

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: A31 - Cash Operations

Funding Sources: 323 - Psychology Examiners - Cash

A.C.A. §17-97-201 established the State Board of Examiners in Psychology. The Board is a cash agency funded from the fees collected primarily for application, testing and renewal. The Board is responsible for regulating the practice of psychology in the State of Arkansas by ensuring that Arkansans are protected from misrepresentation, unethical practices, and/or incompetence in the practice of psychology. This goal is accomplished by licensing psychologists and psychological examiners, registering psychological technicians, and investigating complaints.

Base Level positions were changed from unclassified to classified to reflect the recommendations of the Pay Plan Study and salaries were adjusted accordingly.

A 2.3% Cost of Living Allowance is reflected in the second year of the biennium. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries may include board member Stipend payments and Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching includes a \$75 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$425.

The Board's total Base Level request includes two (2) positions as well as appropriation in the amount of \$186,165 in FY2010 and \$188,195 in FY2011.

The Board requests additional appropriation of \$591 in Operating Expenses each year of the biennium. This will allow for increases in board member travel due to mileage reimbursement increases for privately owned motor vehicles on official business of the State, an increase in bank service charges due to changes in on-line banking fees including a \$15 per month online access fee, statement copy fee and Verifone fee used to verify credit card security over the phone, and increases in parking fees.

Also, the Board requests an increase in Professional Fees appropriation of \$2,364 each year of the biennium due to increased cost of GL Suite Database. This database is the agency's management system used to keep records of licensees, their personal information, for the recording of payments, reconciliation, etc.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent on available funding.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Commitment Item	2007-2008	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010			2010-2011		
	Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries 5010000	77,061	76,181	72,431	75,255	75,255	75,255	76,966	76,966	76,966
#Positions	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching 5010003	23,826	23,818	23,068	24,289	24,289	24,289	24,608	24,608	24,608
Supplemental Emerg Positions 5010007	0	1,750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Operating Expenses 5020002	56,638	60,258	62,758	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849	60,849
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	3,841	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Professional Fees 5060010	33,752	22,363	22,363	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727	24,727
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	195,118	188,370	184,620	189,120	189,120	189,120	191,150	191,150	191,150
Funding Sources									
Fund Balance 4000005	363,001	328,062		279,692	279,692	279,692	230,572	230,572	230,572
Cash Fund 4000045	160,179	140,000		140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000	140,000
Total Funding	523,180	468,062		419,692	419,692	419,692	370,572	370,572	370,572
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(328,062)	(279,692)		(230,572)	(230,572)	(230,572)	(179,422)	(179,422)	(179,422)
Grand Total	195,118	188,370		189,120	189,120	189,120	191,150	191,150	191,150

Actual exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching due to Supplemental Position.

Actual exceeds Authorized Appropriation in Professional Fees due to a transfer from the Cash Fund Holding Account.