

ARKANSAS REAL ESTATE COMMISSION (AGENCY 0248)

FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019

PER EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Real Estate Commission is responsible for the licensing of real estate brokers and salespersons, investigating complaints about real estate transactions, conducting Disciplinary and Recovery Fund hearings, and administering the Continuing Education and Time-Share programs. The Commission consists of five members appointed by the Governor.

The Recovery Fund was established to pay damage claims to persons who have suffered monetary loss specifically attributable to real estate brokers or sales persons found by the Commission to have violated the Real Estate Law or Regulations. The fund is also used for real estate educational purposes.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$2,130,870 in FY2018 and \$1,782,480 in FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCE

The Real Estate Commission is cash funded from the receipts of license and license renewals for real estate brokers and sales persons.

The Real Estate Recovery Fund is funded by a \$25 one-time fee charged to each new license applicant. Fund balance interests earnings support the Commission's educational efforts.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 853)

This appropriation is used for the operations of the Commission. The appropriation is \$1,262,086 in FY2018 and \$1,263,696 in FY2019. Funded with cash in the state treasury, the change level request is as follows:

Extra Help and Personal Services Matching - decrease of \$8,716 each year for the forfeiture of two (2) Extra Help positions.

Conference and Travel Expenses - increase of \$10,000 due to a reallocation from the Professional Fees line item to cover real estate education and training for staff.

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Capital Outlay - increase of \$525,000 in FY18 and \$175,000 in FY19. \$25,000 to purchase one new vehicle each fiscal year; \$500,000 in FY18 to purchase a new licensing management system and \$150,000 in FY19 to cover the system's completion costs.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 15)

Total Positions for FY 2019: 15

Total Positions for FY 2018: 15

Total Base Level Positions: 15

Increase/(Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 and FY2019: 2 (Total FY2017

Authorized Extra Help: 4)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

NONE

October 15, 2016