

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT COMMISSION (AGENCY 334)  
2011-13 BIENNIUM**

**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 BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The budget for FY12 is 2,393,047 and for FY13 \$2,584,242.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

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

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

Change level decrease from base level in the amount of \$1,351,000 in FY12 and \$1,164,000 in FY13 and is comprised of the following:

- Decrease in Operating Expenses of \$1,000 each year.
- Decrease of \$100,000 each year of the biennium in Professional Fees to adjust for reduced investment income.
- Decrease in appropriation for Grants and Aid of \$1,250,000 in FY12 and \$1,063,000 in FY13 to adjust for reduced investment income.

**III) POSITIONS**

Total positions for the 2011-13 biennium: 3

Total positions for the 2009-11 biennium: 3

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- An independent third party shall be hired to perform monitoring and evaluation of program expenditures from settlement funds. This language is amended to allow entities which receive tobacco settlement funds to be considered as eligible evaluators.
- 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 my 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.

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