

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION (229)
2011-13 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 has established an education and outreach program to prevent discriminatory housing practices.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total budget of the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is \$743,449 the first year and \$749,897 the second year of the biennium.

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 \$703,449 the first year and \$709,897 the second year has an increase in appropriation (federal funds) of \$7,022 each year for regular salaries and matching for upgrade of the Agency Director and reclassification of one (1) Fiscal Support Analyst to a Fiscal Support Supervisor to reflect comparable market rates with other state agencies/institutions for similar positions and due to the Commission having the increased responsibility of conducting their own investigations.
2. The education trust appropriation, funded with trust funds for \$40,000 for each year of the biennium has no changes

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2009-2011: 10
Total positions for FY 2011-2013: 10
Increase/ (Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

None.