

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS (0135)
FISCAL YEAR 2019
Enacted by Acts 112, 171, & 238 of 2018

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The University of Arkansas System is a comprehensive, publicly-supported higher education system composed of 18 unique institutions, divisions, and administrative units that share the singular goal of serving Arkansas residents, and others by developing and sharing knowledge to impact an ever changing world. The System provides access to academic and professional education, and develops intellectual growth and cultural awareness in its students, staff and faculty. The System further promotes an atmosphere of excellence that honors the heritage and diversity of our state and nation, and provides our students, researchers and professionals with tools to promote responsible stewardship of human, natural and financial resources in Arkansas and around the globe.

The Institution is located in Fayetteville, Arkansas and is a four year doctoral granting institution of higher education.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

(There are three appropriation bills regarding the University of Arkansas: UA Fayetteville, UA System and Various Divisions, and the Biosciences Institutes.)

UA - Fayetteville: The total appropriation for UA - Fayetteville is approximately \$1.2 billion in FY2019. **Funding sources:** This appropriation is funded through General Revenue, Educational Excellence Trust Funds, tuition and fees, sales, and other funds.

UA System and Various Divisions: The total appropriation for the UA System and Various Divisions, which includes the System Administration, Division of Agriculture, Criminal Justice Institute, Clinton School, Archeological Survey, and the School for Mathematics, Sciences, & the Arts is approximately \$368.8 million in FY2019. **Funding sources:** This appropriation is funded through General Revenue, Educational Excellence Trust Funds, Treasury funds, tuition and fees, sales, investment income, federal cash funds, and other cash funds.

UA Biosciences Institutes: The total appropriation for the UA Biosciences Institutes is approximately \$4.8 million for FY2019. **Funding sources:** This appropriation is funded entirely through Tobacco Settlement Funds.

As a total, the three appropriations above are funded from approximately 13% General Revenue, 1% Educational Excellence

Trust Funds, with the remainder as cash funds from tuition & fees, sales & investments, federal funds, Tobacco Settlement Funds, and other funds.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

UA - Fayetteville Appropriation Bill

State Operations - UA Fayetteville (Appropriation 534) - This appropriation is funded from general revenue and Educational Excellence Trust funds. The recommended appropriation levels are based on the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board's recommendation which is based on the current funding formula for institutions of higher education. The appropriation totals approximately \$132.6 million in FY2019, and includes the following changes against authorized:

Regular Salaries - Decrease of approximately (\$39.1 million).

Personal Services Match. - Decrease of approximately (\$11.9 million).

Operating Expenses - Decrease of approximately (\$6.5 million).

Cash Operations- UA Fayetteville (Appropriation B03) - This

appropriation is funded from tuition & fees, sales & investments, totals approximately \$1.04 billion in FY2019, and includes the following changes against authorized:

Regular Salaries - Increase of approximately \$10 million.

Extra Help - Increase of approximately \$1.2 million.

Overtime - Increase of \$150,000.

Personal Services and Match. - Increase of approximately \$2.8 million.

Operating Expenses - Increase of approximately \$11 million.

Conference Fees & Travel - Increase of \$1.75 million.

Professional Fees & Services - Increase of \$25 million.

Capital Outlay - Increase of \$1.75 million.

Capital Improvements - Increase of \$85 million.

Debt Service - Increase of \$368,000.

Fund Transfers, Refunds & Investments - Increase of \$396,000.

World Trade Center (Appropriation M80) - This appropriation is funded from General Revenue and totals \$252,588 in FY2019. This total includes the following change against authorized:

Operating Expenses - Increase of \$2,588 to assist in increasing Arkansas exports globally.

UA System Appropriation Bill

State Operations - UA System (Appropriation N51) - This appropriation is funded from General Revenue and Educational

Excellence Trust funds, totals approximately \$86.5 million in FY2019, and includes the following changes against authorized:

- Regular Salaries** - Increase of \$500,000.
- Personal Services Match.** - Increase of \$458,057.
- Operating Expenses** - Increase of \$880,078.
- Capital Improvement** - Increase of \$250,000.

School for Mathematics, Sciences, & Arts - UA System

(Appropriation 2FD) - This appropriation is funded from General Revenue and Educational Excellence funds, totals approximately \$12.2 million in FY2019. The total includes the following changes against authorized:

- Regular Salaries** - Increase of \$345,000.
- Personal Services Matching** - Increase of \$74,000.
- Conference Fees & Travel** - Decrease of (-\$136).
- Capital Outlay** - Increase of \$25,000.
- Capital Improvements** - Decrease of (-\$420,000).

Buffalo River Watershed Monitoring - UA System (Appropriation

N54) - This appropriation is for personal services, maintenance, and operating expenses of environmental studies monitoring the Buffalo River watershed, and totaled \$100,000 in FY2018. The FY2019 act includes the following change:

- Buffalo River Watershed Monitoring** - Increase of \$100,000.

UA Biosciences Appropriation Bill

No change level requests.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

UA - Fayetteville Positions

Total UA Fayetteville Authorized Positions 2019 (includes Tobacco Settlement): 5,426

Total UA Fayetteville Authorized Positions 2018 (includes Tobacco Settlement): 5,426

UA Fayetteville Increase/(Decrease): 0

UA Fayetteville Extra Help Positions FY2019: 3,208 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 3,208)

UA System Positions (Includes ASMSA)

Total UA System Authorized Positions FY2019: 2,278

Total UA System Authorized Positions FY2018: 2,278

UA System Increase/(Decrease): 0

UA System (w/ ASMSA) Extra Help Positions FY2019: 710

(Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 710)

The Biosciences Institutes' positions, as funded by Tobacco Settlement funds, are included in the UA - Fayetteville total.

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

U of A - FAYETTEVILLE SPECIAL LANGUAGE:

Special Allowances: Authorizes the Board to pay special allowances (not exceeding \$10,000 for directors and head coaches and \$1,000 for assistants and coordinators) for housing and other unusual expenses for various Athletic Departments' employees, to be paid from athletic event receipts or from contributions other than state funds, with annual reporting to the Joint Legislative Auditing Committee; authorizes the Chancellor to pay, with Board policy and non-public funds, additional compensation to athletic and band personnel for post-season competition or recognition.

Additional Payments Authorized: Authorizes additional payments to head and assistant coaches from contract generated revenue with vendors of athletic apparel, shoes, multimedia rights, & other products.

Apprentice Program Wages: Provides for US Dept. of Labor Approved Apprentice Program guidelines to be followed with skilled trades worker positions.

U of A - SYSTEM SPECIAL LANGUAGE:

***SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISED* Buffalo River Watershed Monitoring:**

States that the appropriation/funding will be used for environmental studies monitoring swine farming operations in the watershed; will be conducted on behalf of the Dept. of Environmental Quality; will be reported by the Div. of Agriculture to the House & Senate Public Health, Welfare and Labor committees and the House & Senate Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development committees by the end of June and December of each year; and that the studies are intended to be conducted for seven fiscal years (ending 2021-22 FY).

Criminal Just. Inst. - Transfer Provision: Transfers \$150,000 from the Special State Assets Forfeiture Fund to the University of Arkansas Fund, for the Criminal Justice Institute for education and training to address illicit drug activities in the State.

ASMSA - Summer School Employees: Allows Residential Mentors and Teachers of the School for Math., Sciences and Arts additional compensation not to exceed 1/10 per month of their annual salary for summer work.

ASMSA - Teacher Grant Related Funding Provision: Allows payment of additional compensation to School for Mathematics and Sciences teachers of to 1/10 per month of their annual salary for writing grants and publishing papers and not to be paid from General Revenue or Educational Excellence funds.

Employee Development Incentives: Allows the UA 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.

TOBACCO SETTLEMENT SPECIAL 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 within appropriations between line items with approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, Dept. of Higher Education & Legislative Council and includes 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 to employees and in professional services contracts.

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.