

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 192 - Ethics Operations

Funding Sources: HUA - Miscellaneous Agencies Fund

The Arkansas Ethics Commission enforces Arkansas' standards of conduct and disclosure laws concerning candidates for public office, state and local public officials, lobbyists and committees, individuals involved with initiatives, referendums and other matters referred to the voters. The Commission is composed of a five (5) member board and a nine (9) member staff.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level salary of the unclassified position reflects the FY11 line item maximum.

Base Level includes appropriation and general revenue funding of \$679,404 in each year of the biennium with nine (9) Regular positions and two (2) Extra Help positions as well as supporting operating costs.

The Agency requests additional appropriation and general revenue funding in the amount of \$2,000 each year of the biennium for the Conference and Travel Expenses line item. Currently only two (2) staff members are able to attend the annual conference conducted by the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), which provides essential education and training for the agency's licensed attorneys and compliance staff. The requested increase would enable one (1) additional staff member to attend the annual conference.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

Appropriation Summary

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Commitment Item		2009-2010	2010-2011	2010-2011	2011-2012			2012-2013		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	450,178	451,976	455,979	452,501	472,046	472,046	452,501	483,984	483,984
#Positions		9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
Extra Help	5010001	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
#Extra Help		0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Personal Services Matching	5010003	126,242	133,127	131,374	133,505	136,681	136,681	133,505	138,927	138,927
Operating Expenses	5020002	88,551	88,898	88,898	88,898	88,898	88,898	88,898	88,898	88,898
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	3,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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		667,971	678,501	680,751	681,404	702,125	702,125	681,404	716,309	716,309
Funding Sources										
General Revenue	4000010	667,968	678,501		681,404	702,125	702,125	681,404	716,309	716,309
M & R Sales	4000340	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		667,971	678,501		681,404	702,125	702,125	681,404	716,309	716,309
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total		667,971	678,501		681,404	702,125	702,125	681,404	716,309	716,309

The FY11 Budget in Personal Services Matching exceeds the Authorized due to matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.