

ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (790)
FISCAL YEAR 2013

D) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

AEDC is composed of four functional areas: BUSINESS and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, RESEARCH AND PLANNING, MARKETING AND INFORMATION SERVICES, AND FINANCE.

TOTAL AUTHORIZED

The total budget of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission is \$426,579,475 in FY2013.

FUNDING SOURCE

The budget is funded with 47% Bond Proceeds, 37% Federal Revenues, 13% Federal ARRA Funds, 2% General Revenues, and >1% Fund Balances, and Cash Funds.

II) CHANGES/APPROPRIATIONS

Regional Economic Development Partnership Act Grants- appropriates \$250,000 from cash funds deposited in the State Treasury for Regional Economic Development Partnership Grants.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

Total positions for 2013: 114

Total positions for 2012: 114

Increase/ (Decrease): 0

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

1. Funding Transfer-Transfers \$250,000 from unobligated and unallocated General Improvement Funds to cash funds for the Regional Economic Development Partnership grants.

2. Limits the expenditure of funds for Industry Training Program; states that funds shall be used for expenses necessary to assist in carrying on the Existing Worker Training Program and the equipment shall be stored at a location determined by the ADED Director when not in use.

3. Authorizes Contractual arrangements for operation of foreign offices. Does not permit Arkansas Code 15-4-211 to preclude use of standard professional services contracts for such contractual arrangements with private and/or public companies, corporations, individuals or organizations for operation of foreign offices.

4.. Priority placed on use of CDBG funds for multi-use facilities with report to Legislative Council.

5. Expansion of ADED notification methods to increase participation in CDBG program

6. Allocation of \$500,000 per fiscal year to the CDBG Rural Development Set-Aside for grants to rural communities.

7. Grant Review. Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) shall review all applications for grant funds from the Rural Development Set-Aside, Department of Rural Services (DRS) shall decide which grant applications will be funded, and AEDC shall disburse funds. Both AEDC and DRS shall promulgate rules and regulations governing application for and disbursement of grant funds and make an annual report of the disposition of funds to the Legislative Joint Audit Committee.

8. Transfer Provision for foreign offices allows transfer of appropriation between foreign offices to respond to changes in the world markets. Non-severability language included.

9. Transfer provision allows appropriation transfers between line items in state operations appropriation. Non-severability language included.

10. Transfer provision allows appropriation transfers between line items in Community Assistance (CDBG) federal appropriation. Non-severability language included.

11. Restriction states flexibility provided to Arkansas Economic Development Commission can only be used to carry out federal CDBG program. Approval by ALC/JBC required. Non-severability

language included.

12. Transfer - Industry training. Allow any savings to be used for Extra Help, Maintenance and Operations, and Industry Training line items. Non-severability language included.

13. Transfer - Industry training. Allow any savings in Extra Help line item to be used for Maintenance and Operations after prior review by Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee. Non-severability language included.

14. Funding Transfer – Allows for the transfer of up to \$30,000,000 from Federal Funds to the Technology Acceleration Fund.

15. Emergency Clause - Allows Sections 14 and 15 of the act to be effective upon passage and approval and all other sections of the act are effective on July 1, 2012.

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