

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION (AGENCY 0516)  
FISCAL YEAR 2018  
AS ENACTED BY ACT 89 OF 2017

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

According to Arkansas Code §6-3-105 (a) The Arkansas Educational Television Commission is organized for the purpose of making the benefits of educational television available to and promoting its use by inhabitants of Arkansas." The Commission provides lifelong learning opportunities to all Arkansans; supplies instructional programs to Arkansas' schools; provides programming and services to improve and enhance the lives of Arkansas citizens; and illuminates culture and heritage of Arkansas and the world.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$13,620,214 in FY2018.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The appropriations of the Commission are funded by general revenue, cash funds, and fund balances.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**AETN - TREASURY PAYING - CASH (APPROPRIATION 127)**

This appropriation is used to support programs such as the IDEAS Portal, compressed interactive video training events, PBS Learning Media, and development of programs for and about Arkansas. This is funded by grants from private foundations, earnings from AETN produced programs, and partnerships with private and educational entities such as the Department of Education.

The total appropriation is \$8,226,773 in FY2018 which includes the following changes:

**Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching** - Decrease of (\$161,767) due to the elimination of four positions.

**Extra Help and Personal Services Matching** - Increase of \$267,375 to restore appropriation to FY2017 restored levels.

**Professional Fees** - Decrease of (\$40,000) due to a reallocation of resources to the Grants and Aid line in the appropriation.

**Grants and Aid** - Increase of \$40,000 due to a reallocation of appropriation from Professional Fees in order to meet grant requirements.

**Capital Outlay** - Increase of \$350,000 for IT related software, course content licensing, and related expenses for the IDEAS portal, which provides online professional development training to teachers statewide.

**AETN - STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 199)**

This appropriation provides for the infrastructure and operational needs of AETN. It is funded with General Revenue. The appropriation is \$5,278,441 in FY2018 and includes the following change levels:

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**Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching** - Decrease of (\$42,841) due to the elimination of one unfilled position.

**ARKANSAS VETERANS INITIATIVE (APPROPRIATION 2YX)**

This appropriation is used for the cost of documentaries honoring Arkansas' war heroes, through the "In Their Words" Veteran's archiving project. The total unfunded appropriation is \$115,000 which is needed to purchase capital equipment, software services, and upgrades for the Arkansas Veterans' Initiative website.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Authorized Positions: 109)**

Total Positions FY2018: 104

Total Base Level Positions: 109

Increase / (Decrease): (5)

Provides for the elimination of five (5) unfilled positions.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 51 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 51)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS:** Provides that the five (5) positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**EXTRA HELP - CASH OPERATIONS:** Provides that the forty-six (46) positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**ARKANSAS VETERANS' INITIATIVE (FORMERLY HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES):**

Provides that the appropriation for Arkansas Veteran's Initiative, Stories of Service is not intended to be carried forward into the base level in each upcoming biennium. Authorizes fiscal year-end unexpended funding for this appropriation to remain in the Educational Television Fund Account to be used in the following fiscal year for the Arkansas Veterans' Initiative appropriation.