

**STATE CRIME LABORATORY (0955)
FISCAL YEARS 2018 & 2019
PER 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 of 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 for the agency is \$15,941,749 in FY2018 and \$15,950,363 in FY2019.

FUNDING SOURCES

The State Crime Lab is funded from general revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, a portion of uniform filing fees collected in circuit court pursuant to 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 and a mandatory fine required by convicted persons required to submit to a DNA sample. Crime Lab receives twenty percent (20%) of all forfeitures over the first \$20,000 of forfeitures per county, per year.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

CRIME LAB - FEDERAL - This appropriation is funded by grants from the United States Department of Justice. The appropriation is increased by \$1,000,000 in Capital Outlay each year of the biennium to purchase new laboratory equipment and to replace outdated equipment.

DNA - SPECIAL - This appropriation is funded by Special Revenue generated by a mandatory fine of not less than \$250 for persons required to submit a DNA sample. The total appropriation is increased by \$261,750 each year of the biennium to provide for the following changes:

Operating Expenses - Increase of \$223,000 to pay for maintenance and laboratory supplies due to increased case load.

Conference and Travel - Increase of \$28,750 each year to support the accreditation required by the FBI's DNA Advisory Board Standards for analysts to attend training.

Professional Fees - Increase of \$10,000 each year to purchase proficiency tests that are required by their accrediting body and the FBI.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions 144)

Total Positions FY2019: 144

Total Positions FY2018: 144

Total Base Level Positions FY2017: 144

Increase / (Decrease): 0

Extra Help Positions FY2018 & FY2019: 0 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.

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