

**ARKANSAS WATERWAYS COMMISSION (0341)**

**FISCAL YEAR 2016**

**As Enacted by Act 315 of 2015**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

The Arkansas Waterways Commission is responsible for developing, promoting, and protecting waterborne transportation and economic development for the five commercially navigable rivers of the state, the Arkansas, Mississippi, Ouachita, Red and White Rivers.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$2,755,791.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

Commission operations are funded from general revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account. The Waterway Development Grant Program is funded from taxes and penalties collected from water transportation companies in excess of two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

Operations -

- State's Contribution line item reduced to \$2,555

Waterway Development Grant Program -

- Waterway Development Grants line item increased to one million dollars;

Three Rivers Study -

- New cash appropriation for \$1,500,000 for personal services, operating expenses, construction, and project expenses for the "Three Rivers Study" of the area at the confluence of the Arkansas, Mississippi, and White Rivers.

**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: 0 (Total FY2015 Authorized Extra Help: 0)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

\*AMENDED LANGUAGE\* - ASSOCIATION DUES - allocates regional contributions for association dues, amended language changes 'Arkansas Basin Association' to 'Arkansas Waterways Association'.