

**DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE (DAH)  
(AGENCY #865-887) - 2013-2015 FISCAL YEARS  
EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Department of Arkansas Heritage's (DAH) mission is to identify Arkansas' heritage and enhance the quality of life by the discovery, preservation, and presentation of the state's cultural, historic, and natural resources. The Department of Arkansas Heritage is composed of the following agencies: Old Statehouse Museum, Historic Arkansas Museum, Delta Cultural Center, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Arkansas Arts Council, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, and the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. In addition to these seven agencies, DAH also provides administrative support to the Natural and Cultural Resources Council (NCRC). The DAH Director is both a member of the NCRC and acts as the NCRC secretary and disbursing officer.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total appropriation for the Department of Arkansas Heritage is \$55.56 million in FY2014 and \$55.52 million in FY2015.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The Agency is funded through general revenue, federal funds, special revenues derived from the Conservation Tax and Real Estate Transfer Tax, fund balances, and cash and non-revenue receipts.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

**DAH - CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION**

The total appropriation for DAH - Central Administration is \$9,649,628 in FY14 and \$9,599,330 in FY2015.

**CONSERVATION TAX - AMENDMENT 75 (APPROPRIATION 476)**

This appropriation is funded by special revenues which are generated by the 1/8th cent Sales Tax enacted by Constitutional Amendment 75, and is used to support Department of Arkansas Heritage activities. The total appropriation is \$8,208,898 in FY14 and \$8,193,639 in FY15 with the following increases:

**Extra Help & Matching** - Increase of \$63,291 for extra help positions to support the agency's museum division.

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$66,290 each year to provide for an anticipated rent increase and to help support operations within the Directors Office.

**Grants/Aid** - Increase of \$650,000 each year in unfunded appropriation for Arts funding per capita.

**Capital Outlay:** \$36,000 in FY14 and \$20,000 in FY15 to replace servers and pay for 50 software licenses.

**DIRECTOR'S OFFICE - STATE OPERATIONS**

This appropriation is funded by General Revenues as appropriated in the Arkansas Heritage Fund. The total budget for this appropriation is \$1,376,810 in FY14 and \$1,378,415 in FY15 with the following increases:

**Salaries and Matching:** \$41,144 increase for the reclassifications of two positions detailed on page 135 of the manual.

**Operating Expenses:** Increase of \$53,290 for an increase in office rent.

**ARKANSAS HISTORY HUB - CASH IN TREASURY**

This new appropriation is funded by a grant from the Arkansas Community Foundation for the purpose of creating and maintaining a website for

Arkansas History teachers. The total budget for the program is \$36,644 in FY14. This includes the following amounts:

**Operating Expenses** - 4,250

**Grants and Aid** - \$32,394

**DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL**

The Arkansas Arts Council's mission is to advance and empower the arts in Arkansas for the benefit of all Arkansans, by providing a comprehensive statewide program for the support of arts in Arkansas, including services and grants that encourage and assist Arkansas artists.

The total appropriation is \$1,832,625 in FY14 and \$1,833,357 in FY15.

**ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL - FEDERAL PROGRAM APPROPRIATION**

This program is funded by federal funding received from a grant from the National Endowment for the arts. The total appropriation is \$831,347 in FY14 and \$832,079 in FY15 and provides for the following:

**Extra Help and Matching** - Decrease of \$3232 each year as two positions are being reassigned to the Director's Operations appropriation.

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$10,000 each year for expenses of the Poetry Out Loud program and council member expenses.

**Professional Fees:** Increase of \$5,000 each year for the Poetry Out Loud program.

**Grants/Aid** - Increase of \$150,000 each year to accommodate the carryover of prior year grants and to accommodate future grant expenses.

**ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL - CASH IN TREASURY**

This appropriation is funded from cash receipts generated by registration fees, interest income and the sales of items purchased for display and for workshop sessions. The budget appropriates a total of \$227,276 for each year of the biennium and provides for the following increases:

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$10,000 each year to accommodate the expenses for the annual Artlinks and Governor's Art Awards.

**Conference and Travel Expenses** - Increase of \$5,000 each year to accommodate professional training for staff.

**Grants/Aid** - Increase of \$135,000 each year to accommodate foundation grants the agency will receive each year.

**DAH - DELTA CULTURAL CENTER (DCC)**

It is the mission of the Delta Cultural Center to preserve, research, document, interpret, and present the heritage of the Arkansas Delta. The total appropriation for the Delta Cultural Center Agency is \$751,311 each year of the biennium.

**DELTA CULTURAL CENTER - STATE OPERATIONS**

This appropriation is funded by general revenues from the Arkansas Heritage Fund and funds the Delta Cultural Center museum in Helena Arkansas. The total operations appropriation is \$695,311 each year of the biennium and provides for the following:

**Salaries and Matching** - increase of \$66,005 each year for two regular positions.

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$109,100 each year to cover basic utility costs due to overall utility increases, expanded facilities, and increased utilization of properties.

**DELTA CULTURAL CENTER - BANK CHARGES FUND**

Appropriation provides for the payment of bank charges, credit card charges, and revenues collected from the Delta Cultural Center store. The total budget is \$6,000 each year of the biennium and provides for an increase of \$1,000 in Operating Expenses to provide for an increase in fee charges based on visitation and sales from the museum stores.

**DAH - HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM COMMISSION (HAM)**

The mission of this agency is to communicate the early history of Arkansas and its creative legacy through preserving, interpreting, and presenting stories and collections for the education and enjoyment of the people they serve. The total appropriation is \$1,501,222 in FY14 and \$1,501,345 in FY15.

**HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM - STATE OPERATIONS**

This appropriation is funded by general revenues through the Arkansas Heritage fund. The total budget is \$1,190,107 in FY14 and \$1,190,230 in FY15 and provides for an increase of \$5,000 each year in operating expenses to cover utilities and insurance costs.

**DAH - ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM (AHPP)**

Created to fulfill the objectives of the National Historic Preservation Act by identifying, preserving and protecting the cultural resources of Arkansas.

The total appropriation for AHPP is \$1,598,2010 in FY14 and \$1,596,953 in FY15 and provides for the following increases;

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION-REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX**

This appropriation provides for state grant funding collected from Real Estate Transfer Tax for Historic Preservation/Main Street Programs.

This shell appropriation includes the addition of 1 DAH Program coordinator position.

**MAIN STREET CASH IN TREASURY (960)**

The Main Street Program was established in 2001 and works with local communities to revitalize downtown commercial areas throughout Arkansas. The agency is requesting \$32,342 in FY14 and \$30,842 in FY15 and provides for the following increase;

Operating Expenses: Increase of \$8,000 in FY14 and \$6,500 to provide for increased costs associated with the State Tax Credit Program.

Professional Fees-Increase of \$2,812 to provide for workshops and the production of training videos related to the rehabilitation of historic structures.

**MOSAIC TEMPLARS CULTURAL CENTER**

The mission of the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center is to collect, preserve, interpret, and celebrate Arkansas's African-American history, culture, and community from 1870 to the present, and to educate the public about Black achievement in business, politics and the arts.

The total appropriation is \$1,021,153 for each year of the biennium.

**MOSAIC TEMPLARS STATE OPERATIONS**

Total Budget of \$875,456 for each year of the biennium. The total provides for the following increases;

Regular Salaries - Increase of \$46,056 per year for two new positions.

Personal Services Matching - Increase of \$21,317 per year for two new

positions.

**MOSAIC TEMPLARS CASH IN TREASURY**

Total budget of \$144,457 for each year of the biennium. This provides for an increase of \$64,457 each year in Operating Expenses.

**DAH - NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL (ANCRC)**

The Natural and Cultural Resources Council was created to manage and supervise grants and a trust fund for use in the acquisition, management, and stewardship of state-owned lands or the preservation of state-owned historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects which the Council determines to be of value for recreation or conservation purposes.

The total appropriation for the ANCRC is \$33 million each year.

**DAH - NATURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION**

The mission of the Natural Heritage Commission is to preserve natural diversity, to promote choice among beneficial uses of the environment, and to promote a balance between the development and environmental protection of the State by establishing a system and a registry of natural areas, conducting research and publishing information on natural areas, and performing other duties relating to the use, management and preservation of natural features of Arkansas. The total appropriation for this agency is \$4,661,242 in FY14 and \$4,663,820 in FY15. The increases are explained below;

**NATURAL HERITAGE-STATE OPERATIONS**

This appropriation is funded by general revenue funding. The total appropriation is \$1,025,498 in FY14 and \$1,028,076 in FY15 and includes and includes the following:

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$1,572 in FY14 and \$3,176 in FY15 for an increase in office rent.

**Gas Royalty Expense** - Decrease of \$118,751 each year to provide for an adjustment of appropriation to more accurately reflect estimated income from Natural Gas Leases.

**NATURAL HERITAGE-FEDERAL PROGRAM (Appropriation 494)**

This appropriation uses federal funds for personal services and operating expenses to perform the inventory and data management function of the Commission. The total appropriation is \$2,103,905 which provides for a reallocation of \$141,888 to the State Operations Appropriation and the addition of \$48,279 each year for a new Computer Support Specialist position at Grade C119.

**NATURAL HERITAGE LAND ACQUISITION**

This appropriation is funded by special revenue collected from the additional 1/8 cent sales tax for Conservation. The total appropriation is \$1,200,000 and provides for an additional \$400,000 each year in unfunded appropriation for the use of state funding to attract federal grants to purchase strategic conservation lands throughout Arkansas.

**DAH - OLD STATE HOUSE COMMISSION**

The Old State House Museum provides a full complement of educational programs and interpretive exhibits on Arkansas's early statehood, 1836-1911. The total appropriation is \$1,547,496 in FY14 and \$1,548,349 in FY15 which provides for the following increases:

**OLD STATE HOUSE - OPERATIONS**

This appropriation provides general revenue funding for the personal services and operating expenses of the Old State House and Trapnall Hall. The total appropriation amount is \$1,337,811 in FY14 and \$1,338,664 in FY15. This appropriation includes an increase of \$10,000 per year in appropriation and funding to the Operating Expenses line item for basic utility costs.

**III) POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2015: 152  
Total positions for FY 2014: 152  
Total positions for FY 2013: 146  
Increase/ (Decrease): 6

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:** Allows DAH to purchase up to \$40,000 of promotional and educational merchandise as authorized by the Director of the Department from Maintenance & General Operation appropriations authorized for the Department.

**PUBLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND RESALE:** After prior review by Arkansas Legislative Council, DAH is permitted to transfer up to \$25,000 per fiscal year from the Natural & Cultural Resources Historic Preservation Fund or other funds established from federal or non-federal grants to the Publication Development and Resale Revolving Fund to develop and purchase additional publications for resale.

**NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL (NCRC):** Establishes the Director of DAH as the disbursing officer for NCRC & Main Street Program appropriations. If grants are made to state agencies, from either of these appropriations the language allows DAH to transfer appropriation and funding for use in classifications of expenditures as determined by the conditions of the grant and the state agency.

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