

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMMISSION (AGENCY 334) - FISCAL YEAR 2011

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Tobacco Settlement Commission is responsible for evaluating and monitoring of the programs funded by the Tobacco Settlement Proceeds Act of 2000.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The appropriation for the year is \$3,734,739.

FUNDING SOURCE

The operations of the Commission are funded from the interest drawn on various program accounts.

II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OVER FY 2010

Change level request includes appropriation in the amount of \$2,048,279 in FY11 and is comprised of the following:

- Increase in Salaries and Matching of \$36,371 for a Grants Program Coordinator.
- Increase of \$250,000 in Professional Fees to develop a Total Quality Management system for all Tobacco Settlement Programs.
- Increase in Professional Fees of \$500,000 for necessary services to be provided by the Arkansas Attorney General's Office relating to the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement.
- Increase in appropriation for Grants and Aid of \$1,750,000 to make grants to nonprofit and community based organizations for long-term projects to improve the health of Arkansans.

III) POSITIONS

Total Authorized for FY11: 2

Total Authorized for FY10: 3

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- An independent third party shall be hired to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures from settlement funds.
- Appropriations provided in this act shall not be transferred under the provisions of Arkansas Code 19-4-522 or the provisions of Arkansas code 6-62-104, but only as provided by this act.
- Transfers of appropriations - In the event the amount of any of the budget classifications of maintenance or general operation are found by the administrative head to be inadequate, then the agency head may request a modification.
- Positions - Nothing in this act shall be construed as a commitment of the State or any of its agencies or institutions to continue funding any position paid from the proceeds of the Tobacco Settlement in the event that Tobacco Settlement funds are not sufficient to finance the position.

- Compliance with other laws - Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations.
- Legislative Intent - funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the state reasons for which this act was adopted.