

**DHHS-DIVISION OF COUNTY OPERATIONS (719) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 1285, 1097, & 1284 of 2007**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

This Division is responsible for providing services at the local level in the 83 county offices. Services that are provided to citizens include eligibility for Medicaid, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and Food Stamps; and economic services such as Housing Assistance, Weatherization, Low Income Energy Assistance, and the Community Services Block Grant; and clerical support to the other divisions located in the county offices.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the 2007-09 biennium is \$204,163,279 for FY2008 and \$205,501,792 for FY2009.

FUNDING SOURCES

The budget is funded from general revenue (22%), federal funds (74%), and other funds (4%).

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

- The Weatherization Program appropriation, funded by Federal Funds (Dept. of Energy and U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services), provides an increase in Grants and Aid of \$400,000 each year to cover anticipated increases in federal funding for the Weatherization Program.
- The Emergency Food Program appropriation, funded by federal funds from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, provides an increase of \$200,000 each year for:
 1. \$74,563 each fiscal year to continue FY2007 approved Miscellaneous Federal Grant appropriation into the new biennium for the administration of the Emergency Food Program.
 2. \$125,437 each fiscal year of the biennium to allow for increases in Emergency Food Program funding.
- The Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program appropriation, funded by federal funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides an increase of \$9,960,000 each fiscal year for the following:
 1. \$6,933,972 each year of the biennium to continue a FY2007 approved Miscellaneous Federal Grant appropriation into the new biennium for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance program.
 2. \$3,026,028 each year of the biennium to allow for increases in Low Income Home Energy Assistance program funding during the biennium.
- The Medicaid Expansion appropriation, funded by Tobacco Settlement Funds and Federal revenues, provides an increase in Professional Fees by \$500,000 each fiscal year for:
 1. \$200,000 in funded appropriation to allow for the development of an automated client eligibility system to support the new Arkansas Safety Net Benefit Program.
 2. \$300,000 in unfunded appropriation to provide for possible new programs or system modifications in the biennium.
- The Individual Development Account appropriation, funded by

Transitional Employment Assistance Program funds (TANF Block Grant), provides for the transfer of the Individual Development Account appropriation of \$35,781 and the Individual Development Account Trust Fund to the Department of Workforce Services in conjunction with State initiatives and organizational changes prescribed by Act 1705 of 2005.

- The Operations appropriation, funded by General Revenue, Federal and Other Revenues, provides for:
 1. Transfer one (1) position (DHS Communications Director - grade 99) to the Director's Office with appropriation only.
 2. Restoration of one hundred thirty-eight (138) positions along with salary and matching appropriation to allow DCO to efficiently manage vacancies.
 3. Capitol Outlay increased by \$72,500 in FY08 and \$22,500 in FY09 to replace three (3) vehicles in FY08 and one (1) in FY09.
- The TANF Block Grant appropriation, funded by federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Block Grant and General Revenue from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, provides for a total increase of \$10,395,387 each fiscal year with General Revenue funding transfer requests of (\$3,640,650) each fiscal year to the Department of Workforce Services for:
 1. \$4,223,250 each year in federally funded appropriation for cash assistance payments provided to TEA and Work Pays program recipients.
 2. \$2,460,925 each year in federally funded appropriation for employment bonuses paid to TEA and Work Pays program recipients.
 3. \$3,711,212 each year in unfunded appropriation for employment bonuses paid to TEA and Work Pays recipients.
- The Community Services Block Grant appropriation, funded from the federal Community Services Block Grant, U. S. DHHS, Admin. for Children and Families, and General Revenue from the Department of Human Services Grants Fund Account, provides for an increase in appropriation only of \$200,000 each year of the biennium for projected increases in federal funding for these services.
- New Weatherization Services appropriation for \$2 million each fiscal year for weatherization services grants and aid.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 1,943

Total positions for FY 2007: 1,806

Increase(Decrease): 137

- * 1 DHS Communications Director, Grade 99 transferred to the Director's Office
- * 95 Position Restorations for County Office efficiency
- * 43 Additional Position Restorations for County Office support

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- CARRY FORWARD: Unexpended balances in appropriations made from federal funds can be carried into the next fiscal year.
- INTERAGENCY TRANSFER OF STATE GENERAL REVENUE: The CFO of the State may approve transfers of General Revenue between DHHS and Department of Workforce Services in support of TANF

Programs. **NEW**

- DCO FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATIONS: In the event that a State of Federal disaster is declared, DCO is exempt from exceeding the 240 hour per quarter limit on temp help and waiving the 1,000 hour limit per state fiscal year for Extra Help. **NEW**

MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM

- MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM-CARRY FORWARD: Language stating that unexpended balances of appropriations can be carried forward from the 1st to the 2nd fiscal year.
- MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM-PAYING ACCOUNTS: Separate Paying Accounts will be established by the Department for each component of the Medicaid Expansion Program to draw federal funds.
- ACCOUNTS: Appropriation and Fund Accounts will be established on the books of the Treasurer and Auditor of the State.
- POSITIONS: General revenue funds will not be used to replace Tobacco Settlement funds when funds expire. No positions paid from the Tobacco Settlement will be construed as a commitment.
- TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS: No funds in the Medicaid Expansion Program Appropriation act shall be transferred, but only as provided by this act.
- TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS: Provides the process in which transfers can be made within appropriations. The Director can request the transfer of appropriation only in the Hospital and Medical Services and Prescription Drug line items.
- COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS: Disbursement of funds authorized shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law and shall be strictly complied.
- LEGISLATIVE INTENT: Any funds disbursed in the Economic and Medical Enrollment Program-Tobacco Program shall be in compliance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000.