were expended or otherwise used improperly by the association or
71 recipient, then the association or recipient that expended or
72 otherwise used those funds improperly shall be required to pay the
73 amount of those funds to the State of Mississippi for repayment to
74 the federal government.

75 **SECTION 5.** The money appropriated by this act shall be paid
76 by the State Treasurer out of any money in the Coronavirus State
77 Fiscal Recovery Fund not otherwise appropriated, upon warrants
78 issued by the State Fiscal Officer; and the State Fiscal Officer
79 shall issue his or her warrants upon requisitions signed by the
80 proper person, officer or officers in the manner provided by law.

81 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
82 and after July 1, 2022.

