

# DAH - NATURAL HERITAGE COMMISSION

## Enabling Laws

Act 233 of 2012  
A.C.A. §15-20-301 et seq.

## History and Organization

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#### **Agency Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Natural Heritage Commission is to preserve natural diversity, to promote choice among beneficial uses of the environment, and to promote a balance between the development and environmental protection of the State for this and succeeding generations.

#### **Brief Discussion of Statutory Responsibilities and Primary Activities:**

The Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission has been charged with establishing a system and a registry of natural areas; conducting research and publishing information on natural areas; and performing other duties relating to the use, management, and preservation of the natural features of the State. The Commission has been an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage since the department was established by Act 1001 of 1975.

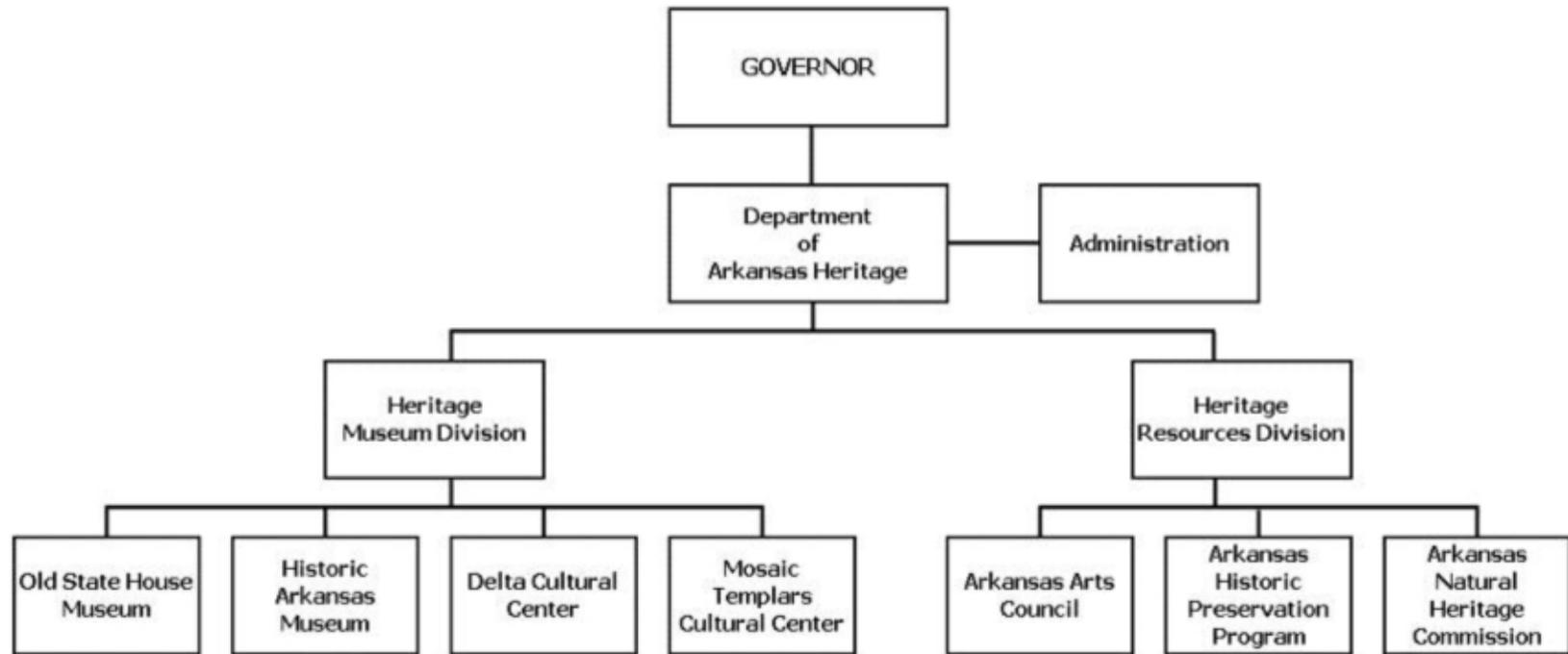
The Commission's staff is organized in four functional areas: Administration, Education and Information, Acquisitions and Stewardship, and Research and Inventory. Administration consists of the director, assistant director and two support positions. The Education and Information staff offers an outreach program that includes curriculum materials for teachers and in-class presentations. Public information initiatives, including presentations to interested organizations and individuals, have been enhanced by the development of a website directing visitors to a variety of levels of detailed information including videos of natural areas, pictures of special species, and downloadable resource materials.

The Land Acquisition staff participates in the determination of specific tracts of land for inclusion in the System of Natural Areas by acquiring fee title and other interests such as easements for the conservation of the natural diversity of the State. Stewardship staff prepares and implements a management plan to care for the 70 individual areas in the System, totaling 58,083 acres. The Research and Inventory staff collects data from scientific field work, records information on rare species or unique habitats characteristic of Arkansas's natural heritage; and reports and summarizes observations to public, private, and educational institutions. Collectively, the findings and conclusions of all of the staff weigh heavily in the determination of properties to be included in the System of Natural Areas.

The Commission utilizes the expertise of its staff to augment their functional responsibilities. Field specialties include: Ornithology (birds), Herpetology (amphibians and reptiles), Botany (plants), Zoology (animals), and Aquatics (fish and mussels). An invasive species specialist is identifying those non-native species that have been introduced to natural areas, and pose a threat to the sensitive ecosystems. Our Partnership Coordinator seeks out organizations to complement our efforts to protect significant tracts of land and for other collective conservation efforts. The Research staff performs ecological analysis to comply with the A-95 Environmental Review Process. Staff members serve on a number of multi-agency planning teams and committees, interfacing with The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, Arkansas Game & Fish Commission, State Parks, Natural Resources Commission, Forestry Commission and others.

**Advisory Board or Commission:**

Oversight for the agency is provided by the 15 member Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission which meets four times a year. Nine members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor for nine year terms, three by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.



## Agency Commentary

See Agency Commentary in DAH - Central Administration.

## Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT  
AUDIT OF :  
DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2011

Findings

Recommendations

Audit findings are reported under DAH-Central Administration.

## State Contracts Over \$25,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2012

None

## Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	7	5	12	92 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	1	1	8 %
Total Minorities			1	8 %
Total Employees			13	100 %

## Publications

### A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Annual Report	A.C.A. §15-20-308(11)	Y	Y	2	Statutory Requirement

## Department Appropriation Summary

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Appropriation	2011-2012		2012-2013		2012-2013		2013-2014					2014-2015						
	Actual	Pos	Budget	Pos	Authorized	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos	Base Level	Pos	Agency	Pos	Executive	Pos
1AQ Natural Area Mgmt - Cash in Treasury	31,901	0	267,522	1	265,917	1	267,530	1	267,530	1	267,530	1	267,530	1	267,530	1	267,530	1
1AR Natural Area Research - Cash in Treasury	25,067	0	64,293	0	64,309	0	64,309	0	64,309	0	64,309	0	64,309	0	64,309	0	64,309	0
493 Natural Heritage - State Operations	2,567,432	11	1,139,739	11	2,737,394	11	1,142,677	11	1,025,498	11	1,025,498	11	1,143,651	11	1,028,076	11	1,028,076	11
494 Natural Heritage - Federal Program	1,789,932	2	2,055,366	2	2,222,181	2	2,055,626	2	2,103,905	3	2,103,905	3	2,055,626	2	2,103,905	3	2,103,905	3
693 Natural Heritage - Land Acquisition	350,000	0	800,000	0	800,000	0	800,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0	800,000	0	1,200,000	0	1,200,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,764,332</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4,326,920</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6,089,801</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4,330,142</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4,661,242</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4,661,242</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4,331,116</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4,663,820</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4,663,820</b>	<b>14</b>

Funding Sources		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%	
Fund Balance	4000005	2,108,900	40.6	428,593	9.6			147,815	3.4	147,815	3.4	147,815	3.4	148,156	3.4	148,156	3.4
General Revenue	4000010	637,927	12.3	541,776	12.1			545,498	12.5	545,498	12.4	545,498	12.4	547,345	12.5	547,345	12.4
Federal Revenue	4000020	1,789,932	34.5	2,055,366	45.9			2,055,626	47.1	2,103,905	47.7	2,103,905	47.7	2,055,626	47.1	2,103,905	47.7
Cash Fund	4000045	17,479	0.3	277,000	6.2			332,180	7.6	332,180	7.5	332,180	7.5	332,180	7.6	332,180	7.5
Gas Lease Revenue	4000266	225,963	4.4	372,000	8.3			480,000	11.0	480,000	10.9	480,000	10.9	480,731	11.0	480,731	10.9
Inter-agency Fund Transfer	4000316	350,000	6.7	800,000	17.9			800,000	18.3	800,000	18.1	800,000	18.1	800,000	18.3	800,000	18.1
M & R Sales	4000340	62,724	1.2	0	0.0			0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>5,192,925</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,474,735</b>	<b>100.0</b>			<b>4,361,119</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,409,398</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,409,398</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,364,038</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4,412,317</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(428,593)		(147,815)				(30,977)		251,844		251,844		(32,922)		251,503	
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>4,764,332</b>		<b>4,326,920</b>				<b>4,330,142</b>		<b>4,661,242</b>		<b>4,661,242</b>		<b>4,331,116</b>		<b>4,663,820</b>	

The FY13 Budget amount in the Natural Area Mgmt - Cash in Treasury appropriation exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 Biennium.

The Inter-agency Fund Transfer represents a transfer of Conservation Tax Funds from (0865) DAH - Central Administration for the (693) Land Acquisition Appropriation.

Variance in fund balance due to a reduction in Gas Lease appropriation in the (493) Natural Heritage - State Operations appropriation and appropriation in the (693) Natural Heritage - Land Acquisition appropriation.

## Agency Position Usage Report

FY2010 - 2011						FY2011 - 2012						FY2012 - 2013					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total			Filled	Unfilled	Total	Total	
13	13	0	13	0	0.00 %	13	13	0	13	0	0.00 %	13	13	0	13	0	0.00 %

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 1AQ - Natural Area Mgmt - Cash in Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH - Natural Area Management Cash

This appropriation provides management and stewardship funds for natural areas located throughout the State. Funding is provided by interest income, donations, timber thins and grants. The Agency utilizes this appropriation to administer the Natural Area Management Program.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$267,530 each year with one (1) Regular position and four (4) Extra Help positions.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 1AQ - Natural Area Mgmt - Cash in Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH - Natural Area Management Cash

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries 5010000	12,732	22,830	23,527	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680	22,680
<b>#Positions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Extra Help 5010001	0	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
Personal Services Matching 5010003	3,864	10,018	7,716	10,176	10,176	10,176	10,176	10,176	10,176
Operating Expenses 5020002	15,305	83,622	83,622	83,622	83,622	83,622	83,622	83,622	83,622
Conference & Travel Expenses 5050009	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Professional Fees 5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing 5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay 5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Maintenance 5120032	0	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000
Land Acquisition 5900046	0	48,552	48,552	48,552	48,552	48,552	48,552	48,552	48,552
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,901</b>	<b>267,522</b>	<b>265,917</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Fund Balance 4000005	115,548	155,278		147,756	147,756	147,756	147,906	147,906	147,906
Cash Fund 4000045	8,907	260,000		267,680	267,680	267,680	267,680	267,680	267,680
M & R Sales 4000340	62,724	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Funding</b>	<b>187,179</b>	<b>415,278</b>		<b>415,436</b>	<b>415,436</b>	<b>415,436</b>	<b>415,586</b>	<b>415,586</b>	<b>415,586</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	(155,278)	(147,756)		(147,906)	(147,906)	(147,906)	(148,056)	(148,056)	(148,056)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>31,901</b>	<b>267,522</b>		<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>	<b>267,530</b>

FY13 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 Biennium.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 1AR - Natural Area Research - Cash in Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH - Natural Area Management Cash

This appropriation is funded from cash receipts generated by environmental studies performed by the Commission's staff. The Commission operates a system of fees or special charges to defray the expenses of providing research services to users of the heritage data systems.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$64,309 each year with two (2) Extra Help positions.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 1AR - Natural Area Research - Cash in Treasury

**Funding Sources:** NNH - Natural Area Management Cash

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Extra Help	5010001	9,412	27,650	27,650	27,650	27,650	27,650	27,650	27,650	27,650
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	720	2,115	2,131	2,131	2,131	2,131	2,131	2,131	2,131
Operating Expenses	5020002	14,935	34,528	34,528	34,528	34,528	34,528	34,528	34,528	34,528
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>25,067</b>	<b>64,293</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	63,847	47,352		59	59	59	250	250	250
Cash Fund	4000045	8,572	17,000		64,500	64,500	64,500	64,500	64,500	64,500
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>72,419</b>	<b>64,352</b>		<b>64,559</b>	<b>64,559</b>	<b>64,559</b>	<b>64,750</b>	<b>64,750</b>	<b>64,750</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(47,352)	(59)		(250)	(250)	(250)	(441)	(441)	(441)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>25,067</b>	<b>64,293</b>		<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>	<b>64,309</b>

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 493 - Natural Heritage - State Operations

**Funding Sources:** HRA - Arkansas Heritage Fund

The Natural Heritage Commission establishes a system of natural areas and a registry for them, it conducts research and publishes information on natural areas, and it performs other duties relating to the use, management, and preservation of the natural features of the State. Funding for this appropriation consists primarily of general revenue. Other funding consists of gas lease payments from Agency's Big Creek Natural Area and Cove Creek Natural Area.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

The Agency Base Level Request includes appropriation of \$1,487,813 in FY14 and \$1,488,787 in FY15 and general revenue of \$545,498 in FY14 and \$547,345 in FY15 with 11 Regular positions.

The Agency Change Level Request includes the following:

- Operating Expenses: Increase of \$1,572 in FY14 and \$3,176 in FY15 to provide for an increase in office rent.
- Gas Royalty Expense: Decrease of \$118,751 each year to provide for an adjustment of appropriation to reflect estimated income from royalty payments for Natural Gas Leases administered by the Commissioner of State Lands Office.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 493 - Natural Heritage - State Operations

**Funding Sources:** HRA - Arkansas Heritage Fund

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			2013-2014			2014-2015		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	527,588	495,099	508,463	495,099	495,099	495,099	495,899	495,899	495,899
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	155,049	159,858	152,696	162,796	162,796	162,796	162,970	162,970	162,970
Operating Expenses	5020002	46,601	37,203	51,235	37,203	38,775	38,775	37,203	40,379	40,379
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	1,838,194	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gas Royalty Expenses	5900047	0	447,579	2,025,000	447,579	328,828	328,828	447,579	328,828	328,828
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,567,432</b>	<b>1,139,739</b>	<b>2,737,394</b>	<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Fund Balance	4000005	1,929,505	225,963		0	0	0	0	0	0
General Revenue	4000010	637,927	541,776		545,498	545,498	545,498	547,345	547,345	547,345
Gas Lease Revenue	4000266	225,963	372,000		480,000	480,000	480,000	480,731	480,731	480,731
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>2,793,395</b>	<b>1,139,739</b>		<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(225,963)	0		117,179	0	0	115,575	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>2,567,432</b>	<b>1,139,739</b>		<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,025,498</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>	<b>1,028,076</b>

FY13 Budget amounts in Regular Salaries and/or Personal Services Matching exceed the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2011-2013 Biennium.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 493 - Natural Heritage - State Operations  
**Funding Sources:** HRA - Arkansas Heritage Fund

### Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	1,572	0	1,144,249	100.1	3,176	0	1,146,827	100.3
C03	Discontinue Program	(118,751)	0	1,025,498	89.7	(118,751)	0	1,028,076	89.9

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,142,677</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1,143,651</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	1,572	0	1,144,249	100.1	3,176	0	1,146,827	100.3
C03	Discontinue Program	(118,751)	0	1,025,498	89.7	(118,751)	0	1,028,076	89.9

### Justification

C01	This request reflects the anticipated increase for the agency's lease/rent of office space. ABA has indicated that there will probably be a 3% increase when the lease is renegotiated in March 2014.
C03	This request is a reduction in appropriation that is required as one-time signing bonus revenues were spent during the current biennium. The adjusted appropriation reflects estimated income from royalty payments for Natural Gas Leases administered by the Commissioner of State Lands Office.

## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 494 - Natural Heritage - Federal Program

**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

This appropriation uses federal funds to perform the inventory and data management function of the Natural Heritage Commission. The Department utilizes this appropriation for personal services and operating expenses to administer this program.

Base Level Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching includes Career Service payments for eligible employees. Personal Services Matching also includes a \$20 increase in the monthly contribution for State employee's health insurance for a total State match per budgeted employee of \$410 per month. Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Merit Pay Increases.

Base Level includes appropriation of \$2,055,626 each year with two (2) Regular positions and two (2) Extra Help position.

The Agency Change Level Request includes Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriation of \$48,279 to provide for one (1) D063C - Computer Support Specialist (grade C119) position. This position is needed to create, maintain and integrate enhancements to the commission's complex array of geospatial and rare species databases. The position will assume responsibility for the agency's information technology plan, provide technical support for staff and serve as the computer administrator for needed updates.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 494 - Natural Heritage - Federal Program

**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	83,425	67,203	91,811	67,053	102,607	102,607	67,053	102,607	102,607
<b>#Positions</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Extra Help	5010001	11,873	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	26,758	23,259	29,299	23,669	36,394	36,394	23,669	36,394	36,394
Operating Expenses	5020002	5,249	102,740	133,821	102,740	102,740	102,740	102,740	102,740	102,740
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	612	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Professional Fees	5060010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Maintenance	5120032	0	44,914	150,000	44,914	44,914	44,914	44,914	44,914	44,914
Land Acquisition	5900046	1,662,015	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250	1,788,250
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,789,932</b>	<b>2,055,366</b>	<b>2,222,181</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>										
Federal Revenue	4000020	1,789,932	2,055,366		2,055,626	2,103,905	2,103,905	2,055,626	2,103,905	2,103,905
Total Funding		1,789,932	2,055,366		2,055,626	2,103,905	2,103,905	2,055,626	2,103,905	2,103,905
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,789,932</b>	<b>2,055,366</b>		<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>	<b>2,103,905</b>

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 494 - Natural Heritage - Federal Program  
**Funding Sources:** FHH - Natural & Cultural Heritage Federal

### Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	48,279	1	2,103,905	102.3	48,279	1	2,103,905	102.3

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2,055,626</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	48,279	1	2,103,905	102.3	48,279	1	2,103,905	102.3

### Justification

C01	The agency is requesting a position as follows: Computer Support Specialist. To maximize efficiency and effectiveness, a computer support specialist is needed to create, maintain, and integrate enhancements to the commission's complex array of geospatial software applications and rare species databases. By consolidating administrative and technology duties in one position, the expertise to maximize the functionality and quality of all work products is gained. The computer support specialist will assume responsibility for the agency's information technology plan, provide technical support for staff, and serve as computer administrator for needed updates. This heightens functional efficiencies in other areas by allowing rare species biologists and natural area land stewards more time to focus on their primary specialties in the field.
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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 693 - Natural Heritage - Land Acquisition

**Funding Sources:** SHF - Arkansas Department of Heritage

Act 385 of 2001 established the Natural Heritage Land Acquisition appropriation to assist Agency efforts to preserve the natural diversity of the original landscape features of Arkansas. The Agency utilizes this appropriation for land acquisitions and necessary improvements to deter rapid erosion of the State's geographical landmarks, as well as to protect rare plants and special animal species. Funding is derived from special revenue realized from the additional 1/8<sup>th</sup> Cent Sales Tax levied by Amendment 75 (A.C.A. 19-6-484).

Base Level includes appropriation of \$800,000 each year for Land Acquisition.

The Agency Change Level Request includes additional unfunded appropriation of \$400,000 each year to provide for the use of state funding to attract federal grants to purchase strategic conservation lands throughout Arkansas.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

**Appropriation:** 693 - Natural Heritage - Land Acquisition

**Funding Sources:** SHF - Arkansas Department of Heritage

### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item	2011-2012 Actual	2012-2013 Budget	2012-2013 Authorized	2013-2014			2014-2015		
				Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Land Acquisition 5900046	350,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
<b>Total</b>	350,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
<b>Funding Sources</b>									
Inter-agency Fund Transfer 4000316	350,000	800,000		800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
<b>Total Funding</b>	350,000	800,000		800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)	0	0		0	400,000	400,000	0	400,000	400,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	350,000	800,000		800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	800,000	1,200,000	1,200,000

The Inter-agency Fund Transfer represents a transfer of Conservation Tax Funds from (0865) DAH – Central Administration.

## Change Level by Appropriation

**Appropriation:** 693 - Natural Heritage - Land Acquisition  
**Funding Sources:** SHF - Arkansas Department of Heritage

### Agency Request

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	400,000	0	1,200,000	150.0	400,000	0	1,200,000	150.0

### Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2013-2014	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2014-2015	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
<b>BL</b>	<b>Base Level</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>800,000</b>	<b>100.0</b>
C01	Existing Program	400,000	0	1,200,000	150.0	400,000	0	1,200,000	150.0

### Justification

C01	As one-time state funding for land acquisition was exhausted during the 2011-2013 Biennium, the commission also faced lower grant awards from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council. The ANHC uses state funding to attract federal grants to purchase strategic conservation lands throughout Arkansas. The net loss of state matching dollars will cause Arkansas and the commission a missed opportunity to bring in three-times that amount in federal grants. This request allows the Department of Arkansas Heritage Leadership some flexibility to deal with any number of potentialities.
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