

ARKANSAS FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION (229)
FISCAL YEAR 2016
As Enacted by Act 88 of 2015

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 APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation for the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission is \$1,1601,561 for FY2016.

FUNDING SOURCE

The appropriations for the Commission are funded through the Miscellaneous State Agencies Fund, federal reimbursement by Fair Housing Assistance Programs, cash and trust funds from administrative or civil penalties levied and collected.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUEST

STATE OPERATIONS

- Addition of \$43,566 federally funds for Public Information Specialist position.
- Additional Operating Expense Appropriation of \$201,783 for 3% increase in rent and to support additional position.
- Additional Conference & Travel (\$33,000) and Professional Fees Appropriation of (\$119,998) for Four Corners Meetings.

EDUCATION - TRUST

- Additional Trust Fund Operating Expense Appropriation of \$30,000 to provide for increase in investigative case loads.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 12)

Total Positions for FY2016: 13

Total Base Level Positions for FY2015: 12

Increase/(Decrease)Over Base Level: 1

Public Information Specialist position added through PEER - MFG for HUD Partnership Grant.

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 2 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- None

April 2015