

**DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE (DAH)
(AGENCY #865-887) - FISCAL YEAR 2015**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The Department of Arkansas Heritage's (DAH) mission is to identify Arkansas' heritage and enhance the quality of life by the discovery, preservation, and presentation of the state's cultural, historic, and natural resources. The Department of Arkansas Heritage is composed of the following agencies: Old Statehouse Museum, Historic Arkansas Museum, Delta Cultural Center, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center, Arkansas Arts Council, Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, and the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. In addition to these seven agencies, DAH also provides administrative support to the Natural and Cultural Resources Council (NCRC). The DAH Director is both a member of the NCRC and acts as the NCRC secretary and disbursing officer.

TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET

The total appropriation for the Department of Arkansas Heritage is \$55.70 million in FY2015.

FUNDING SOURCES

The Agency is funded through general revenue, federal funds, special revenues derived from the Conservation Tax and Real Estate Transfer Tax, fund balances, and cash and non-revenue receipts.

II) DIVISION TOTALS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

DAH - CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

The total appropriation for DAH - Central Administration is \$9,662,173 in FY2015. And includes the following increase:

CONSERVATION TAX - AMENDMENT 75 (APPROPRIATION 476)

This appropriation is funded by special revenues which are generated by the 1/8th cent Sales Tax enacted by Constitutional Amendment 75, and is used to support Department of Arkansas Heritage activities. The total appropriation is \$8,209,713 in FY15 with the following increase:

Capital Outlay: \$20,000 in FY15 to replace servers and pay for 50 software licenses.

DAH - ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL

The Arkansas Arts Council's mission is to advance and empower the arts in Arkansas for the benefit of all Arkansans, by providing a comprehensive statewide program for the support of arts in Arkansas, including services and grants that encourage and assist Arkansas artists. The total appropriation is \$1,844,639 in FY15.

DAH - DELTA CULTURAL CENTER (DCC)

It is the mission of the Delta Cultural Center to preserve, research, document, interpret, and present the heritage of the Arkansas Delta. The total appropriation for the Delta Cultural Center is \$748,460 in FY2015.

DAH - HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM COMMISSION (HAM)

The mission of this agency is to communicate the early history of Arkansas and its creative legacy through preserving, interpreting, and presenting stories and collections for the education and enjoyment of

the people they serve. The total appropriation is \$1,530,174 in FY15.

DAH - ARKANSAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAM (AHPP)

Created to fulfill the objectives of the National Historic Preservation Act by identifying, preserving and protecting the cultural resources of Arkansas.

The total appropriation for AHPP is \$1,612,087 in FY15 and provides for the following increase;

MAIN STREET CASH IN TREASURY (960)

The Main Street Program was established in 2001 and works with local communities to revitalize downtown commercial areas throughout Arkansas. The total appropriation of \$30,842 in FY15 provides for the following increase;

Operating Expenses: Increase of \$6,500 to provide for increased costs associated with the State Tax Credit Program.

MOSAIC TEMPLARS CULTURAL CENTER

The mission of the Mosaic Templars Cultural Center is to collect, preserve, interpret, and celebrate Arkansas's African-American history, culture, and community from 1870 to the present, and to educate the public about Black achievement in business, politics and the arts. The total appropriation is \$1,058,665 in FY15.

DAH - NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL (ANCRC)

The Natural and Cultural Resources Council was created to manage and supervise grants and a trust fund for use in the acquisition, management, and stewardship of state-owned lands or the preservation of state-owned historic sites, buildings, structures, or objects which the Council determines to be of value for recreation or conservation purposes. The total appropriation for the ANCRC is \$33 million in FY2015.

DAH - NATURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

The mission of the Natural Heritage Commission is to preserve natural diversity, to promote choice among beneficial uses of the environment, and to promote a balance between the development and environmental protection of the State by establishing a system and a registry of natural areas, conducting research and publishing information on natural areas, and performing other duties relating to the use, management and preservation of natural features of Arkansas. The total appropriation for this agency is \$4,677,936 in FY15. The increase is explained below;

NATURAL HERITAGE-STATE OPERATIONS

This appropriation is funded by general revenue funding. The total appropriation is \$1,040,012 in FY15 and includes the following:

Operating Expenses - Increase of \$3,176 in FY15 for an increase in office rent.

DAH - OLD STATE HOUSE COMMISSION

The Old State House Museum provides a full complement of educational programs and interpretive exhibits on Arkansas's early statehood, 1836-1911. The total appropriation is \$1,568,544 in FY15.

III) POSITIONS

Total positions for FY 2015: 152

Total positions for FY 2014: 152

Increase/ (Decrease):

Extra Help Positions: 84

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS: Allows DAH to purchase up to \$40,000 of promotional and educational merchandise as authorized by the Director of the Department from Maintenance & General Operation appropriations authorized for the Department.

PUBLICATION DEVELOPMENT AND RESALE: After prior review by Arkansas Legislative Council, DAH is permitted to transfer up to \$25,000 per fiscal year from the Natural & Cultural Resources Historic Preservation Fund or other funds established from federal or non-federal grants to the Publication Development and Resale Revolving Fund to develop and purchase additional publications for resale.

NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL (NCRC): Establishes the Director of DAH as the disbursing officer for NCRC & Main Street Program appropriations. If grants are made to state agencies, from either of these appropriations the language allows DAH to transfer appropriation and funding for use in classifications of expenditures as determined by the conditions of the grant and the state agency.

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