

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
AGENCY PROGRAM COMMENTARY
1999 - 2001**

AETN's mission is to present accessible lifelong learning opportunities for all Arkansans. AETN has come a long way in 30 years, from a single transmitter serving only central Arkansas to a network of 5 transmitters and 10 microwaves serving the entire state via broadcast, satellite distance learning, and computer on-line technology. In today's fast paced world, AETN provides cost-effective communications and training via telecommunications technology.

Pre-schoolers get ready for school watching nationally acclaimed PBS programming like SESAME STREET, MR. ROGERS' NEIGHBORHOOD, and BARNEY AND FRIENDS on AETN. More than half of AETN's program schedule is devoted to children and families and provides a daily safe haven for learning about reading (READING RAINBOW) literature (WISHBONE), geography (WHERE IN TIME IS CARMEN SANDIEGO?), nature (KRATT'S CREATURES), safe play (BARNEY AND FRIENDS).

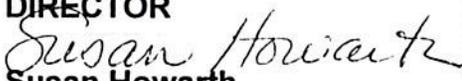
Instructional programming for kindergarten through twelfth grade students is broadcast on AETN for use by schools and at-home students. In addition to broadcast delivery AETN provides video dubs to regional cooperative lending libraries and fills individual requests from teachers for programs and materials. AETN provides teacher in-service training workshops at various regional locations and via satellite to help teachers throughout the state. AETN's partnership with the Arkansas Leadership Academy has provided technology training to educators through our Electronic Learning Environment workshops.

College telecourses are coordinated through AETN with Arkansas colleges and universities participating statewide to provide easily accessible college credit classes for non-traditional post-secondary students through AETN's broadcast network.

AETN's adult education services have been among the most successful in the state, helping adult students earn GEDs and learn to read. AETN's prime time and weekend programming is devoted to cultural offerings, public affairs, how-tos and outstanding documentaries on current issues for lifelong learners. AETN is providing cost effective satellite distance learning technology to help state agencies like Human Services, Emergency Services, and General Education to improve communications with citizens and train as many as 8,000 state employees at a time. AETN has served agencies like Parks & Tourism and Game & Fish to solicit feedback from their customers by broadcasting call-in programs. Citizens can get immediate answers to their questions by calling during local productions like ARKANSANS ASK when the Governor, state legislators and congressmen appear on air to discuss issues.

For 30 years AETN has been providing a wide variety of educational services and public television programs for pre-schoolers through adult learners. AETN currently serves almost every Arkansan through broadcast, cable, satellite and online for a very modest cost to the state ... less than two-tenths of one percent of the entire state education budget.

Now AETN is on the verge of several major projects which will greatly expand and enhance its services to the citizens of Arkansas. In the next few years, AETN will move into an expanded state of the art facility and will convert its 30-year-old transmission system from analog to digital, as mandated by the FCC. These changes will revolutionize educational television, enabling AETN to be even more essential to to the citizens of Arkansas.

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Construction is projected to be complete by late 1999 on a 40,000 square foot addition to AETN's current building on the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) campus in Conway. AETN's addition will be part of a 160,000 square foot AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex also housing the UCA Mass Communications Department, the City of Conway's Conference Center and the Reynold's 1200 seat Performance Hall. AETN's portion will feature enhanced studio space, a state-of-the-art educational telecommunications training laboratory, and improved production and editing facilities. The overall complex will be wired for AETN broadcasting and satellite uplinking. It will allow AETN to increase and improve educational services to Arkansans beyond what has been previously possible. Authorization and funding are needed to fully operate the increased studio production capacity, to manage the maintenance and security of the facility, and to provide for proper fiscal/administrative management of educational broadcasting and satellite training services.

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that all television programming be accessible to all citizens. The Federal Communications' Commission (FCC) has set deadlines requiring AETN to provide closed captioning and other services to make its programs up to 95% accessible to all by the year 2006. To meet these requirements funding is needed for the personnel and expenses to caption local productions for deaf and hearing impaired viewers, and to adequately respond to citizens' special needs. AETN also proposes minimal operations support for the Arkansas Radio Reading Services for the Blind (RRSB) which will be relocated to AETN's expanded facility upon completion in late 1999. RRSB provides services to thousands of Arkansans who are unable to read. The service is provided on a sub-channel of AETN's broadcast network and is vitally important to blind and visually impaired Arkansans.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all broadcasters convert from their current analog transmission systems to the new digital television mode (DTV). AETN's deadline for conversion is May 1, 2003. With millions of dollars in capital expenditures needed for the conversion of the 5 transmitters, 10 microwave sites and origination and production equipment, AETN must carefully plan this transition in order to cost effectively and efficiently execute this major equipment change-out. AETN requests funds to operate and manage the engineering surveys, legal research, and educational work that will be required to meet the FCC deadline. This is a huge technical project that must be successful or the FCC will force AETN off the air.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION
 SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Assets					Liabilities			Total Equity	
Cash and Investments	Fixed	Other	Total		Current	Long-Term	Total		
\$ 9,354,616	\$ 13,273,493	\$ 420,422	\$ 23,048,531		\$ 35,948	\$ 218,764	\$ 254,712	\$ 22,793,819	

Revenues					Expenditures					
Inter- governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Other Sources (Uses)
\$ 11,614,221	\$ 310,315	\$ 0	\$ 1,647,713	\$ 13,572,249	\$ 2,950,261	\$ 0	\$ 374,173	\$ 2,158,391	\$ 5,482,825	\$ (13,192)

Findings

BURGLARY - The Agency reported a burglary that occurred at its annex building between the evening of June 20, 1997 and the afternoon of June 21, 1997, in which four (4) equipment items with a recorded value of \$1,746.07 were taken. The burglary was reported to the Conway Police Department and the Arkansas State Police. The investigation of the burglary was inconclusive as to the identity of the burglar. The items reported taken in the burglary are as follows:

Description	Property Tag Number	Amount
Television/video cassette recorder	E005226	\$ 264.96
Television/video cassette recorder	E005227	264.96
Television (recently donated)	None	.00
Desktop computer system	E005044	1,216.15
TOTAL		\$ 1,746.07

The Agency also reported the loss to its property insurance company, who reimbursed the Agency \$2,640.32 for the estimated replacement cost of the items, after applying a \$100 deductible.

Recommendations

Our findings in this matter are being reported in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. 10-4 111.

ARKANSAS EDUCATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF AUDIT FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1997

Assets										Liabilities			Total Equity		
Cash and Investments		Fixed		Other		Total		Current	Long-Term	Total	Total Equity				
\$	1,930,243	\$	89,438	\$	387,611	\$	2,407,292	\$	192,457	\$	0	\$	192,457	\$	2,214,835

Revenues					Expenditures					Other Sources (Uses)											
Inter-governmental	Federal	Licenses and Fees	Other	Total	Salaries and Matching	Grants and Aid	Capital	Other Operating	Total	Other Sources (Uses)											
\$	0	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,426,162	\$	2,426,162	\$	439,878	\$	0	\$	0	\$	1,813,079	\$	2,252,957	\$	(13,051)

Findings	Recommendations
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None

None

Audited by Engelkes, Conner & Davis, Ltd.
Certified Public Accountants
SA1451797

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

AGENCY TITLE 516 - EDUC TELEVISION COMM

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>33</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>85%</u>
BLACK EMPLOYEES	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12%</u>
EMPLOYEES OF OTHER RACIAL MINORITIES	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3%</u>
TOTAL EMPLOYED AS OF <u>08/08/98</u> DATE			<u>11</u>	<u>15%</u>
			TOTAL MINORITIES	
			<u>73</u>	<u>100%</u>
			TOTAL EMPLOYEES	

Susan Howarth

 AGENCY DIRECTOR

**CASH FUND BALANCE DESCRIPTION
AS OF JUNE 30, 1998**

AGENCY: Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN - 516)

ACCOUNT INFORMATION				
FUND ACCT.	BALANCE	TYPE	LOCATION	STATUTORY/OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE:
AETN Cash	\$272,601.51	Checking	1st National Bank (Conway)	<p>STATUTORY PROVISIONS FOR FEES, FINES, PENALTIES: ACA 6-3-109 and 6-3-112 authorize charges for services, materials, and facilities usage at a reasonable cost, as approved by the ETV Commission.</p> <p>REVENUE RECEIPTS CYCLE: Revenues are received irregularly for contracted production services, use of satellite uplink truck, sale of tapes and curriculum materials, etc. Grant funds are invested upon receipt until budgeted expenses are payable.</p> <p>FUND BALANCE UTILIZATION: These funds support approximately 20% of AETN's staff and other regular operating costs. Most revenues come from intermittent projects contracted with other state agencies. State law prohibits establishing a line of credit with a bank for cash flow needs. Therefore a cash balance must be maintained to allow continuity of payroll and operations between contract payments. Grant funds are used within the restrictions of the grant.</p>
(151)	225,912.62	Checking	Nations Bank (Conway)	
	99,171.81	Trust Fund	State Treasury Money Fund	
	198,000.00	Trust Fund	State Treasury Money Fund	
	28,464.80	Money Market	Peoples Bank (Paragould)	
	99,000.00	CD	Cleburne Co. Bank (Heber)	
	99,000.00	CD	McIlroy Bank (Fayetteville)	
	99,000.00	CD	Greer's Ferry Bank (Heber)	
	99,000.00	CD	1st Community (Conway)	
	99,000.00	CD	1st Financial (Conway)	

ACCOUNT INFORMATION				
FUND ACCT.	BALANCE	TYPE	LOCATION	STATUTORY/OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON USE:

ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM

DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

AGENCY TITLE		1997-99				1999-01				1999-01			
Educational Television Division		Expenditures				Biennium Request				Executive Recommendation			
Appropriations		Actual 1997-98	No. of Pos.	Budgeted 1998-99	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1999-00	No. of Pos.	Year 2 2000-01	No. of Pos.	Year 1 1999-00	No. of Pos.	Year 2 2000-01	No. of Pos.
Code	Name												
A50	Cash Operations	\$1,369,915	8	\$2,420,922	14	\$2,943,127	14	\$2,954,567	14	\$2,195,190	14	\$2,206,691	14
1JQ	Digital Satellite Network - Federal	17,385	2	252,688	1	430,672	1	331,783	1	429,432	1	330,543	1
199	State Operations	3,922,523	74	4,065,405	75	7,304,622	97	6,952,060	97	4,282,718	75	4,364,071	75
TOTALS		\$5,309,823	84	\$6,739,015	90	\$10,678,421	112	\$10,238,410	112	\$6,907,340	90	\$6,901,305	90
Funding Sources			% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total		% of Total
Fund Balances		\$1,392,647	21.7%	\$1,121,978	16.6%								
General Revenues		3,922,523	61.0%	4,022,362	59.8%	7,302,998	68.4%	6,950,391	67.9%	4,476,922	63.1%	4,558,116	64.2%
Special Revenues													
Federal Funds		17,385	0.3%	252,688	3.7%	430,672	4.0%	331,783	3.2%	429,432	6.0%	330,543	4.7%
Constitutional Officers Fund													
State Central Services Fund													
Non-Revenue Receipts													
Cash Funds		1,099,246	17.0%	1,298,944	19.3%	2,943,127	27.6%	2,954,567	28.9%	2,195,190	30.9%	2,206,691	31.1%
Merit Adjustment Fund				43,043	0.6%								
Total Funding		6,431,801	100.0%	6,739,015	100.0%	10,676,797	100.0%	10,236,741	100.0%	7,101,544	100.0%	7,095,350	100.0%
Excess Appro./ (Funding)		(1,121,978)		0		1,624		1,669		(194,204)		(194,045)	
TOTAL		\$5,309,823		\$6,739,015		\$10,678,421		\$10,238,410		\$6,907,340		\$6,901,305	
DEPARTMENT			DIRECTOR						DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATION SUMMARY				
Department of Education			Susan Howarth						BR 40				
Educational Television Division													

*Excess appropriation amounts in the 1999-01 biennium are due to requests/recommendations for unfunded appropriation for contingency purposes.

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The Arkansas Educational Television Division is requesting Base Level which includes a cost of living increase of 2.8% each year over the FY99 salary levels, with related Personal Services Matching costs. This cash funded appropriation includes 14 Regular Salary positions, 31 Extra Help positions, supporting Maintenance and Operations Expenses and Resale.

Cash funds are received primarily from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and from production contracts with other state agencies. None of the Foundation funds are deposited for use with this appropriation.

Change Level requests for the biennium total \$752,068 and \$752,122 respectively. The requests are made primarily for the conversion from analog to digital transmission and to allow the agency to make use of earnings from grants and service contracts. Educational Television is also tasked to comply with the FCC mandate of making its programs and services 95% accessible to the less-abled citizens by the year 2006. Various reclassifications for positions are also included in the agency Change Level request.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Base Level, as well as various reclassifications for positions. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

AGENCY Name: Department of Education Educational Television Division Code: 516	APPROPRIATION Name: Educational Television - Cash Code: A50	CASH FUND Name: Educational Television Cash Code: 151	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST BR20	PAGE 60
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----99-00 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----00-01 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	97-98	98-99	98-99	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	BASE	CHANGE	TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED							99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01
REGULAR SALARIES	132,926	339,766	466,085	339,419	1,726	341,145	348,924	1,774	350,698	342,872	352,474		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	8	14	14	14	0	14	14	0	14	14	14		
EXTRA HELP	16,697	61,401	61,401	61,401	0	61,401	61,401	0	61,401	61,401	61,401		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	36	36	36	0	36	36	0	36	36	36		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	49,902	117,069	141,450	113,303	342	113,645	115,184	348	115,532	113,981	115,880		
OPERATING EXPENSES	835,744	1,123,193	1,123,193	1,123,193	0	1,123,193	1,123,193	0	1,123,193	1,123,193	1,123,193		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	35,283	86,944	86,944	86,944	0	86,944	86,944	0	86,944	86,944	86,944		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	154,567	348,799	348,799	348,799	0	348,799	348,799	0	348,799	348,799	348,799		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	139,138	225,750	225,750	0	750,000	750,000	0	750,000	750,000	0	0		
RESALE	5,658	118,000	118,000	118,000	0	118,000	118,000	0	118,000	118,000	118,000		
TOTAL	1,369,915	2,420,922	2,571,622	2,191,059	752,068	2,943,127	2,202,445	752,122	2,954,567	2,195,190	2,206,691		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES	1,392,647	1,121,978	*****										
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS	1,099,246	1,298,944	*****	2,191,059	752,068	2,943,127	2,202,445	752,122	2,954,567	2,195,190	2,206,691		
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	2,491,893	2,420,922	*****	2,191,059	752,068	2,943,127	2,202,445	752,122	2,954,567	2,195,190	2,206,691		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)	(1,121,978)		*****										
TOTAL	1,369,915	2,420,922	*****	2,191,059	752,068	2,943,127	2,202,445	752,122	2,954,567	2,195,190	2,206,691		

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 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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FUND 151 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CASH(516)

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PROGRAM/SERVICE INFORMATION LIST

RANK BY APPROPRIATION

01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		1999 - 01 BIENNIAL REQUESTS				RECOMMENDATIONS							
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 1999 - 00		FY 2000 - 01		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
					97-98	98-99	REQUEST	REQUEST	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01						
000		151	516 A50	B	1,369,915 8	2,420,922 14	2,191,059 14		2,202,445 14		2,195,190 14		2,206,691 14					
001		151	516 A50	C01			500,000 0		500,000 0									
<p>AETN anticipates receipt of grants to help fund regular operations and capital outlay as the network converts from analog to digital technology. The Federal Communications Commission has mandated that the conversion be completed by May 1, 2003. This request is for authorization to spend any cash fund earnings as needed on equipment.</p>																		
002		151	516 A50	C08			250,000 0		250,000 0									
<p>AETN anticipates receipt of grants and contract earnings to help fund communications equipment purchases as the agency moves into a new building addition in late 1999, as conversion from analog to digital technology is phased in to meet the FCC mandate of completion by 2003, and as AETN strives to meet the FCC mandate of making its programs and services 95% accessible to the less-abled citizens by the year 2006.</p>																		

DEPT 014 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS
 FUND 151 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CASH(516)

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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		1999 - 01 BIENNIAL REQUESTS						RECOMMENDATIONS					
					ACTUAL 97-98	BUDGETED 98-99	FY 1999 - 00 REQUEST		FY 2000 - 01 REQUEST				EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE			
003		151	516 A50	C10			2,068 0					2,122 0						
<p>Reclassification of positions, primarily in the technical areas, is requested.</p>																		

DEPT 014 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO A50 CASH OPERATIONS
 FUND 151 EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION CASH(516)

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**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
1999 - 2001**

This federally funded appropriation is for the purpose of assisting in the creation of a satellite distance learning network infrastructure. The program is currently authorized by authority of a Miscellaneous Federal Grant and the agency makes this request in anticipation of receiving another two-year grant. Funds are received from the U.S. Department of Commerce Telecommunications Information and Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP).

All requests are presented as Change Level requests and total \$430,672 for FY00 and \$331,783 for FY01. The majority of the request is for Technology related needs included in the DIS plan. One position, a Management Project Analyst I (grade 18) is requested to be continued.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

AGENCY Name: Department of Education Educational Television Division Code: 516	APPROPRIATION Name: Digital Satellite Network - Federal Code: 1JQ	TREASURY FUND Name: Educational Television Code: FHC	ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST BR20	PAGE 64
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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			98-99 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----00-01 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	97-98	98-99	98-99	99-00 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----00-01 FISCAL YEAR-----			EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	CHANGE LEVEL	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	CHANGE LEVEL	TOTAL REQUEST	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01
REGULAR SALARIES	11,679	21,370	0	0	22,404	22,404	0	23,031	23,031	22,404	23,031		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1		
EXTRA HELP	0	0	0	0	10,320	10,320	0	10,320	10,320	10,320	10,320		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	3,206	7,428	0	0	9,673	9,673	0	9,797	9,797	8,433	8,557		
OPERATING EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	181,280	181,280	0	90,640	90,640	181,280	90,640		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	2,500	7,200	0	0	18,000	18,000	0	9,000	9,000	18,000	9,000		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	0	216,690	0	0	188,995	188,995	0	188,995	188,995	188,995	188,995		
TOTAL	17,385	252,688	0	0	430,672	430,672	0	331,783	331,783	429,432	330,543		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES			*****										
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS	17,385	252,688	*****		430,672	430,672		331,783	331,783	429,432	330,543		
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
OTHER			*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	17,385	252,688	*****		430,672	430,672		331,783	331,783	429,432	330,543		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****										
TOTAL	17,385	252,688	*****		430,672	430,672		331,783	331,783	429,432	330,543		

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

DEPT 014 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO 1JQ DIGITAL SATELLITE NETWORK -- FEDERAL
 FUND FIC EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FUND(516)

Appropriation was established through the authority of the MFG Holding Account

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Actual and/or Budgeted number of positions is greater than the number of authorized positions, due to positions authorized by a Miscellaneous Federal Grant.

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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		-----1999 - 01 BIENNIUM REQUESTS-----						-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----					
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 1999 - 00			FY 2000 - 01			EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE			
					97-98	98-99	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	REQUEST	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01				
000		FHC	516 1JQ	B	17,385 2	231,318	0	0				0	0					
001		FHC	516 1JQ	C01		21,370 1	194,392 1				186,143 1			193,152 1	184,903 1			
<p>AETN currently has a federal grant funded through the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Telecommunications Information and Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP). An application is pending for another 2-year TIIAP grant to continue and enhance the established program of creating digital satellite distance learning network infrastructure. AETN makes this request for appropriation to prepare for the new grant in lieu of processing a Miscellaneous Federal Grant request when the grant is approved. One full-time position is requested to continue the program.</p>																		
002		FHC	516 1JQ	C08			236,280 0				145,640 0			236,280	145,640			
<p>To meet requirements of Arkansas Code 25-4-119(d) technology items are requested in Change Level 08 for Arkansas Department of Information Services review. These items will be funded by 50% federal grant and 50% state match from general improvement funds already released and in-kind staff labor.</p>																		

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 AGY 516 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION
 APPRO 1JQ DIGITAL SATELLITE NETWORK -- FEDERAL
 FUND FHC EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION FUND(516)

RANK BY APPROPRIATION

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**ARKANSAS BUDGET
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST
1999 - 2001**

Arkansas Educational television is Arkansas' only statewide television network, with five transmitter sites and ten microwave sites, bringing the AETN broadcast signal to 90% of the state.

AETN's satellite uplink and second studio help produce and transmit teleconferences, training, and electronic town meetings to address the needs of Arkansans in a cost-effective manner.

AETN has provided interactive distance learning for many organizations, including the Department of Education, the Office of Emergency Services, the Departments of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of State.

In order to meet FCC mandates, AETN is planning to convert its broadcast network from analog to digital transmission by the year 2003, providing an increase in the quality and quantity of programs and services available to Arkansas.

The Arkansas Educational Television Commission is requesting a Base Level for this General Revenue appropriation, which provides for the general operations of the Agency and includes a cost of living increase of 2.8% over the FY99 salary levels with related Personal Services Matching costs.

Change Level requests are made in four specific program areas:

- AETN will have a 40,000 square foot building addition when the AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex is completed in the fall of 1999. The request will enable AETN to utilize the additional studio space, training lab, production and editing facilities. In addition, AETN plans to increase and improve educational services through satellite uplinking. Fourteen positions are included in the request with the necessary operating and equipment appropriation for educational broadcasting and satellite training services.
 - ◆ \$1,321,431 \$1,318,703

- The FCC has mandated that all broadcasters convert from the current analog transmission system to digital television mode (DTV). The deadline for AETN is May 1, 2003. This request is made for the planning phase and is primarily for Operating Expenses (\$181,540 and \$190,417) and Professional Fees and Services (\$125,000 each year).
 - ◆ \$351,344 \$357,589

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- The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that all television programming be accessible to all citizens. This request is made to provide closed captioning and other services to make programs up to 95% accessible to all citizens by the year 2006, and for minimal support of the Arkansas Radio Reading Services for the Blind (RRSB). Three positions are included in this request.
 - ◆ \$200,424 \$193,836

- Technology needs, included in the agency's plan submitted to the Department of Information Services are requested to support the conversion from analog to digital transmission, as well as the ADA needs, and the equipment necessary to fully utilize the space in the new AETN/UCA Telecommunications Center. Four positions are included in this request.
 - ◆ \$1,118,527 \$686,841

Additionally, requests are made for Reclasses/Upgrades and implementation of the Career Ladder Incentive Program for various positions within the agency.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Base Level as well as additional funding of \$200,000 each year. Special Language is also recommended and provides a contingency appropriation and fifteen positions to begin equipping the new facility and to address any needs that may arise. Position Reclasses and Upgrades were denied.

The Career Ladder Incentive Program (CLIP) requests reflected in agency budgets are intended to provide appropriate job classifications, that may be utilized to promote classified employees who complete competency-based criteria during the biennium. The Executive Recommendation may reflect an adjustment in the requested CLIP levels for certain positions. These changes are to indicate the maximum job classification to which an employee would be expected to progress within the new biennium, based on the experience and other competency-based criteria required under the Program.

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CHARACTER TITLE	-----EXPENDITURES-----			-----99-00 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----00-01 FISCAL YEAR-----			-----R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S-----			
	97-98	98-99	98-99	CHANGE		TOTAL	CHANGE		TOTAL	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	LEVEL	REQUEST	BASE	LEVEL	REQUEST	99-00	00-01	99-00	00-01
REGULAR SALARIES	2,147,676	2,290,840	2,266,930	2,421,545	522,331	2,943,876	2,489,352	536,948	3,026,300	2,426,387	2,494,328		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	74	75	77	75	22	97	75	22	97	75	75		
EXTRA HELP	535	1,966	1,966	1,966	20,000	21,966	1,966	20,000	21,966	1,966	1,966		
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	5	5	5	0	5	5	0	5	5	5		
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	577,869	619,115	599,982	699,927	175,499	875,426	713,314	178,378	891,692	700,881	714,293		
OPERATING EXPENSES	1,087,420	1,117,728	1,117,728	1,117,728	1,221,565	2,339,293	1,117,728	1,228,093	2,345,821	1,117,728	1,117,728		
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	4,402	5,300	5,300	5,300	33,500	38,800	5,300	23,525	28,825	5,300	5,300		
PROF FEES & SERVICES	3,665	30,456	31,500	30,456	327,000	357,456	30,456	327,000	357,456	30,456	30,456		
CAPITAL OUTLAY	99,995	0	60,000	0	727,805	727,805	0	280,000	280,000	0	0		
PROMOTIONAL ITEMS	961	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
TOTAL	3,922,523	4,065,405	4,083,406	4,276,922	3,027,700	7,304,622	4,358,116	2,593,944	6,952,060	4,282,718	4,364,071		
PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES			*****										
FUND BALANCES			*****										
GENERAL REVENUES	3,922,523	4,022,362	*****	4,276,922	3,026,076	7,302,998	4,358,116	2,592,275	6,950,391	4,476,922	4,558,116		
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****										
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****										
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****										
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****										
CASH FUNDS			*****										
MERIT ADJUSTMENT FUND		43,043	*****										
TOTAL FUNDING	3,922,523	4,065,405	*****	4,276,922	3,026,076	7,302,998	4,358,116	2,592,275	6,950,391	4,476,922	4,558,116		
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)			*****		1,624	1,624		1,669	1,669	(194,204)	(194,045)		
TOTAL	3,922,523	4,065,405	*****	4,276,922	3,027,700	7,304,622	4,358,116	2,593,944	6,952,060	4,282,718	4,364,071		

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The FY99 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 1997-99 biennium.

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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		1999 - 01 BIENNIAL REQUESTS				R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S								
					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 1999 - 00		FY 2000 - 01		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE						
					97-98	98-99	REQUEST	REQUEST	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01							
000		EMA	516 199	B	3,922,523 74	4,065,405 75	4,276,922 75			4,358,116 75				4,282,718 75	4,364,071 75				
001		EMA	516 199	C01			1,321,431 14			1,318,703 14									
<p>AETN's 40,000 square foot building addition will be part of a 160,000 square foot AETN/UCA Telecommunications Complex also housing the University of Central Arkansas' Mass Communications Department, the City of Conway's Conference Center and the Reynold's 1200 seat Performance Hall. Completion of the construction is estimated for Fall 1999. AETN's portion will feature enhanced studio space, a state-of-the-art educational telecommunications training laboratory, and improved production and editing facilities. The overall complex will be wired for AETN broadcasting and satellite uplinking. It will allow AETN to increase and improve educational services to Arkansans beyond what has been previously possible. To make full use of AETN's new facility authorization and funding are needed to operate the increased studio production capacity, to manage the maintenance and security of the facility, and to provide for proper fiscal/administrative management of educational broadcasting and satellite training services.</p>																			
002		EMA	516 199	C02			351,344 1			357,589 1									
<p>The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has mandated that all broadcasters convert from their current analog transmission systems to the new digital television mode (DTV). AETN's deadline for conversion is May 1, 2003. With millions of dollars in capital expenditures needed for the conversion of the 5 transmitters, 10 microwave sites and origination and production equipment, AETN must carefully plan this transition in order to cost effectively and efficiently execute this major equipment change-out. AETN requests funds for one position (Chief Engineer for DTV) and operational funding to do the survey, legal and educational work that will be required to meet the deadline. This is a huge technical project that must be successful or the FCC will force AETN off the air.</p>																			

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RANK	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	FUND	ACCOUNTING INFORMATION	D E S	EXPENDITURES		1999 - 01 BIENNIIUM REQUESTS		RECOMMENDATIONS										
					ACTUAL 97-98	BUDGETED 98-99	FY 1999 - 00 REQUEST	FY 2000 - 01 REQUEST	EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE								
003		EMA	516 199	C03			200,424 3	193,836 3											
<p>The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) mandates that all television programming be accessible to all citizens. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has set deadlines requiring AETN to provide closed captioning and other services to make its programs up to 95% accessible to all by the year 2006. To meet these requirements funding is needed for the personnel and expenses to caption local productions for deaf and hearing impaired viewers, and to adequately respond to citizens' special needs. We also propose minimal operations support for the Arkansas Radio Reading Services for the Blind (RRSB) which will relocate to AETN's expanded facility upon completion in late 1999. RRSB provides services to thousands of Arkansans who are unable to read. The service is provided on a sub-channel of AETN's broadcast network and is vitally important to blind and visually impaired Arkansans.</p>																			
004		EMA	516 199	C08			1,118,527 4	686,841 4											
<p>To meet requirements of Arkansas Code 25-4-119(d), AETN's computer technology needs are listed in change level 08. A separate technology plan was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Information Services detailing implementation schedules, resources in hand, and needs to solicit for AETN's move into a new 40,000 sq. ft. building addition in the fall of 1999, the FCC mandate to convert from analog to digital technology by the year 2003, and the FCC mandate to make all programming 95% accessible to the less-abled citizens by the year 2006.</p>																			
005		EMA	516 199	C09			1,624 0	1,669 0											
<p>Appropriation is requested to implement the Career Ladder Incentive Program (CLIP).</p>																			

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					ACTUAL	BUDGETED	FY 1999 - 00		FY 2000 - 01		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
					97-98	98-99	REQUEST	REQUEST	1999-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01						
006		EHA	516 199	C10			28,817			29,619								
<p>Reclassification of positions, primarily in the technical areas, is requested.</p>																		
007		EHA	516 199	C11			5,533			5,687								
<p>An upgrade is requested for the TV Curriculum Utilization Specialist classification.</p>																		

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