

Department Appropriation Summary

Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive/Legislative Recommendation

| Appropriation | 2007-2008 | | 2008-2009 | | 2008-2009 | | 2009-2010 | | | | | | 2010-2011 | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-----|
| | Actual | Pos | Budget | Pos | Authorized | Pos | Agency | Pos | Executive | Pos | Legislative | Pos | Agency | Pos | Executive | Pos | Legislative | Pos |
| 234 Rural Services-State Operations | 880,631 | 5 | 877,439 | 5 | 1,334,856 | 5 | 1,373,114 | 5 | 1,365,114 | 5 | 1,365,114 | 5 | 1,379,268 | 5 | 1,371,268 | 5 | 1,371,268 | 5 |
| B15 Rural Services - Conference | 41,983 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 | 50,000 | 0 |
| Total | 922,614 | 5 | 927,439 | 5 | 1,384,856 | 5 | 1,423,114 | 5 | 1,415,114 | 5 | 1,415,114 | 5 | 1,429,268 | 5 | 1,421,268 | 5 | 1,421,268 | 5 |

| Funding Sources | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | | % | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|-------|---|--|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Fund Balance | 4000005 | 31,706 | 3.3 | 39,295 | 4.1 | | | 39,295 | 2.7 | 39,295 | 4.0 | 39,295 | 4.0 | 39,295 | 2.7 | 39,295 | 4.0 |
| General Revenue | 4000010 | 863,085 | 89.7 | 877,439 | 90.8 | | | 1,373,114 | 93.9 | 890,328 | 90.9 | 890,328 | 90.9 | 1,379,268 | 93.9 | 896,482 | 90.9 |
| Cash Fund | 4000045 | 49,572 | 5.2 | 50,000 | 5.2 | | | 50,000 | 3.4 | 50,000 | 5.1 | 50,000 | 5.1 | 50,000 | 3.4 | 50,000 | 5.1 |
| Merit Adjustment Fund | 4000055 | 17,546 | 1.8 | 0 | 0.0 | | | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Total Funds | | 961,909 | 100.0 | 966,734 | 100.0 | | | 1,462,409 | 100.0 | 979,623 | 100.0 | 979,623 | 100.0 | 1,468,563 | 100.0 | 985,777 | 100.0 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding) | | (39,295) | | (39,295) | | | | (39,295) | | 435,491 | | 435,491 | | (39,295) | | 435,491 | |
| Grand Total | | 922,614 | | 927,439 | | | | 1,423,114 | | 1,415,114 | | 1,415,114 | | 1,429,268 | | 1,421,268 | |

The Legislative FY10 ending fund balance does not equal the FY11 beginning fund balance due to unfunded appropriation in the Rural Services - State Operations appropriation (234).

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 234 - Rural Services-State Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Arkansas Department of Rural Services serves as a single point of contact for all organizations and individuals with a desire to enhance the quality of life for rural citizens. Working under the guidance of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC), the Agency assists citizens of rural Arkansas by providing rural grant programs and information sharing and educational opportunities through regional forums and the annual Arkansas Rural Development Conference. This appropriation provides for the operations of the agency and is funded by general revenue.

Base Level salaries for classified positions reflect the recommendations of the Pay Plan Study and unclassified positions reflect similar adjustments in line item salaries. A 2.3% Cost of Living Allowance is reflected in the second year of the biennium. 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.

Base Level includes appropriation and general revenue funding of \$890,328 in FY10 and \$896,482 in FY11 with 5 regular positions.

The Agency requests additional appropriation and general revenue funding in the amount of \$482,786 each year of the biennium for the following:

Operating Expenses

Increase of \$8,000 each year to cover increased costs related to postage, printing, office supplies and food. This request will provide for additional administrative costs the agency incurred due to the addition of 31 new general improvement grant appropriations authorized during the 2007-2009 biennium.

Rural Community Development Grants

Increase of \$200,000 each year to provide for an increase in the number of Community Development grant requests received from rural communities and to cover increased costs for construction and renovation. This line item provides matching grants to rural communities to use for renovations, new construction or additions to publicly owned buildings, parks and recreational facilities.

Rural Fire Protection Grants

Increase of \$200,000 each year to provide for an increase in the number of Fire Protection grant requests received from rural communities and to cover increased costs for construction, renovation and equipment. This line item provides matching grants to rural communities for renovations, new construction or additions to fire facilities, for purchasing fire protection equipment and vehicles and for rehabilitating/retrofitting newly acquired equipment and vehicles.

County Fair Improvement Grants

Increase of \$74,786 each year of the biennium to meet rising labor and material costs. This line item provides incentive matching grants to assist rural county fairs with the construction and improvement of buildings or for the purchase of items shown to directly improve the building or the services that the county fair association may provide.

The Executive Recommendation provides for unfunded appropriation of \$474,786 each year for the following:

- \$200,000 for Rural Community Development Grants
- \$200,000 for Rural Fire Protection Grants
- \$74,786 for County Fair Improvement Grants

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

Appropriation Summary

Appropriation: 234 - Rural Services-State Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

| Commitment Item | | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | | | 2010-2011 | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | Actual | Budget | Authorized | Agency | Executive | Legislative | Agency | Executive | Legislative |
| Regular Salaries | 5010000 | 211,131 | 218,625 | 201,291 | 225,581 | 225,581 | 225,581 | 230,766 | 230,766 | 230,766 |
| #Positions | | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Personal Services Matching | 5010003 | 63,673 | 61,796 | 61,761 | 67,729 | 67,729 | 67,729 | 68,698 | 68,698 | 68,698 |
| Operating Expenses | 5020002 | 62,478 | 67,704 | 67,704 | 75,704 | 67,704 | 67,704 | 75,704 | 67,704 | 67,704 |
| Conference & Travel Expenses | 5050009 | 652 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 | 4,100 |
| Professional Fees | 5060010 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Data Processing | 5090012 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grants and Aid | 5100004 | 200,000 | 200,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| Capital Outlay | 5120011 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rural Fire Protection Grants | 5900046 | 300,000 | 300,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| County Fair Imprv Grants | 5900048 | 42,697 | 25,214 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Total | | 880,631 | 877,439 | 1,334,856 | 1,373,114 | 1,365,114 | 1,365,114 | 1,379,268 | 1,371,268 | 1,371,268 |
| Funding Sources | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Revenue | 4000010 | 863,085 | 877,439 | | 1,373,114 | 890,328 | 890,328 | 1,379,268 | 896,482 | 896,482 |
| Merit Adjustment Fund | 4000055 | 17,546 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Funding | | 880,631 | 877,439 | | 1,373,114 | 890,328 | 890,328 | 1,379,268 | 896,482 | 896,482 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding) | | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 474,786 | 474,786 | 0 | 474,786 | 474,786 |
| Grand Total | | 880,631 | 877,439 | | 1,373,114 | 1,365,114 | 1,365,114 | 1,379,268 | 1,371,268 | 1,371,268 |

The FY2008 Actual amount and the FY2009 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the Authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments approved during the 2007-09 biennium.

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: B15 - Rural Services - Conference

Funding Sources: 111 - Department of Rural Services - Cash

This appropriation provides for an annual conference and several one-day seminars for local governments. The annual conference attendance numbers range from 400-650 each year with topics of discussion including finance, community marketing strategies, infrastructure and crime. Income is derived from fees charged to participants and donations received through corporate sponsorship.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation in the amount of \$50,000 each year of the biennium.

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

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

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Funding Sources: 111 - Department of Rural Services - Cash

| Commitment Item | | 2007-2008 | 2008-2009 | 2008-2009 | 2009-2010 | | | 2010-2011 | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Actual | Budget | Authorized | Agency | Executive | Legislative | Agency | Executive | Legislative |
| Conference Expenses | 5900046 | 41,983 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total | | 41,983 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Funding Sources | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fund Balance | 4000005 | 31,706 | 39,295 | | 39,295 | 39,295 | 39,295 | 39,295 | 39,295 | 39,295 |
| Cash Fund | 4000045 | 49,572 | 50,000 | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Total Funding | | 81,278 | 89,295 | | 89,295 | 89,295 | 89,295 | 89,295 | 89,295 | 89,295 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding) | | (39,295) | (39,295) | | (39,295) | (39,295) | (39,295) | (39,295) | (39,295) | (39,295) |
| Grand Total | | 41,983 | 50,000 | | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |