

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (0125)
FISCAL YEAR 2019
As Enacted by Acts 113 and 175 of 2018

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

To contribute to the educational, cultural, and economic advancement of Arkansas by providing quality general undergraduate education and specialized programs leading to certificate, associate, baccalaureate, masters, professional, and doctoral degrees; by encouraging the pursuit of research, scholarly inquiry, and creative activity; and by bringing these intellectual resources together to develop the economy of the state and the education of its citizens throughout their lives. The Institution is located in Jonesboro, Arkansas and is a four year doctoral granting institution of higher education.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

(There are two appropriation bills regarding Arkansas State University: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro and the Biosciences Institute.)

The total appropriation is approximately \$310.8 million for FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriation is funded from approximately 26% General Revenue, 2% Educational Excellence Trust Funds, 2% Tobacco Settlement Funds with the remainder as cash funds from tuition, fees, sales, and federal funds.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

State Operations - This appropriation is funded from General Revenue and Educational Excellence Trust funds. The recommended appropriation levels are based on the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommendation which is based on the current funding formula for institutions of higher education. The total appropriation is approximately \$67.9 million in FY2019 with the following changes against authorized:

Regular Salaries - Decrease of approximately (\$15.9 million).

Extra Help - Decrease of (\$125,812).

Personal Services Match. - Decrease of approximately (\$2.6 million).

Operating Expense - Decrease of approximately (\$2.4 million).

Capital Outlay - Decrease of (\$13,156).

Funded Depreciation - Decrease of approximately (\$2 million).
ASU Biosciences Institute - This appropriation is funded solely from Tobacco Settlement Funds and totals approximately \$5.6 million with the following changes against authorized:
Regular Salaries - Decrease of (\$100,000).
Personal Services Match. - Decrease of (\$28,965).
Operating Expense - Decrease of (\$100,000).
Capital Outlay - Increase of \$228,965.
These changes for the ASU Biosciences result in a net appropriation change of zero - this is a reallocation to Capital Outlay.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2019: 2,246
Total Authorized Positions FY2018: 2,246
Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 2,064 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 2,064)

Total Tobacco Settlement Authorized Positions FY2019: 38
Total Tobacco Settlement Authorized Positions FY2018: 38
Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 50 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 50)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

STATE OPERATIONS LANGUAGE:

Employee Development Incentives: Allows the ASU System to offer one-time lump-sum bonuses or differentials of up to 6% of an employee's salary for degree attainment if it is not a minimum qualification or requirement for the class specification of the job.

Critical Technical and Workforce Training: The campuses of Arkansas State University System are not limited by the restrictions provided under current code and can construct and operate a student residence facility with highest priority of placement given to students in technical and workforce programs. A facility constructed under the provisions of this language cannot be financed by university-issued bond indebtedness.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT LANGUAGE:

Transfer Restrictions: Prohibits any transfers among tobacco settlement funds appropriations except as provided in the Act containing the appropriations.

Transfer Provisions: Allows transfer of tobacco funds appropriations between line items with approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Dept. of Higher Education & Legislative Council with non-severability language.

Positions: States that it is not the commitment of the State to continue any position funded from tobacco settlement funds if those funds become insufficient and requires disclosure of this.

Compliance: States fiscal control laws and regulations are to be complied with.

Intent: States that disbursements are to be in accordance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000, budget manuals, and testimony relating to the appropriation act.