

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** A56 - Division of Collections - Cash Operations

**Funding Sources:** 310 - Collection Agencies Board - Cash

The State Board of Collection Agencies (SBCA) is responsible for such matters as licensing, revocation of licenses, investigation and prosecution of violations, enforcement of bonding requirements, setting and enforcing standards of ethical operations, and generally policing the activities of approximately 1,300 collection agencies presently operating in Arkansas. The aspiration of the SBCA is to reduce undesirable collection activity, fraud, misrepresentation of client funds, and unprofessional conduct.

The SBCA is funded with the receipts of license fees for collection agencies.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching include the continuation of the previously authorized 2015 1% Cost of Living Adjustment and Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$10 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$420 per month. Base level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for Merit Pay Increases. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Board requests Base Level appropriation for the 2015-2017 Biennium.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

The Legislative Recommendation concurs with the Executive Recommendation.

## Appropriation Summary

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Commitment Item		2013-2014	2014-2015	2014-2015	2015-2016			2016-2017		
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Legislative	Agency	Executive	Legislative
Regular Salaries	5010000	170,014	186,874	195,027	209,541	209,541	209,541	209,541	209,541	209,541
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Extra Help	5010001	4,859	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	59,045	61,719	62,660	67,407	67,407	67,407	67,407	67,407	67,407
Operating Expenses	5020002	58,946	91,700	91,700	91,700	91,700	91,700	91,700	91,700	91,700
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	4,165	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500
Professional Fees	5060010	8,208	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grants and Aid	5100004	1,150,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
Claims	5110015	0	24,642	24,642	24,642	24,642	24,642	24,642	24,642	24,642
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,455,237</b>	<b>1,695,435</b>	<b>1,704,529</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>

Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	5,067,198	5,425,551		4,909,384	4,909,284	4,909,284	4,365,594	4,365,494	4,365,494
Cash Fund	4000045	1,813,590	1,179,168		1,180,000	1,180,000	1,180,000	1,180,000	1,180,000	1,180,000
Total Funding		6,880,788	6,604,719		6,089,384	6,089,284	6,089,284	5,545,594	5,545,494	5,545,494
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(5,425,551)	(4,909,284)		(4,365,594)	(4,365,494)	(4,365,494)	(3,821,804)	(3,821,704)	(3,821,704)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,455,237</b>	<b>1,695,435</b>		<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>	<b>1,723,790</b>