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**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM**  
**AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY**  
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The plight of rural America has been gaining increasing attention in recent years, as we face an ongoing shift from an agricultural nation; we experience advances in technology; we emerge into a global economy, resulting in increasing numbers of our industries moving overseas; and more of our families and individual citizens are seeking public assistance.

Rural Arkansas, while rich in many ways, is certainly not immune to these conditions. The need to restructure these and other critical issue areas; to develop, diversify, and revitalize our rural economy; and to enhance overall quality of life at the community level is becoming ever more crucial, and the time is now for our leadership from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to work together toward the establishment of a coordinated rural development strategy.

While there is no simple solution to all the challenges facing rural Arkansans, it is obvious that federal or state aid alone cannot cure our societal problems. Instead, our answers must come from within. We must all contribute to the vitality of our state, by strengthening the ability of our citizens to participate in determining their futures.

The people of rural Arkansas must be educated and empowered to become proactive, rather than reactive, and we must provide them with the tools necessary to accomplish community goals and objectives, thus allowing them the opportunity to not only help themselves, but to also make a positive difference for generations to come.

We must learn to reach out to the grassroots and encourage local leaders to join with one another and to partner with organizations that are designed to meet their needs. By doing so, we will be able to help those most affected by socio-economic shifts and change (local administration, businesses, and individuals), and instill the basic premise that we can no longer afford to act independently, nor pursue traditional rural development strategies (smoke stack chasing, etc.).

The Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) and the Office of Rural Advocacy (ORA) seek to facilitate these processes of rural development and empowerment on a statewide basis. We recognize our changing rural conditions (economic, demographic, etc.); the diversity of our rural areas (geographic, economic, ethnic, cultural, etc.); the complexity of our rural needs (business development,

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transportation, health, housing, education, environment, infrastructure, etc.); and the fragmentation of the various organizations involved (responsibilities and resources for rural development are dispersed among many governmental and non-governmental organizations); and we wish to break down the political, geographic, jurisdictional, and other boundaries which impede the various sectors, organizations, and individuals from acting collectively, thus promoting a spirit of cooperation and a re-thinking of strategic development activities.

To do so, however, will require a strengthening of our organizational staff and resources, through restructure and growth. The proposed changes will allow us to become more action-oriented; to build broad inter- and intragovernmental relationships; to make better use of existing resources; to address regulatory and administrative impediments; and to provide forums for establishing collaborative outcomes. Therefore, in keeping with our legislatively mandated mission and its accompanying goals and objectives, and in placing all emphasis on effective and efficient service delivery for rural Arkansans, the ARDC and ORA are requesting state assistance with the following priorities:

**PRIORITY I**

In order to help meet the growth opportunities and challenges outlined above from an operational standpoint, we are seeking additional funding to offset expenses associated with expanded services and our recent move from non-state owned to state owned office space, as was required by State Building Services. This includes, but is not limited to: increased rent and parking rates, expanded Centrex telephone services, and other general office related expenditures (insurance, maintenance, etc.); the establishment of an additional Administrative Assistant I position within the ORA; and the lease and/or purchase of photocopying, postage, and other agency equipment. The operations request is strictly attributable to increases associated with our move. The Grade 15 AA position we are seeking would provide support assistance with all aspects of office operations, including: serving as secretary for the Community Development Consultant and Grants Coordinator positions requested herein; enhancing and maintaining the ARDC/ORR data base; and assisting with the coordination of various meetings and conferences. Finally, we are seeking \$16,000 in FY96 and \$7,000 in FY97 to cover proposed capital outlay expenditures vital to helping our agency become more responsive to those it serves. This includes the purchase of up-to-date computers and related equipment, audio visual and library holdings, and other furnishings needed for our new office space. These items were all kept at minimal levels, and it is felt that the benefit realized by both the agency and its rural constituency would far outweigh the increases requested.

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**PRIORITY II**

Our second priority is the establishment of four new Community Development Consultant positions within the ORA. These Grade 21 consultants would each be assigned to service areas representing essentially one-quarter of the state, and would provide direct, face-to-face interaction with local leadership on a regular basis. This influx of much needed human resource power would allow for much greater flexibility and mobility on the part of the ORA, a larger research and advocacy role in terms of rural development policy initiatives by the ARDC, and perhaps most importantly community relationships that would continually foster and ultimately benefit rural areas through technical assistance such as grant writing, informational resources, and strategic planning. While this addition to our staff would result in increased expenditures for operations, capital outlay, and conference and travel, we feel that the enhanced services to be provided would greatly offset the minimal increases being sought.

**PRIORITY III**

Our third priority is to enhance the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program (ARCGP). As 1991 legislation increased the amount of matching funds per project from \$2,000 to \$15,000, and each year millions of dollars of requests are received from throughout the state for program funding consideration, we feel the \$300,000 currently allocated to the program is inadequate and should be increased to at least \$500,000 annually. As the ARDC was granted advisement authority over the program during the 1993 regular legislative session, we also ask that this appropriation be transferred from the state Department of Finance and Administration appropriation to that of the Office of Rural Advocacy. Additionally, we seek the establishment of a Grants Coordinator II position within the ORA. This Grade 19 position would be responsible for the successful implementation of the ARCGP. This would include not only the development of program guidelines, information dissemination, application review, follow-up, and site visits, but also the establishment of an educational component to provide technical assistance for those needing help with the process. Again, this request would require additional funding for operations, capital outlay, and conference and travel, which we feel are negligible in relation to the overall benefit realized by our rural communities through the program.

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**PRIORITY IV**

Our fourth priority is for an increased travel and associated expense appropriation for members of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission. We would appreciate an increase in operational monies to not only meet funding shortfalls experienced in trying to cover mileage and related expenses to attend ARDC meetings, regional forums, and our annual conference, but also other meetings that they might wish to attend both in- and out-of-state in their official capacity as commissioners.

**PRIORITY V**

Our fifth and final priority is the reinstatement of extra-help positions previously recommended for the ORA, but not funded to the fullest extent. We respectfully request \$5,400 per year to hire two six-month interns through the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium program, administered by the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. This would provide us with a graduate student 40 hours per week to assist with research and other activities for an agency cost of \$450 per month. This resource has proven invaluable in the past, and we would certainly appreciate having the opportunity to access it in the future, as we strive to meet our organizational goals and objectives.

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OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY  
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1992

	Fund Types <u>Governmental</u>	Account Groups		Total
		<u>General Fixed Assets</u>	<u>General Long-Term Debt</u>	
Assets	\$ 21,473.43	\$ 15,319.11	\$ 2,490.38	\$ 39,282.92
Liabilities	131.10		2,490.38	2,621.48
Fund Equity	21,342.33	15,319.11		36,661.44
Revenues	161,330.24			161,330.24
Expenditures	74,456.74			74,456.74
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(65,531.17)			(65,531.17)

Findings

1. RURAL ADVOCACY CASH FUND - The Agency operated a bank account referred to as the Rural Advocacy Cash Fund (111). Review of this cash fund revealed the following:
  - a. UNAUTHORIZED CHANGE FUND - A check made payable to the order of "cash" was processed in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). This money was used as a change fund for the 1992 Arkansas Rural Development Conference held May 12-14, 1992. Approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State was not obtained prior to the establishing of this change fund. The Agency represented that the change fund was redeposited to the bank account at the conclusion of the conference; however, records were not made available to document the redeposit.
  - b. INADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION OF BANK DEPOSITS - Adequate documentation to support the deposits made into the bank account were not available. A record of incoming revenue items and validated deposit slips were not retained for audit. Consequently, it could not be determined from the Agency's records that all registration fees and donations were deposited into the bank account.
  - c. DISBURSING FUNDS PRIOR TO APPROVAL - Sixteen (16) checks were written from the Rural Advocacy Cash Fund (111) during the year ended June 30, 1992. Twelve (12) of these checks were issued and cleared the bank prior to obtaining approval for the expenditures from the Department of Finance and Administration, Office of Accounting, Pre-Audit Section. The General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law (Ark. Code Ann. 19-4-101 et. seq.)

Recommendations

1. a. Obtain prior approval from the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State if the Agency determines that a change fund or petty cash fund is beneficial and necessary. Also, prepare and maintain for audit purposes documentation for the disposition of such a fund when it is no longer used.
- b. Prepare and maintain for audit purposes documentation which would support all of the receipts and deposits of the Agency.
- c. Comply with the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law which requires approval prior to the disbursement of State funds.

OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY  
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
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Findings (Continued)

1. (Continued)
  - c. (Continued)

requires that all vouchers for the disbursement of funds be reviewed and approved prior to the issuance of a check.
  - d. ACCOUNTING FEDERAL GRANTS MANAGEMENT (AFGM) SYSTEM - All transactions affecting the Rural Advocacy Cash Fund (111) were not recorded on the AFGM System. Errors in recording deposits resulted in a net adjustment to increase the Fund Analysis Report of the AFGM System by \$377.24. Additionally, the Fund Analysis Report was not reconciled on a monthly basis as required by Part II, Chapter 24 of the State Accounting Procedures Manual.
2. VENDOR OVERPAYMENT - One (1) vendor was overpaid \$27.60 by the Agency. An attempt to contact the vendor was made by the Agency on October 22, 1993. However, the Agency discovered that the company had gone out of business.

Recommendations (Continued)

1. d. Accurately record all cash fund transactions on the AFGM System and reconcile on a monthly basis the Fund Analysis Report to the true cash balance of the bank account.
2. In coordination with the Department of Finance and Administration and the Office of the Attorney General, determine the legal avenues available to the Agency to collect the overpayment of \$27.60.

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY  
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993

AGENCY TITLE      250 - OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY

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	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>50%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF      08/27/94			1	50%
DATE			<u>TOTAL MINORITIES</u>	<u>50%</u>
			2	100%
			<u>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>100%</u>

  
AGENCY DIRECTOR

**SUMMARY**  
**STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMS/EXPANSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE 79TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**AGENCY: ARKANSAS RURAL ADVOCACY**

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED	# POS. AUTH.	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION		STATUS
		FY 93-94	FY 94-95	
<u>APPROPRIATION: C52-Conference Operations-Cash</u>				
Conference Expenses		\$40,000	\$40,000	Due to lack of funding, the agency only spent \$248 in FY94 and did not budget any of the increase in FY95.
<u>APPROPRIATION: 234-State Operations</u>				
Regular Salaries	1	\$25,158	\$26,045	The Assistant Director position and the two extra help positions were not used in FY94 due to insufficient funding. In FY95, the agency has budgeted the Assistant Director position for the entire year and \$1,024 of the extra help. The required personal services matching has also been budgeted in FY95.
Extra Help	2	5,000	5,000	
Personal Services		<u>6,737</u>	<u>6,893</u>	
Total		\$36,895	\$37,938	

## ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

AGENCY TITLE		1993-95				1995-97				1995-97			
Office of Rural Advocacy(250)		Expenditures				Biennium Request				Executive Recommendation			
Appropriations		Actual	No. of	Budgeted	No. of	Year 1	No. of	Year 2	No. of	Year 1	No. of	Year 2	No. of
Code	Name	1993-94	Pos.	1994-95	Pos.	1995-96	Pos.	1996-97	Pos.	1995-96	Pos.	1996-97	Pos.
234	State Operations	\$108,882	2	\$144,647	3	\$953,327	9	\$932,573	9	\$159,128	3	\$159,128	3
	APPRO. NOT REQUESTED												
C52	Rural Dev. Conf.-Cash	248											
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$109,130</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$144,647</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$953,327</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$932,573</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$159,128</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$159,128</b>	<b>3</b>
Funding Sources			% of		% of		% of		% of		% of		% of
			Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total
Fund Balances		\$248	0.2%										
General Revenues		108,882	99.8%	141,398	97.8%	953,327	100.0%	932,573	100.0%	159,128	100.0%	159,128	100.0%
Special Revenues													
Federal Funds													
Const. & Fiscal Agency Fund													
State Central Services Fund													
Non-Revenue Receipts													
Cash Funds													
Merit Adjustment				3,249	2.2%								
Total Funding		109,130	100.0%	144,647	100.0%	953,327	100.0%	932,573	100.0%	159,128	100.0%	159,128	100.0%
Excess Appro./ (Funding)													
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$109,130</b>		<b>\$144,647</b>		<b>\$953,327</b>		<b>\$932,573</b>		<b>\$159,128</b>		<b>\$159,128</b>	
DEPARTMENT			DIRECTOR						DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY				
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**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST  
1993 - 1995**

The Office of Rural Advocacy was created by the "Arkansas Rural Development Program Act" of 1991. Its purpose is to serve as a single contact point for local governments, state and federal agencies, and other organizations and individuals with an interest in the rural policies and programs of the state. The functions and duties of the agency are overseen by the Arkansas Rural Development Commission. The agency became operational in January, 1992. The agency is funded by general revenues.

Base level includes salaries and personal services matching for three positions, extra help and supporting maintenance and operating expenses. Total Base Level is \$144,647 each year of the biennium. Additional requests include the following:

- (1) The first priority for the agency is for one additional position (Administrative Assistant I-Grade 15) to provide support assistance with current agency operations and to provide secretarial support for the Community Development Consultants and Grants Coordinator positions being requested for the 95-97 biennium. Also included in this request is additional operating and capital outlay of \$60,514 in FY96 and \$51,514 in FY97 to cover increased costs associated with moving the agency to a state owned building and with anticipated operating increases. The agency has also requested reclassification of an Administrative Assistant I - Grade 15 to and Administrative Assistant II - Grade 17 at no additional cost.
- (2) Four Community Development Consultants (Grade 21) and supporting operating expenses are requested in the amount of \$168,656 in FY96 and \$156,880 in FY97. The consultants will be assigned to each of Arkansas's congressional districts and will provide the direct contact needed to address rural issues in Arkansas. The positions will provide rural areas with technical assistance in grant writing, informational resources, and strategic planning.
- (3) One additional position (Grants Coordinator-Grade 19) and supporting operating expenses are being requested to administer the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. Total amount requested is \$37,016 in FY96 and \$33,989 in FY97. In addition, the agency is requested a grants line item of \$500,000 each year. Currently the grant appropriation is authorized in the amount of \$300,000 each year and administered by the Department of Finance and

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ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST  
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Administration. Act 946 of 1993 only provides for the Arkansas Rural Development Commission to advise on the placement of these rural community project grants.

- (4) An additional \$9,500 each year is requested to assist in meeting travel and other associated expenses incurred by members of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission. In addition to regular commission meetings, these dollars will be utilized to attend regional forums and the annual conference.
- (5) The final request is for extra help appropriation in the amount of \$5,400 each year of the biennium. These additional dollars will be used to hire two interns through the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium program, which is administered by UALR.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level with an additional \$10,201 each year in operating expenses to assist with increased costs associated with moving the agency and restoration of the extra help appropriation to the 1995 authorized amount of \$5,000 each year. The agency's request to transfer the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program from the Department of Finance and Administration was denied. Costs included in the Agency Request under "SALARY/MATCHING COST FOR BASE POSITIONS (P13)" reflect the appropriation needed for personal services above the Base Level and a 2.5% payplan increase on July 1 of each year of the biennium along with the accompanying employee matching requirements. The Executive Recommendation for the State Payplan will be presented for Legislative Recommendation as scheduled on December 7, 1994.

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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----		94-95	-----95-96 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----96-97 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	93-94	94-95	AUTHORIZED	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	APPRO							95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97
REGULAR SALARIES	57,730	85,059	84,477	85,059	134,016	219,075	85,059	139,492	224,551	85,059	85,059		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	3	3	3	6	9	3	6	9	3	3		
EXTRA HELP	0	1,024	5,000	1,024	5,400	6,424	1,024	5,400	6,424	5,000	5,000		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	2		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	15,698	23,080	21,439	23,080	45,908	68,988	23,080	46,878	69,958	23,384	23,384		
OPERATING EXPENSES	29,881	30,384	30,384	30,384	71,456	101,840	30,384	73,256	103,640	40,585	40,585		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	14,900	20,000	5,100	14,900	20,000	5,100	5,100		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	473	0	0	0	37,000	37,000	0	8,000	8,000				
RURAL COMMUNITY GRANT PRG.	0	0	0	0	500,000	500,000	0	500,000	500,000				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,882</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>146,400</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>808,680</b>	<b>953,327</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>787,926</b>	<b>932,573</b>	<b>159,128</b>	<b>159,128</b>		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	108,882	141,398	*****	144,647	808,680	953,327	144,647	787,926	932,573	159,128	159,128		
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
OTHER Merit Adj.		3,249	*****										
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>108,882</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>808,680</b>	<b>953,327</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>787,926</b>	<b>932,573</b>	<b>159,128</b>	<b>159,128</b>		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>108,882</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>808,680</b>	<b>953,327</b>	<b>144,647</b>	<b>787,926</b>	<b>932,573</b>	<b>159,128</b>	<b>159,128</b>		

DEPT 007 REGULATORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS  
 AGY 250 OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY  
 APPRO 234 STATE OPERATIONS  
 FUND HUA STATE GENERAL SERVICES(000)

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

The FY95 Budgeted amounts in Regular Salaries and/or Personal Services Matching may exceed the Authorized amounts due to the implementation of the pay plan during the 1993-95 biennium.

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				-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----FY 1995 - 96-----		-----FY 1996 - 97-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----					
				---ACTUAL---	---BUDGETED---	-----REQUEST-----	-----REQUEST-----	1995-96	1996-97	1995-96	1996-97						
				93-94	94-95												
	HUA	250 234	B	108,882 2	144,647 3	144,647 3	144,647 3	144,647 3	144,647 3	144,647 3							
	HUA	250 234 SALARY/MATCHING COST FOR BASE POSITIONS	P13			4,838 0	7,413 0										
Additional appropriation required above the Base Level for payment of salaries and anticipated personal services matching requirements for all current positions.																	
	HUA	250 234	P10		0 0	0 0	0 0										
This request is to reclass the agency's Administrative Assistant I - Grade 15 to an Administrative Assistant II - Grade 17. No additional cost is associated with the request.																	

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					-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----FY 1995 - 96-----		-----FY 1996 - 97-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----					
					---ACTUAL---	---BUDGET---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1995-96	1996-97	1995-96	1996-97		
					93-94	94-95	REQUEST	REQUEST										
002		HUA	250 234	P01		0	82,857	74,331						10,201	10,201			
						0	1	1										
<p>This request is for one additional position (Administrative Assistant I - Grade 15) to provide the support assistance with agency operations and to also serve as Secretary for the Community Development Consultant and Grants Coordinator. Additional operating and capital outlay expenses are requested to cover increased costs associated with moving the agency and with general office related expenditures.</p>																		
003		HUA	250 234	P02		0	168,656	156,880										
						0	4	4										
<p>This request is to establish four new positions (Grade 21 - Community Development Consultants) and supporting operating costs for the purpose of assisting local communities on a regular basis with rural development policy issues.</p>																		
004		HUA	250 234	P03		0	537,016	533,989										
						0	1	1										
<p>This request is for one additional position (Grants Coordinator II - Grade 19) and supporting operating expenses. In addition to the position, a grant line item of \$500,000 each year is being requested to transfer the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. This program is currently administered by the Department of Finance and Administration.</p>																		

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				-----EXPENDITURES-----		-----FY 1995 - 96-----		-----FY 1996 - 97-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----	
				---ACTUAL---	---BUDGETED---	-----REQUEST-----	-----REQUEST-----	1995-96	1996-97	1995-96	1996-97		
				93-94	94-95								
	HUA	250 234	P04		0	9,500	0	9,500	0				
<p>This request is for travel and associated expenses for the members of the Arkansas Rural Development Commission.</p>													
	HUA	250 234	P05		0	5,813	0	5,813	0	4,280	4,280		
<p>Additional Extra Help dollars to assist the agency during peek periods as well as to hire interns through the Arkansas Public Administration Consortium program at UALR.</p>													

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ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

01                      02                      03                      04                      05                      06                      07                      08                      09                      10                      11                      12                      13                      14

CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			94-95			-----95-96 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----96-97 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	93-94 ACTUAL	94-95 BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE				
										95-96	96-97	95-96	96-97			
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
THIS APPROPRIATION IS NOT REQUESTED FOR THE NEW BIENNIUM																
TOTAL	248	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****													
FUND BALANCES	248		*****													
GENERAL REVENUES			*****													
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****													
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****													
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****													
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****													
CASH FUNDS			*****													
OTHER			*****													
TOTAL FUNDING	248		*****													
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****													
TOTAL	248		*****													

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 APPRO C52 RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE-CASH  
 FUND 111 RURAL ADVOCACY CASH-(250)

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