

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY (0125)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2018**  
**AS ENACTED BY ACTS 513 AND 121 OF 2017**

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

To contribute to the educational, cultural, and economic advancement of Arkansas by providing quality general undergraduate education and specialized programs leading to certificate, associate, baccalaureate, masters, professional, and doctoral degrees; by encouraging the pursuit of research, scholarly inquiry, and creative activity; and by bringing these intellectual resources together to develop the economy of the state and the education of its citizens throughout their lives. The institution is located in Jonesboro, Arkansas and is a four year doctoral granting institution of higher education.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation for Arkansas State University is approximately \$328.2 million for FY2018; the ASU - Biosciences Institute appropriation is approximately \$5.6 million in FY2018.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The appropriation is funded from tuition/fees & sales, general revenue, federal funds, Educational Excellence Trust funds, and Tobacco Settlement funds.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**State Operations** - This appropriation is funded from general revenues and Educational Excellence Trust funds. The recommended appropriation levels are based on the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommendation which is based on providing institutions 75% of the funding determined necessary under the current funding formula for institutions of higher education and an increase of 2.1% for FY2018-19. The total appropriation is approximately \$91 million for FY2018 with the following changes over budgeted:

**Regular Salaries** - Increase of approximately \$17.1 million in FY2018.

**Extra Help** - Increase of \$125,812 in FY2018.

**Personal Services Match.** - Increase of approximately \$2.8 million in FY2018.

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of approximately \$2.5 million in FY2018.

**Capital Outlay** - Increase of \$413,156 in FY2018.

**Funded Depreciation** - Increase of approximately \$2.5 million in FY2018.

**Ark. Biosciences Institute** - This appropriation is funded from Tobacco Settlement proceeds. The total appropriation is approximately \$5.6 million in FY2018 with the following changes over budgeted:

**Regular Salaries** - Increase of approximately \$1.1 million for FY2018.

**Extra Help** - Increase of \$7,727 for FY2018.

**Personal Services Match.** - Increase of \$281,685 in FY2018.

**Operating Expenses** - Increase of approximately \$1.3 million in FY2018.

**Capital Outlay** - Increase of \$83,041 in FY2018.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2017 Budgeted Positions: 2,018)**

Total Positions for FY2018: 2,246

Total Authorized Positions: 2,271

Increase/(Decrease): (-25) in FY2018.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 2,064 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 2,064)

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**(Total FY2017 Tobacco Settlement Budgeted Positions: 25)**

Total Tobacco Settlement Positions for FY2018: 38

Total Tobacco Settlement Authorized Positions: 53

Increase/(Decrease): (-15) in FY2018.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 50 (Total FY2017 Authorized Extra Help: 50)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**STATE OPERATIONS LANGUAGE:**

**Employee Development Incentives:** Allows the ASU System to offer one-time lump-sum bonuses or differentials of up to 6% of an employee's salary for degree attainment if it is not a minimum qualification or requirement for the class specification of the job.

**\*NEW LANGUAGE\* Critical Technical and Workforce Training:**

Provides that the campuses of Arkansas State University System are not limited by the restrictions provided under Arkansas Code 6-61-522(a) (1) and can construct and operate a student residence facility with highest priority of placement given to students in technical and workforce programs. A facility constructed under the provisions of this language cannot be

financed by university-issued bond indebtedness.

**TOBACCO SETTLEMENT LANGUAGE:**

**Transfer Restrictions:** Prohibits any transfers among tobacco settlement funds appropriations except as provided in the Act containing the appropriations.

**Transfer Provisions:** Allows transfer of tobacco funds appropriations between line items with approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Dept. of Higher Education & Legislative Council with non-severability language.

**Positions:** States that it is not the commitment of the State to continue any position funded from tobacco settlement funds if those funds become insufficient and requires disclosure of this.

**Compliance:** States fiscal control laws and regulations are to be complied with.

**Intent:** States that disbursements are to be in accordance with Initiated Act 1 of 2000, budget manuals, and testimony relating to the appropriation act.