

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
(AGENCY 0516) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ALC/JBC RECOMMENDATIONS**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Arkansas Educational Television Commission is the State's only public educational television service and the only television service in Arkansas with statewide over-the-air broadcast capability. The Commission has the responsibility to plan, produce and schedule instructional programs to meet the needs of Arkansas schools, and to provide programming and services to improve and enhance the lives of Arkansas' citizens.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total biennial budget is \$16,273,389 in FY08 and \$16,374,674 in FY09 which is an increase of \$5.95 million or 57.7% in FY08 and \$6.1 million or 58.7% in FY09.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget of the Commission are funded by General Revenue (approx. 26%), Cash Funds (approx. 49%) Contingency Funds (approx. 6%) and Fund Balances (approx. 19%).

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

General Revenue:

The 2007-09 biennial budget includes a total general revenue increase of \$315,714 in FY08 and \$390,611 in FY09 for the following purposes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>
2% Cost of Living - Salaries	\$ 70,714	\$145,611
Increased Electricity Costs	100,000	100,000
Increased Bldg/Grounds Costs	20,000	20,000
Honoring Ark. War Heroes Cont.	<u>125,000</u>	<u>125,000</u>
Total General Revenue Increase	<u>\$315,714</u>	<u>\$390,611</u>

Positions:

Increase of 2 positions

- 1 Education Assistant to Director Grade 26
- 1 Program Support Manager Grade 22

AETN - TREASURY PAYING - CASH IN TREASURY

This appropriation is funded by cash funds and the source of Cash Funds are primarily derived from private foundations, earnings for programs produced from the Agency's studios, and partnerships with various educational entities, state agencies, and private groups, and is used by personnel services and operating expenses of the Commission.

The total budget is \$9,744,024 in FY08 and \$9,770,127 in FY09 which includes the following increases:

Regular Salaries and Matching - An increase of \$836,906 in FY08 and \$863,009 in FY09 in salaries and matching to restore one pool position, continue positions budgeted in FY07 that were originally authorized in the State Operations Appropriation, and provide a 2% cost of living increase.

Extra Help - An increase of 10 extra help positions and \$610,585 each year to hire freelance producers to work on multiple production projects as they are funded.

Operating Expenses - An increase of \$3,023,757 each year for continuation of the Commission's work on the Professional Development Program.

Conference Fees & Travel - An increase of \$41,973 each year to allow representatives to continue to attend training and educational conferences.

Professional Fees & Services - An increase of \$745,646 each year to allow AETN to contract with different experts in different fields for the Professional Development Program.

Capital Outlay - Provides \$250,000 each year to allow for the purchase of software and network equipment to set up all of the areas of online professional development.

AETN STATE OPERATIONS

This appropriation is funded by general revenue and is used for personal services and operating expenses of the Commission.

The total appropriation is \$5,085,662 in FY08 and \$5,160,844 in FY09 which includes the following increases:

Regular Salaries and Matching - Provides an appropriation increase of \$152,525 in FY08 and \$227,707 in FY09 which includes appropriation only for the continuation of a Grade 26 Education Assistant to the Director which was requested as a pool position in FY07, and a 2% cost of living adjustment for all positions. Total increased funding for this line item is \$70,714 for FY08 and \$145,611 for FY09. The Education Assistant position referenced above assists with AETN's professional development programs being offered to teachers statewide.

Operating Expenses - An increase of \$120,000 in appropriation and funding each year for increased cost of utilities and increases in building and grounds expenses.

Capital Outlay - An increase of \$50,000 in appropriation only each year due to all equipment having to be computer based, and thus needing more storage, maintenance, and upgrades.

HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES

Provides \$125,000 in appropriation and funding each year for continuation of the "In Their Words" Project.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for the 2007-09 biennium: 113

Total positions for the 2005-07 biennium: 111

Increase/(Decrease): 2

1 Education Assistant to Director Grade 26

1 Program Support Manager Grade 22

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

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

EXTRA HELP - CASH: Provides that the positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

PROVIDES FOR THE DELETION OF THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF

LANGUAGE: **CONTINGENCY:** Contingency language provides for a pool of 15 classified positions to address needs emerging from the federally mandated transition to digital broadcast technology. The Educational Television Division must provide justification to the Dept of Finance and Administration's Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and receive OPM's recommendation and Arkansas Legislative Council approval to use the pool positions. Authorizes the transfer of these pool positions to any appropriation/pay schedule the agency maintains or receives during the 2007-09 biennium. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable language, and if the approval requirement is ruled unconstitutional then the entire section is void.

PROMOTIONAL ITEMS: Authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to establish a special appropriation line item not to exceed \$25,000 for acquisition of promotional items. The request must be made by the AETN Commission, approved by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, and receive prior approval by the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Classifies the legislative approval language as non-severable language, and if the approval requirement is ruled unconstitutional then the entire section is void.

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LANGUAGE: **FUNDING TRANSFER:** Requires the transfer of \$97,843 from the Department of Education Fund Account to the Educational Television Fund Account for the cost of the "Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes - Documenting Stories of the Arkansas' World War II Veterans" project.

PROVIDES FOR THE DELETION OF THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE DUE TO ITS CODIFICATION:

SUPPLEMENTAL PAY: Requires that Commission and Division employees shall not receive supplemental salary from sources not appropriated by the state and further provides that Division employees are to be supervised only by state employees.

HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES:

Provides that the appropriation for Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes is not intended to be carried forward into the base level for the 2009-11 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 Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes.