

STATE CRIME LABORATORY (0955)

FISCAL YEAR 2016

As Enacted by Act 731 of 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The State Crime Laboratory provides forensic and scientific laboratory services, written analysis of evidence and corroborative testimony for all of the state's law enforcement and criminal justice community to assist in the apprehension and conviction of individuals involved in criminal cases.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$15,885,881.

FUNDING SOURCES

The State Crime Lab is funded from general revenues through the Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, a portion of uniform filing fees collected in circuit court pursuant to A.C.A 16-10-313 and through a fund transfer from the Administration of Justice Fund. Additional revenue sources include federal grants from the US Dept. of Justice and special revenues generated from the forfeitures of funds and property derived through court proceedings and a mandatory fine required by convicted persons required to submit to a DNA sample. Crime Lab receives twenty percent (20%) of all forfeitures over the first \$20,000 of forfeitures per county, per year.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS:

Crime Lab - Federal: Change levels provide for the following:

- Operating expense increase of \$200,000 for increased costs of health and laboratory supplies.
- Capital outlay appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the purchase and replacement of laboratory equipment.

State Operations: Change levels total \$1,186,843 and provide:

- Regular salaries and personal services matching totaling \$1,012,960 for the transfer of seventeen (17) positions from the DNA Section - special revenue appropriation.
- Operating expense increase of \$103,883 for transport services and 3% rent increase to ABA.
- Grants and aid for \$60,000 to establish an accredited fellowship program with the UAMS - School of Pathology.
- Capital outlay appropriation of \$10,000 to purchase/update gas generators for Toxicology/Forensic Chemistry sections.

DNA Section: Reduction in salaries and matching of \$1,012,960, associated with the transfer of 17 positions to State Operations.

Crime Lab Equipment - Crime Lab Equipment/Purchasing/Replacement line item increase of \$250,000 provides for the purchase of equipment.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS: (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 144)

Total Authorized Positions FY2016: 144

Total Base Level Positions: 144

Increase / (Decrease) Over Base Level: 0

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

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE: None