

Statues Fundraising RE

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Fundraising is underway to cover the cost of replacing Arkansas's two statues at the U.S. Capitol. Last year the legislature approved placing singer Johnny Cash and civil rights activist Daisy Bates in National Statuary Hall. No state money is to go toward the cost of the statues and the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette reports so far only one donation of \$100-thousand dollars has been made for the project. A spokesman for the Secretary of State's office says the goal is to raise about a half-million dollars before requests are made for sculptors to design and create the statues. The total cost is expected to be in the \$750-thousand dollar range. A steering committee meets July 13th to discuss fundraising. The statues of Johnny Cash and Daisy Bates are to replace ones of Attorney Uriah Rose and the U.S. Senator and Governor James Clark.