

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION (229)
FISCAL YEAR 2014 - Act 1303

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 Pro Tempore of the Senate. 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 BUDGET

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is \$1,117,372 for FY 2014.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Commission are funded through the Miscellaneous State Agencies Fund, federal reimbursement, cash and trust funds.

II) APPROPRIATION/CHANGES

- Increase for the Operations appropriation of \$60,258 each year for continuation of the MFG Administrative Services Manager position and increase in Operating Expenses to cover the cost of new educational supplies and materials.
- Increase in the Education Trust appropriation of \$100,000 each year in Operating Expenses to fund a state-wide fair housing media campaign per legislative mandate.
- Additional increase in Operations appropriation of \$114,848 for upgrades to positions and an additional position (Executive Assistant to Director) to be funded from additional federal revenues.

III) POSITIONS

Total Positions for FY 2015: 11

Total Positions for FY 2014: 11

Total Budgeted Positions for FY 2013: 10

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- Special Language Section added for Positions and Upgrades. The positions identified in the special language section will be funded with federal revenues and will be returned to previous levels if funding is reduced or eliminated.