

2011-13 Biennium Appropriation and Funding Request: Department of Higher Education, General Revenue Funded Grants and Scholarships – Manual 8 Excerpts

Pg.281

“II. Financial Aid Programs to Students”- States that FY2010 budget cuts of \$2 million and the \$20 million transfer to the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Fund of the Arkansas Lottery Commission reduced the fund balance to \$24 million.

“The current revenue and HEG Fund Balance will not be sufficient to sustain the growth in all of the Financial Aid Programs. Therefore some Programs will not be able to be funded and most others will have to have funding reduced or held to Fiscal 2011 levels to insure that current students in the pipeline will be funded as well as maximizing utilization of available funding to other Financial Aid programs that will serve the largest number of students ... in need and achievement based programs.”

“A. The Minority Masters Fellows (MMF) Program - Act 1215 of 2009 repealed this and consolidated it with the State Teacher Education Program. The reduced request is to provide funding for those students in the pipeline.”

Act 1215 of 2009 repealed the Freshman/Sophomore Minority Grant Program, the Minority Teacher Scholars Program, the Minority Masters Fellows Program, and the State Teacher Education Program.

Pg. 282

“B. Arkansas Health Education Grant (ARHEG)” - “Due to the declining balance in the HEG Fund, ... Programs are being reduced along with other Financial Aid Programs to insure that current students in the pipeline will be funded as well as providing funding to other Financial Aid programs that maximize the number of students served in need and achievement based programs.”

Pg. 302

“As a result of this transfer [\$20 million to the Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust Account], ADHE requests reduction of appropriation for the 2011 – 2013 Biennium to reflect the declining balance of the Higher Education Grants Fund.

The Change Level reductions are summarized as follows:

- State Teacher Education Program (STEP) - \$3,200,000 in both years
- Teacher Opportunity Program - \$2,000,000 in both years, which discontinues program
- Workforce Improvement Grants - \$1,777,169 in both years
- Higher Education Opportunity Grants - \$4,000,000 in both years
- Second Effort Scholarships - \$20,000 in both years, which discontinues program
- Minority Masters Fellowship - \$176,250 in FY2012 and \$227,500 in FY2013
- Washington Center Scholarships - \$120,000 in both years, which discontinues program
- Dependents of Law Enforcement Officers - \$25,000 in both years
- AR Geographical Critical Needs - \$200,000 in both years, which discontinues program
- JR/SR Minority Teacher Scholarships - \$210,000 in FY2012 and \$255,000 in FY2013
- State Teacher Assistance Resource (STAR) Program - \$3,096,467 in FY2012 and

\$3,339,217 in FY2013

- Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program - \$157,974 in both years
- Web Based Applications - \$550,000 reduction in both years, as well as a reallocation of \$250,000 to ADHE's Scholarship Administration appropriation, which discontinues the program."

The agency also requested increases in the Arkansas Governor's Scholars appropriation of \$1,375,000 in year 1 and \$300,000 in year 2 to "...fund students currently receiving this scholarship, as well as the 300 new students to receive the award for FY2011."

Also an increase of \$200,000 each year in the Dependents of POWs, MIAs, KIAs – Tuition Waiver Scholarships was requested due to the "... ongoing military actions in the Middle East and Afghanistan ..."

Pg. 303

"These adjustments will allow ADHE to best serve the students of the State while responsibly managing funding levels during the current economic situation."

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request with differing amounts for Workforce Improvement Grants, \$777,169 and \$2,277,169 reduction years 1 and 2; Higher Education Opportunity Grants, \$5,000,000 reduction each year; Dependents of POWs, MIAs, KIAs – Tuition Waiver Scholarships, \$105,000 increase both years; Arkansas Governor's Scholars, \$1,140,000 increase in year 1 and a \$170,000 reduction in year 2.

Pg. 305

"Due to the declining balance in the HEG Fund, Financial Aid Programs are being reduced to insure that current students in the pipeline will be funded as well as providing funding to other Financial Aid programs that maximize the number of students served in need and achievement based programs."

Pg. 323

"In order to fully fund the pipeline of Arkansas students already enrolled and to address the declining balance of the HEG Fund, Change Level requests for appropriation only are requested as follows:

- Osteopathy Aid: Decrease of \$82,000 each year
- Podiatry Aid: Decrease of \$110,400 each year
- Veterinary Aid: Decrease of \$50,000 each year
- Chiropractic Aid: Decrease of \$158,000 each year
- Dental Aid Grants: Decrease of \$433,000 [\$433,900] each year
- Optometry Aid Grants: Decrease of \$89,600 each year
- Optometry Aid Loans: Decrease of \$140,000 each year

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request with the exception of Veterinary Aid, where a decrease \$171,000 each year of the biennium is recommended."

Pg. 325

“Due to the declining balance in the HEG Fund, ARHEG Programs are being reduced along with other Financial Aid Programs to levels that can be funded with General revenue. This will help to ensure that current students in the pipeline will be funded as well as providing funding to other Financial Aid programs to maximize the number of students served in need- and achievement-based programs. This request will fund the program at the estimated fiscal 2011 level.”

Bureau of Legislative Research, 11-4-2010

2011-13 Biennium Appropriation and Funding Request: Department of Higher Education, General Revenue Funded Grants and Scholarships

Scholarship / Grant	FY2009-10	FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12						FY 2012-13					
	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Budgeted	2010-11 Authorized	Agency Request	Agency Change from Budgeted	Executive Recommendation	Exec. Change from Budgeted	Agency Request	Agency Change from Budgeted	Executive Recommendation	Exec. Change from Budgeted				
St Teacher Educ Prgm	1,474,551	5,000,000	5,000,000	1,800,000	-3,200,000	1,800,000	-3,200,000	1,800,000	-3,200,000	1,800,000	-3,200,000				
Teacher Opportunity Program	1,014,157	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	0	-2,000,000	0	-2,000,000				
Workforce Improvement Grants	4,183,149	4,277,169	4,277,169	2,500,000	-1,777,169	3,500,000	-777,169	2,500,000	-1,777,169	2,000,000	-2,277,169				
H E Opportunities Grant	5,640,718	11,000,000	11,000,000	7,000,000	-4,000,000	6,000,000	-5,000,000	7,000,000	-4,000,000	6,000,000	-5,000,000				
National Guard Tuition Asst.	1,499,999	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0	1,500,000	0				
Single Parent Scholarship Program	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0	175,000	0				
Second Effort Scholarships	14,960	20,000	20,000	0	-20,000	0	-20,000	0	-20,000	0	-20,000				
Minority Masters Fellows	220,864	280,000	280,000	103,750	-176,250	103,750	-176,250	52,500	-227,500	52,500	-227,500				
Washington Center Scholarships	118,000	120,000	120,000	0	-120,000	0	-120,000	0	-120,000	0	-120,000				
SREB Minority Doctoral Scholars	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000	0	200,000	0				
Dependents-Law Enf. Off, etc	174,574	200,000	200,000	175,000	-25,000	175,000	-25,000	175,000	-25,000	175,000	-25,000				
AR Geographical Critical Needs	148,863	200,000	200,000	0	-200,000	0	-200,000	0	-200,000	0	-200,000				
Jr/Sr Minority Teacher Scholars	174,544	300,000	300,000	90,000	-210,000	90,000	-210,000	45,000	-255,000	45,000	-255,000				
Dependents-POW'S, MIA'S, etc.	351,063	250,000	250,000	450,000	200,000	355,000	105,000	450,000	200,000	355,000	105,000				
Tuition Adjustment	0	350,000	350,000	350,000	0	350,000	0	350,000	0	350,000	0				
Govt. Worker Loan Repayment Program	0	0	5,000,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
St Teacher Asst. Resource Prgm	969,000	3,581,717	3,581,717	485,250	-3,096,467	485,250	-3,096,467	242,500	-3,339,217	242,500	-3,339,217				
AR Academic Challenge Schship	22,127,947	20,000,000	28,000,000	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	0	20,000,000	0				
Arkansas Governor Sch	10,745,885	10,750,000	10,750,000	12,125,000	1,375,000	11,890,000	1,140,000	11,050,000	300,000	10,580,000	-170,000				

2011-13 Biennium Appropriation and Funding Request: Department of Higher Education, General Revenue Funded Grants and Scholarships

Scholarship / Grant†	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11		FY 2011-12				FY 2012-13			
	2009-10 Actual	2010-11 Budgeted€	2010-11 Authorized	Agency Request	Agency Change from Budgeted	Executive Recommendation	Exec. Change from Budgeted	Agency Request	Agency Change from Budgeted	Executive Recommendation	Exec. Change from Budgeted	
Student Undergrad. Research Fellowship (SURF)	307,771	307,974	307,974	150,000	-157,974	150,000	-157,974	150,000	-157,974	150,000	-157,974	
Web Based Applications	318,441	800,000	800,000	0	-800,000	0	-800,000	0	-800,000	0	-800,000	
Medical Professions												
Osteopathy Aid	158,000	230,000	230,000	148,000	-82,000	148,000	-82,000	148,000	-82,000	148,000	-82,000	
Podiatry Aid	18,400	130,400	130,400	20,000	-110,400	20,000	-110,400	20,000	-110,400	20,000	-110,400	
Veterinary Aid	1,039,287	1,100,000	1,100,000	1,050,000	-50,000	929,000	-171,000	1,050,000	-50,000	929,000	-171,000	
Chiropractic Aid	130,007	260,000	260,000	102,000	-158,000	102,000	-158,000	102,000	-158,000	102,000	-158,000	
Dental Aid Grants	1,677,450	2,133,900	2,133,900	1,700,000	-433,900	1,700,000	-433,900	1,700,000	-433,900	1,700,000	-433,900	
Optometry Aid Grants	375,300	410,000	410,000	320,400	-89,600	320,400	-89,600	320,400	-89,600	320,400	-89,600	
Optometry Aid Loans	95,000	140,000	140,000	0	-140,000	0	-140,000	0	-140,000	0	-140,000	
Dental Aid Loans	0	987,370	987,370	987,370	0	987,370	0	987,370	0	987,370	0	
Dental Aid Grant & Loans	975,118	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Appropriation:	54,328,048	66,703,530	79,703,530	51,431,770	-15,271,760	50,980,770	-15,722,760	50,017,770	-16,685,760	47,831,770	-18,871,760	
Funding‡												
Beg. Fund Balance: Educational Excellence	53,717,170	45,245,869		3,619,250		3,619,250		0		0		
Fund*	12,864,130	12,163,230		12,163,230		12,163,230		12,163,230		12,163,230		
General Revenue	33,308,066	33,491,806		34,491,806		34,491,806		34,491,806		34,491,806		
GR Transfer: Scholarship Admin.	-216,849	-478,993		0		0		0		0		
GR Transfer: Prog. Coord. Funding	-98,600	-99,132		-99,132		-99,132		-99,132		-99,132		
GR Transfer: Scholarship Shortfall Reserve Trust												
Acct.	0	-20,000,000		0		0		0		0		
Ending Fund Bal.:	45,245,869	3,619,250		-1,256,616		-805,616		-3,461,866		-1,275,866		

*EETF updated to August 13, 2010 forecast for FY11 and through 2013

€ Base level is equal to the 2010-11 Budgeted

† Appropriation amounts from DFA 2011-13 Biennial Budget Manual #8

Denotes discontinuing program

‡ Funding modified from DFA Manual #8 amounts to AASIS balances before transfers & GR adjusted to distributions