

ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING (AGENCY 0228)

FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019

PER EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling regulates the title and practice of Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists in our State. The Board monitors and records the supervision of each new license until the license holder has completed the mandated three (3) years of supervised practice. The board conducts investigations into violations of Statutes, Rules and Regulations, complaints, and practice without a license. Disciplinary Hearings held before the Board are pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act and arranged with the counsel of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$328,199 for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, a continuation of Base Level.

FUNDING SOURCE

Funding is supported from fees collected from initial licensure and biannual renewal of licenses. All money collected is kept in a cash account in the State Treasury.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 1GE):

This appropriation provides for the operations of the Board. The appropriation is \$328,199 each fiscal year and includes change level increases for the following:

Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching: Increase of \$37,115 each year for restoration of a pool position to provide additional support for the Board's operations.

Operating Expenses: Increase of \$25,393 for utilities, website service and maintenance, postage, gasoline expense to Board members, lodging and food prices, rent, and cost of sending two voting Board members to conferences.

Conference and Travel: Decrease of \$500 each year to more accurately reflect expenditures.

Professional Fees: Decrease of \$3,476 each year to more accurately reflect expenditures.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 4)

Total Positions for FY 2019: 4

Total Positions for FY 2018: 4

Total Base Level Positions: 3

Increase/(Decrease): 1

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and 2019: 2 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 2)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE