

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION (229)
2009-11 BIENNIUM - LEGISLATIVE 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 of the Senate Pro Tempore. 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 is also to establish an education and outreach program to prevent discriminatory housing practices.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is \$739,136 the first year and \$496,470 the second year.

FUNDING SOURCE

The agency is funded through the Miscellaneous State Agencies Fund (50%), federal reimbursement, cash and trust funds.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

1. The operations appropriation, funded with cash, federal and general revenue for \$452,415 the first year and \$456,470 the second year has an increase in appropriation (federal funds) of \$251,721 the first year for regular salaries, extra help, matching, operating expenses and capital outlay for 3 additional full-time positions and 2 extra help positions to assist in case processing and provide fiscal management of the Commission.
2. The education trust appropriation, funded with trust funds for \$35,000 the first year and \$40,000 the second year has no changes.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2007-2009: 7
Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 10
Increase/ (Decrease): 3

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.