

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION (0229)
FISCAL YEAR 2018 & 2019
Per ALC/JBC Recommendation

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

Created by Act 1785 of 2001, the Fair Housing Commission consists of 13 voting members: 7 appointed by the Governor, 3 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, 3 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Authorized to provide procedures for the investigation and remediation of unfair housing practices, they enforce the provisions of federal fair housing laws and protect the public's access to fair housing in cooperation with the State Attorney General. Commission has established an education and outreach program to prevent discriminatory housing practices.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is \$1,379,852 for each year of the biennium.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Commission are funded through the Miscellaneous State Agencies Fund, federal reimbursement by Fair Housing Assistance Programs, cash and trust funds from administrative or civil penalties levied and collected.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUEST

State Operations Appropriation

- Reduction of one position and associated Salary and Match.
- Reduction of Operating Expenses line item to \$250,000 to more accurately reflect actual expenses.
- Reduction of \$1,991 from Professional Fees to more accurately reflect actual expenses.

Education - Trust Appropriation

- Reallocation of \$55,000 from Operating Expenses to Conference & Travel to host an annual conference.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY17 Positions: 13

Total Positions for FY2019: 12

Total Positions for FY2018: 12

Total Base Level Positions: 13

Increase/(Decrease): (1)

Extra Help Positions FY2018 & FY2019:2 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help:2)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- New Special Language Added - Promotional Items. Authorizes purchase from M&O for educational promotional items appropriated in the Education Trust Appropriation.