

ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING (AGENCY 0228)

FISCAL YEAR 2018

AS ENACTED BY ACT 114 OF 2017

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling regulates the title and practice of Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists in our State. The Board monitors and records the supervision of each new license until the license holder has completed the mandated three (3) years of supervised practice. The board conducts investigations into violations of Statutes, Rules and Regulations, complaints, and practice without a license. Disciplinary Hearings held before the Board are pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act and arranged with the counsel of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for FY2018 is \$386,731.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Funding is supported from fees collected from initial licensure and biannual renewal of licenses. All money collected is kept in a cash account in the State Treasury.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 1GE):**

This appropriation provides for the operations of the Board. The appropriation totals \$386,731 which is \$58,532 over Base Level and includes the following changes:

**Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching:** Increase of \$37,115 each year for restoration of a pool position to provide additional support for the Board's operations.

**Operating Expenses:** Increase of \$25,393 for utilities, website service and maintenance, postage, gasoline expense to Board members, lodging and food prices, rent, and cost of sending two voting Board members to conferences.

**Conference and Travel:** Decrease of \$500 each year to more accurately reflect expenditures.

**Professional Fees:** Decrease of \$3,476 each year to more accurately reflect expenditures.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 4)**

Total Authorized Positions for FY2018: 4

Total Base Level Positions: 3

Increase/(Decrease) from Base level : 1

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 2 (Base Level Extra Help: 2)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

NONE