

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION  
(AGENCY 0516)  
2011 - 13 BIENNIUM

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

According to Arkansas Code §6-3-105 (a) The Arkansas Educational Television Commission is organized for the purpose of making the benefits of educational television available to and promoting its use by inhabitants of Arkansas." The Commission provides lifelong learning opportunities to all Arkansans; supplies instructional programs to Arkansas' schools; provides programming and services to improve and enhance the lives of Arkansas citizens; and illuminates culture and heritage of Arkansas and the world.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$13,009,080 for FY2012 and \$13,140,469 for FY2013, which is an increase of \$587,577 for FY2012 and \$718,966 for FY2013.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The appropriations of the Commission are funded by general revenue, cash funds, General Improvement Funds and fund balances.

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

**AETN CASH OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 127)**

This appropriation provides support for the Arkansas IDEAS Portal, video streaming of curriculum materials, Kids' Camp Summer Program, virtual tours of Arkansas landmarks, and on-line communications capability for educators to share best practices. This appropriation is funded by grants from private foundations, earnings from programs produced by the AETN studios, and partnerships with various educational entities, state agencies and private groups. The total appropriation is \$7,561,639 for FY2012 and \$7,587,283 for FY2013 which includes an increase \$43,692 for FY2012 and \$69,336 for FY2013 for a cost of living adjustment and a \$172,000 increase each year for Capital Outlay to purchase essential equipment to continue programs funded by grants and partnerships.

**AETN - STATE OPERATIONS (APPROPRIATION 199)**

This appropriation is used for the infrastructure and operating needs of AETN and is funded by general revenue. The total appropriation is \$5,317,441 for FY2012 and \$5,423,186 for FY2013 which includes of an increase \$191,885 for FY2012 and \$297,630 for FY2013 for a cost of living adjustment and a \$50,000 unfunded appropriation increase each year for Capital Outlay for digital broadcast equipment replacement.

**HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES (APPROPRIATION 2YX)**

This appropriation is used by AETN to design documentaries honoring Arkansas' war heroes. The total appropriation is \$130,000 each year and is to be funded by the General Improvement Fund.

**AETN CONTINGENCY APPROPRIATION (APPROPRIATION B93)**

This appropriation is not recommended to continue.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions for 2011-13 Biennium: 113  
Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2010-11: 113  
Increase/(Decrease): 0

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**EXTRA HELP - STATE:** Provides that the positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**EXTRA HELP - CASH:** Provides that the positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES:** Provides that the appropriation for Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes is not intended to be carried forward into the base level in each upcoming biennium. Authorizes fiscal year-end unexpended funding for this appropriation to remain in the Educational Television Fund Account to be used in the following fiscal year for the Honoring Arkansas' War Heroes appropriation.

**NORTHWEST COMMUNICATIONS CENTER/NW SATELLITE BROADCASTING SITE:**

Expanded the purpose of a previously enacted General Improvement Fund appropriation (Act 696 of 1999 as reappropriated by Act 73 of 2011) and the corresponding funding provision in the 1999 General Improvement funding law (Act 1405 of 1999), for a Northwest Communications Center, to include the implementation, equipping, maintenance, and operating expenses of an AETN satellite broadcasting site in Northwest Arkansas.

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