

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION (AGENCY 0516)  
FISCAL YEAR 2019  
AS ENACTED BY ACT 163 OF 2018

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

According to Arkansas Code §6-3-105 (a) The Arkansas Educational Television Commission is organized for the purpose of making the benefits of educational television available to and promoting its use by inhabitants of Arkansas." The Commission provides lifelong learning opportunities to all Arkansans; supplies instructional programs to Arkansas' schools; provides programming and services to improve and enhance the lives of Arkansas citizens; and illuminates culture and heritage of Arkansas and the world.

**TOTAL APPROPRIATION**

The total appropriation is \$14,523,256 in FY2019.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The appropriations of the Commission are funded by general revenue, cash funds, and fund balances.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**State Operations**

The State Operations appropriation provides for the operation of the Education Television Division and is funded with General Revenue. The total FY2019 appropriation of \$5,579,780 includes a change level increase in appropriation only of \$300,000 in operating expenses. This is to provide for a contract for the outsourcing of television programming and scheduling. The increase was added during the 2018 Fiscal Session by Governor's Letter request.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total Positions FY2019: 104

Total Positions FY2018: 104

Increase / (Decrease): (0)

Extra Help Positions FY2019: 51 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 51)

**IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

**EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS:** Provides that the five (5) positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**EXTRA HELP - CASH OPERATIONS:** Provides that the forty-six (46) positions that are related to specific projects are to be exempt from the limitation of hours provisions for extra help positions.

**ARKANSAS VETERANS' INITIATIVE (FORMERLY HONORING ARKANSAS' WAR HEROES):**

Provides that the appropriation for Arkansas Veteran's Initiative, Stories of Service is not intended to be carried forward into the base level in each upcoming biennium. Authorizes fiscal year-end unexpended funding for this appropriation to remain in the Educational Television Fund Account to be used in the following fiscal year for the Arkansas Veterans' Initiative appropriation.

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