

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN COUNSELING (228)  
FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**As Enacted by Act 9 of 2015**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling regulates the title and practice of Counselors and Marriage and Family Therapists in our State. The Board monitors and records the supervision of each new license until the license holder has completed the mandated three (3) years of supervised practice. The board conducts investigations into violations of Statutes, Rules and Regulations, complaints, and practice without a license. Disciplinary Hearings held before the Board are pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act and arranged with the counsel of the Arkansas Attorney General's Office.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$324,441.

**FUNDING SOURCE**

Funding is supported from fees collected from initial licensure and biannual renewal of licenses. All money collected is kept in a cash account in the State Treasury.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**Counseling Operations Appropriation:** Includes a change level increase of \$35,862 to include the following:

- **Regular Salaries:** Increase of \$7,463 to provide appropriation for the reclassification of two positions.
- **Personal Services Matching:** Increase of \$11,510 to provide matching costs for reclassified positions and additional extra help.
- **Extra Help:** Increase of \$4,000 to provide for additional clerical help.
- **Operating Expenses:** Increase of \$2,939 for increases in rent, utilities, and board member reimbursements.
- **Conference and Travel Fees:** Increase of \$4,500 for the Executive Director to attend conferences in and out of the state.
- **Professional Fees:** Increase of \$5,500 for costs pertaining to legal fees and investigations.
- **Testing Fees:** Decrease of \$50 as this line item is no longer used.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 3)**

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 3

Total Base Level Positions: 3

Increase/(Decrease) Over Base Level: 0

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 2 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 2)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

NONE

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