

STATE CRIME LABORATORY (0955)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 & 2015 – Executive Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The State Crime Laboratory provides forensic and scientific laboratory services, written analysis of evidence and corroborative testimony for all the state's law enforcement and criminal justice community to assist in the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in criminal cases.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$15,466,756 the first year and \$15,475,997 the second year of the biennium.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

The State Crime Lab is funded from general revenue through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund, a portion of uniform filing fees collected in circuit court (A.C.A 16-10-313) and through a fund transfer from the Administration of Justice Fund. Additional revenue sources include Federal Grants from the US Dept. of Justice and Special Revenues generated from the forfeitures of funds and property derived through court proceedings taken in cases involving the illegal manufacture and/or distribution of narcotics and a mandatory fine required by convicted persons required to submit to a DNA sample.

The State Crime Lab receives twenty percent (20%) of all forfeitures over the first \$20,000 of forfeitures per county, per year.

II) APPROPRIATION/CHANGES:

Crime Lab Federal: appropriation change level requests totaling \$1,291,930 each year reflect the following:

- Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching increases of \$191,930 for the restoration of three Forensic Scientists and one Forensic Technician.
- Operating Expense increase of \$100,000 for health and laboratory supplies.
- Capital Outlay \$1,000,000 for replacement and purchase of lab equipment.

Crime Lab Operations:

- Appropriation and general revenue increases totaling \$103,000 each year provide for Professional Fee increase of \$78K for a transport service and \$25K for sales tax on vehicles and purchase of a nitrogen generator.
- Capital outlay appropriation of \$250K for equipment

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS:

Total positions for FY 2015: 144

Total positions for FY 2014: 144

Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 144

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE: NONE