

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY  
1997 - 1999**

The plight of rural America has been receiving increased attention in recent years as we face an ongoing shift from an agricultural nation; we continually experience advances in technology; and we emerge into a truly global economy. These changes have brought with them varied impacts, both positive and negative, that we must now face the results of as the demand for public assistance (financial and technical) and federal to local mandates are on the increase.

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 it is prime time 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 of 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 in a cooperative fashion and 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 instill the basic premise that we can no longer afford to act independently, nor pursue traditional development strategies.

The Arkansas Rural Development Commission (ARDC) and 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 (demographic, economic, etc.); the diversity of our rural areas (geographic, economic, ethnic, cultural, etc.); the complexity of our rural needs (business development, education, environment, health, housing, infrastructure, technology, transportation, etc.); and the fragmentation of the various organizations involved (responsibilities and resources for rural development are dispersed among many governmental and non-governmental entities.

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We wish to break down the geographic, jurisdictional, political and other boundaries which impede the various sectors, organizations and individuals from acting collectively, thus promoting a stronger spirit of cooperation among the players that would result in a re-thinking of long-term strategic plans and development activities.

To do so, however, will require a strengthening of our agency staff and resources, through restructure and growth. The proposed changes that follow will allow us to become more action-oriented; to build broad inter- and intra-governmental 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 this vision, our legislatively mandated mission and 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 support and assistance with the following efforts:

**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. This includes, but is not limited to: increased rent and parking rates at our state owned office space, increased telephone and technology service fees associated with computer modems, etc., and other general office related expenditures (insurance, maintenance, postage, printing, travel, etc.); the establishment of an Administrative Assistant (AA) II position within the ORA; and the lease and/or purchase of photocopying, postage and other agency equipment. The Grade 17 AA position would provide support assistance with all aspects of office operations, with particular emphasis in the areas of accounting (general and grants), personnel and purchasing. Finally, we are seeking \$12,500 for each year of the biennium to cover proposed capital outlay expenditures vital to helping our agency become more responsive to those it serves. This would include the purchase of up-to-date computers and related equipment; audio visual and library holdings; and other necessary office furnishings. These items have all been kept at minimal levels as requested, and it is believed that the benefit realized by both the agency and its rural constituency will far outweigh the increases requested.

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**PRIORITY II**

Our second priority is the continuation of one and the establishment of two Grants Coordinator II positions within the ORA. These Grade 19 coordinators would be responsible for the administration of the Arkansas Rural Community (ARCGP), Fire Protection (ARCFPGP), and Planning (ARCPGP) Grant Programs, and would be assigned to service areas representing essentially one-quarter of the state. This would allow for direct interaction with local leadership on a regular basis. We are asking that the state pick up the first position in FY 1999 when its current grant funding through the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation expires (June 1998), and that the other two be brought on line with the beginning of the biennium (July 1997). 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 through technical assistance with 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), the Arkansas Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Program (ARCFPGP) and the Arkansas Rural Community Planning Grant Program (ARCPGP). Currently, state funding for all three programs is \$600,000 annually. Since beginning the ARCGP in FY 1994, and subsequently the ARCFPGP and ARCPGP in FY 1996, 223 matching grants totaling \$1,252,575 (ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 each) have been awarded on a 50/50 matching basis to communities of less than 3,000 in population throughout the state (68 counties). As an example of demand far outweighing supply, during the final cycle of FY 1996 (ending March 15, 1996) well over 200 requests totaling more than \$1.2 million were received, while only 42 grants totaling \$272,400 could be awarded. Clearly, additional help is needed, and therefore we are requesting that our general revenues appropriation be increased by \$600,000 for community grants, bringing the total amount available through the ARCGP to \$1 million annually. We would also appreciate your support with our annual General Improvement Fund requests of \$1 million for the ARCFPGP and \$100,000 for the ARCPGP (please keep in mind that the ARCPGP Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation Grant will expire at the end of FY 1998) respectively. Again, this request would require additional funding, which we feel would be negligible in relation to the overall benefit realized by our rural communities through the programs.

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**PRIORITY IV**

Our fourth and final priority request above the FY 1997 base level 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 offset funding shortfalls experienced in trying to cover mileage and related expenses necessary to attend ARDC meetings, regional forums and our annual conference, but also other meetings that they might wish to attend in their official capacity as commissioners. It is also important to keep in mind with this request that subject to the passage of proposed legislation, our legislative members may also become eligible for reimbursement of actual expenses in the years to come.

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OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY  
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1994

Assets					Liabilities			Total Equity	
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total	Current	Long-Term	Total			
\$ 31	\$ 30,496	\$ 5,922	\$ 36,449	\$ 20	\$ 5,587	\$ 5,607	\$ 30,842		

  

Revenues					Expenditures				Other Sources (Uses)	
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	
\$ 154,036	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 120	\$ 154,156	\$ 73,373	\$ 0	\$ 10,170	\$ 36,301	\$ 119,844	\$ (35,428)

  

Findings	Recommendations
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RURAL ADVOCACY CASH FUND - (Review of the Rural Advocacy Cash Fund (111) revealed that all transactions were not recorded on the State's Accounting Federal Grants Management (AFGM) System and the AFGM Fund Analysis Report was not reconciled on a monthly basis as required by Section II-24.1 of the State Accounting Procedures Manual.) The account was closed July 22, 1994.

Review and comply with all applicable provisions of the State Accounting Procedures Manual.

Audited by Division of Legislative Audit  
SA0725094

( ) Noted in previous year's audit report.

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
 EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY  
 AS REQUIRED BY ACT 358 OF 1993  
 (A.C.A 19-4-307)

AGENCY TITLE      250 - OFFICE OF RURAL ADVOCACY

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	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>100%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF      08/10/96			<u>0</u>	<u>0%</u>
DATE			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>4</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	

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 AGENCY DIRECTOR

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DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY**

AGENCY TITLE Rural Advocacy(250)		1995-97 Expenditures			1997-99 Biennium Request				1997-99 Executive Recommendation				
Appropriations		Actual 1995-96	No. of Pos.	Budgeted 1996-97	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1997-98	No. of Pos.	Year 2 1998-99	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1997-98	No. of Pos.	Year 2 1998-99	No. of Pos.
Code	Name												
B91	Rural Comm. Plng. Grant Prgm.-Cash	\$85,985	0	\$164,909	0	\$137,367	1	\$103,436	0	\$137,367	1	\$103,436	0
234	State Operations	281,389	4	316,961	4	1,052,040	7	1,093,908	8	325,329	4	329,389	4
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$367,374</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$481,870</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$1,189,407</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$1,197,344</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$462,696</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$432,825</b>	<b>4</b>
Funding Sources			% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total
Fund Balances			0.0%	\$49,015	9.8%	\$19,106	1.6%	\$16,739	1.5%	\$19,106	4.0%	\$16,739	4.8%
General Revenues		281,389	67.6%	303,384	60.6%	1,052,040	87.2%	1,093,908	98.5%	325,329	67.9%	329,389	95.2%
Special Revenues													
Federal Funds													
Const. & Fiscal Agency Fund													
State Central Services Fund													
Non-Revenue Receipts													
Cash Funds		135,000	32.4%	135,000	26.9%	135,000	11.2%		0.0%	135,000	28.2%		0.0%
Merit Adjustment			0.0%	13,577	2.7%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%
Total Funding		416,389	100.0%	500,976	100.0%	1,206,146	100.0%	1,110,647	100.0%	479,435	100.0%	346,128	100.0%
Excess Appro. / (Funding)		(49,015)		(19,106)		(16,739)		86,697		(16,739)		86,697	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$367,374</b>		<b>\$481,870</b>		<b>\$1,189,407</b>		<b>\$1,197,344</b>		<b>\$462,696</b>		<b>\$432,825</b>	
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**SUMMARY**

**STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMS/EXPANSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE 80TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

AGENCY: Office of Rural Advocacy(250)

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED	# POS. AUTH.	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION		STATUS
		FY 95-96	FY 96-97	
<u>APPROPRIATION: 234 Operations</u>				
Regular Salaries	1	\$ 20,840	\$ 21,361	The Additional appropriation was provided to enhance the Rural Community Grant Program. During FY96, the agency utilized the Grants Coordinator position, operating expenses and capital outlay associated with relocation of the office and awarded the full amount available for grants to local governments. The Extra Help appropriation was not utilized in FY96. The Office of Rural Advocacy has budgeted the additional appropriation in FY97 with the exception of capital outlay. The agency was only able to budget \$932 in order to comply with requirements of Act 494 of 1993.
Extra Help		4,376	4,376	
Pers. Svcs. Matching		7,403	7,495	
Operating Expenses		15,201	15,201	
Rural Comm. Grants		100,000	100,000	
Conf. Fees & Svcs.		5,000	5,000	
Capital Outlay		<u>10,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>	
<b>Total</b>		\$163,320	\$158,433	

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In FY96, the Office of Rural Advocacy received a three year grant from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation geared toward community visioning and planning. The purpose of the program is to assist with planning efforts in Arkansas' small rural communities. The agency will receive \$135,000 each year to provide grants to communities and administer the "Arkansas Rural Community Planning Grant Program". In the current biennium, the agency utilized the DFA Cash Holding Account to establish the appropriation. One position was established utilizing the Supplemental Personal Services Provisions to administer the program.

Priority requests for the FY97-99 Biennium include establishment of a Grants Coordinator II position in FY98 only to replace the supplemental emergency position currently being used as well as supporting operating costs and a grants line item. Since funding from the Rockefeller Foundation will end in FY98, the agency has requested state assumption of the position in FY99. Total priority requests are \$137,367 in FY98 and \$103,436 in FY99.

The Executive Recommendation is Agency Request including the authorization of the Supplemental Emergency position. Expenditure of appropriation is dependent upon available funding.

<b>AGENCY</b> Name: Office of Rural Advocacy  Code: 250	<b>APPROPRIATION</b> Name: Rural Comm. Png. Grants-Cash  Code: B91	<b>CASH FUND</b> Name: Rural Advocacy Cash  Code: 111	<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST</b>  BR20	<b>PAGE</b>  378
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			96-97			-----97-98 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----98-99 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	95-96	96-97	AUTHORIZED	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE				
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	APPRO							97-98	98-99	97-98	98-99			
REGULAR SALARIES	0	0	0	0	26,267	26,267	0	0	0	26,267						
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1						
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	2,188	9,022	0	0	7,664	7,664	0	0	0	7,664						
SUPPLEMENTAL EMERGENCY SALARIES	8,460	25,051	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
OPERATING EXPENSES	2,410	2,661	0	0	2,661	2,661	0	2,661	2,661	2,661	2,661					
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	527	775	0	0	775	775	0	775	775	775	775					
GRANTS/AIDS	72,400	127,400	0	0	100,000	100,000	0	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,985</b>	<b>164,909</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>137,367</b>	<b>137,367</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>103,436</b>	<b>103,436</b>	<b>137,367</b>	<b>103,436</b>					
<b>PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES</b>			*****													
FUND BALANCES		49,015	*****		19,106	19,106		16,739	16,739	19,106	16,739					
GENERAL REVENUES			*****													
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****													
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****													
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****													
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****													
CASH FUNDS	135,000	135,000	*****		135,000	135,000				135,000						
OTHER			*****													
TOTAL FUNDING	135,000	184,015	*****		154,106	154,106		16,739	16,739	154,106	16,739					
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)	( 49,015)	( 19,106)	*****		( 16,739)	( 16,739)		86,697	86,697	( 16,739)	86,697					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85,985</b>	<b>164,909</b>	<b>*****</b>		<b>137,367</b>	<b>137,367</b>		<b>103,436</b>	<b>103,436</b>	<b>137,367</b>	<b>103,436</b>					

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 APPRO B91 RURAL COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM - CASH  
 FUND 111 RURAL ADVOCACY CASH-(250)

Appropriation established utilizing the DFA Cash Fund Holding Account.

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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		1997 - 99 BIENNIAL REQUESTS						RECOMMENDATIONS					
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 1997 - 98			FY 1998 - 99			EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE			
					95-96	96-97	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99			
000		111	250 B91	B	85,985 0	164,909 0	0 0					0 0						
001		111	250 B91	P01			0 0	137,367 1				103,436 1			137,367 1	103,436		
<p>Request a cash appropriation for the Rural Community Planning Grant Program. Request includes one position (currently established utilizing the Supplemental Personal Services Provisions), operating expenses and a grants line item.</p>																		

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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 is primarily funded by general revenues.

Base Level includes salaries and personal services matching for four positions, Extra Help and supporting maintenance and operating expenses. Base Level is \$322,329 in FY98 and \$326,389 in FY99. Additional requests total \$729,711 in FY98 and \$767,519 in FY99 and include the following:

- (1) The agency is requesting one additional position (Administrative Assistant II-Grade 17) to provide supporting services for current agency operations. Also included in this request is additional operating expenses and capital outlay of \$18,500 each year to cover increases in rent, parking rates, and update computers and equipment utilized by agency personnel.
- (2) Additional personnel and supporting operating expenses to oversee the three grant programs administered by the Office of Rural Advocacy totals \$83,608 in FY98 and \$121,324 in FY99. Grant Coordinator II(Grade 19) positions are requested. One of the three positions requested in FY99 is currently funded by the Winthrop Rockefeller Grant which ends in FY98.
- (3) Currently, the Office of Rural Advocacy administers the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program and the Arkansas Rural Community Fire Protection Grant Program from general revenues and the Rural Community Planning Grant Program from Winthrop Rockefeller Funds. These grants are awarded on a 50/50 matching basis to communities with a population of less than 3,000. An additional \$600,000 each year is requested to provide additional funding for the two general revenue grant programs as well as provide general revenue for the planning grants currently funded by Winthrop Rockefeller Funds.
- (4) The final priority request totals \$2,500 each year to provide additional Operating Expenses for the Arkansas Rural Development Commissioners. These dollars will be used to cover mileage and related expenses associated with attending commission meetings, regional forums, the agency annual conference, as well as various other meetings attended in their official capacity as Commissioners.

<b>AGENCY</b> Name: Office of Rural Advocacy  Code: 250	<b>APPROPRIATION</b> Name: State Operations  Code: 234	<b>TREASURY FUND</b> Name: State General Srvs.  Code: HUA	<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST</b>  BR20	<b>PAGE</b>  381
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The Executive Recommendation provides for an additional \$3,000 in operating expenses to address increases in office rent as well as Base Level, which includes appropriation for a 2.8% Cost of Living Allowance for positions on July 1 of each year of the biennium along with accompanying employee matching requirements. State assumption of the position and the planning grants currently funded with Winthrop Rockefeller Grant dollars was denied.

<b>AGENCY</b> Name: Office of Rural Advocacy  Code: 250	<b>APPROPRIATION</b> Name: State Operations  Code: 234	<b>TREASURY FUND</b> Name: State General Srvs.  Code: HUA	<b>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST</b>  BR20	<b>PAGE</b>  382
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----		96-97	-----97-98 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----98-99 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	95-96	96-97	AUTHORIZED	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	BASE	PRIORITY	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	APPRO							97-98	98-99	97-98	98-99
REGULAR SALARIES	91,391	121,106	106,420	126,397	61,740	188,137	129,846	89,946	219,792	126,397	129,846		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	4	4	4	4	4	8	4	4	8	4	4		
EXTRA HELP	943	5,400	5,400	5,400	0	5,400	5,400	0	5,400	5,400	5,400		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	2		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	23,370	33,838	30,879	34,847	19,971	54,818	35,458	28,073	63,531	34,847	35,458		
OPERATING EXPENSES	45,585	45,585	45,585	45,585	18,500	64,085	45,585	23,500	69,085	48,585	48,585		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	5,000	15,100	10,100	7,500	17,600	10,100	10,100		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	10,000	932	5,000	0	24,500	24,500	0	18,500	18,500				
RURAL COMMUNITY PROJ GRANT	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	600,000	700,000	100,000	600,000	700,000	100,000	100,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281,389</b>	<b>316,961</b>	<b>303,384</b>	<b>322,329</b>	<b>729,711</b>	<b>1,052,040</b>	<b>326,389</b>	<b>767,519</b>	<b>1,093,908</b>	<b>325,329</b>	<b>329,389</b>		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	281,389	303,384	*****	322,329	729,711	1,052,040	326,389	767,519	1,093,908	325,329	329,389		
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUNDS		13,577	*****										
<b>TOTAL FUNDING</b>	<b>281,389</b>	<b>316,961</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>322,329</b>	<b>729,711</b>	<b>1,052,040</b>	<b>326,389</b>	<b>767,519</b>	<b>1,093,908</b>	<b>325,329</b>	<b>329,389</b>		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>281,389</b>	<b>316,961</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>322,329</b>	<b>729,711</b>	<b>1,052,040</b>	<b>326,389</b>	<b>767,519</b>	<b>1,093,908</b>	<b>325,329</b>	<b>329,389</b>		

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 APPRO 234 STATE OPERATIONS  
 FUND IUA STATE GENERAL SERVICES(000)

The FY97 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 1995-97 biennium.

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					---ACTUAL---		---BUDGETED---		-----FY 1997 - 98-----		-----FY 1998 - 99-----		-----EXECUTIVE-----		-----LEGISLATIVE-----			
					95-96	96-97	REQUEST	REQUEST	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99						
100		HUA	250 234	B	281,389 4	316,961 4	322,329 4	326,389 4	322,329 4	326,389 4								
101		HUA	250 234	P01	0 0	0 0	43,603 1	43,695 1	3,000	3,000								
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Additional operating expenses requested in the amount of \$6,000 each year to address increases in rent and parking rates as well as general office related expenses. Capital outlay of \$12,500 each year is requested to up date computers and equipment, audio visual and library holdings and other office furnishings. One additional position(Administrative Assistant II) is requested to provide general office support.</b></p>																		
102		HUA	250 234	P02	0 0	0 0	83,608 3	121,324 3										
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Two additional Grant Coordinator II positions and state assumption of one Grant Coordinator II position currently funded from a Winthrop Rockefeller Grant are requested. These coordinators would be responsible for the administration of the Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program, the Fire Protection Grant Program and the Rural Community Planning Grant Program. Supporting operating expenses and capital outlay for the positions is also included in the request.</b></p>																		

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							REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99		
003		HUA	250 234	P03		0	600,000			600,000								
	<p>Increase funding for the existing three grant programs(Fire Protection Grants, Rural Community Planning Grants, and Rural Community Development Grants) is requested to meet the demands of these programs.</p>																	
004		HUA	250 234	P04		0	2,500			2,500								
	<p>Additional expenses for Rural Development Commissioners to cover mileage and related expenses associated with attending commission meetings, regional forums and the agency annual conference as well as other meeting they might attend in their official capacity as commissioners.</p>																	

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