

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

The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology has requested an increase in appropriations in several categories for the 97-99 Biennium. The reasons for the requests are as follows:

In Category 00, an increase of \$6,072.00 is requested. The Administrative Assistant's position, once a part-time position initially established at part-time pay rates, is requesting the pay to be increased to reflect the added job duties of a full time position. The Executive Secretary position has never had an established pay increase other than the Cost of Living Adjustments afforded to all State Employees. Therefore, an increase of \$6,072.00 is requested to fund the Board's two employee's positions.

In Category 11, an increase of \$2,000 is requested. This is necessary to replace electronic equipment and purchase additional office furniture as growth of Board records have made additional record storage demands.

In Category 46, an increase of \$3,000. is requested due to higher numbers of applicants attaining licensure in the State. We have had a 30-40% increase in examinees sitting for the National Exam resulting in 50-60 new licensees each year compared to 30-40 in past years.

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The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Psychology	Janet M. Welsh	<b>BR21</b>	<b>249</b>

ARKANSAS BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
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	Total Equity		
\$ 109,474		\$ 16,340		\$ 2,615		\$ 128,429		\$ 2,340	\$ 2,481	\$ 4,821	\$ 123,608		

  

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	\$ 129,165	\$ 3,769	\$ 132,934	\$ 60,536	\$ 0	\$ 2,240	\$ 70,780	\$ 133,556	\$ 0

  

Findings					Recommendations				
None					None				

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

AGENCY TITLE      289 - ST BD EXAM PSYCHOLOGY

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	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL
WHITE EMPLOYEES	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</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			0	0%
DATE			<u>TOTAL MINORITIES</u>	<u>0%</u>
			2	100%
			<u>TOTAL EMPLOYEES</u>	<u>100%</u>

  
 AGENCY DIRECTOR

8/28/96

**SUMMARY**  
**STATUS OF NEW PROGRAMS/EXPANSIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE 80TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
 AGENCY: ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY

PROGRAM AUTHORIZED	# POS. AUTH.	ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED APPROPRIATION		STATUS
		FY 95-96	FY 96-97	
<b><u>APPROPRIATION: A31 - Psychology Examiners - Cash</u></b>				
Operating Expenses		\$5,260	\$5,260	For FY96, \$ 1,531 of the increase was spent. All of the increase has been budgeted for FY97.
Professional Fees and Services		\$13,937	\$13,937	For FY96, \$5,063 of the increase was spent. All of the increase has been budgeted for FY97.
Testing		\$9,935	\$9,935	For FY96, all of the increase was spent in addition to \$3,090 which was authorized through the Cash Holding Account. For FY97, all of the increase has been budgeted.

**ARKANSAS BUDGET SYSTEM  
ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST  
1997 - 1999**

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The State Board of Examiners in Psychology is charged with regulating the practice of psychology in the State of Arkansas including, but not limited to, examining and passing upon the qualifications of applicants for the practice of psychology. The major responsibility of the Board is to insure that Arkansans are protected from misrepresentation, unethical practices, and/or incompetence in the practice of psychology. This goal is accomplished by licensing psychologists and psychological examiners and investigating complaints. Fees are collected primarily for application, testing and renewal. Revenues are deposited in a bank fund.

The State Board of Examiners in Psychology is requesting \$152,710 for each year of the 1997-99 biennium. Base Level is \$147,710 and includes a 5.7% increase for the Executive Secretary (from \$27,435 in FY97 to \$29,000 in FY98 and FY99) and an 18.5% increase for the Administrative Assistant (from \$19,414 in FY97 to \$23,000 in FY98 and FY99). These requests have been made by the Board based upon additional duties and responsibilities for both positions, and also to bring the positions more in line with similar positions in other state agencies.

Priority requests include \$3,000 each year in Testing to handle the increase in the number of applicants sitting for the national exam. For FY96 and FY97 the Board has requested additional Testing appropriation from the Cash Holding Account to accommodate the increase. This request would provide appropriation at the same level utilized for FY96 and anticipated for FY97. The request of \$2,000 each year for Capital Outlay is to replace computer equipment and purchase office furniture and equipment.

Expenditure of appropriation is dependent upon available funding.

The Executive Recommendation provides for Agency Request with the exception of the extraordinary increases above 2.8% for the two positions. A recommendation on this requested increase will be provided at a later date.

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>CASH FUND</u>	<u>ANALYSIS OF BUDGET REQUEST</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Name: <b>State Board of Examiners in Psychology</b>  Code: <b>289</b>	Name: <b>Psychology Examiners - Cash</b>  Code: <b>A31</b>	Name: <b>Psychology Examiners - Cash</b>  Code: <b>323</b>	    BR20	<b>253</b>

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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	96-97	97-98 FISCAL YEAR			98-99 FISCAL YEAR			EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE				
	ACTUAL	BUDGETED	AUTHORIZED APPRO	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	BASE	PRIORITY PROGRAMS	TOTAL REQUEST	97-98	98-99	97-98	98-99			
REGULAR SALARIES	44,749	45,928	43,465	52,000	0	52,000	52,000	0	52,000	48,160	49,507					
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	2	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	2					
PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	13,467	14,124	8,504	15,235	0	15,235	15,235	0	15,235	14,553	14,792					
OPERATING EXPENSES	41,949	45,678	45,678	45,678	0	45,678	45,678	0	45,678	45,678	45,678					
CONF FEES & TRAVEL	2,043	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	3,500					
PROF FEES & SERVICES	10,542	16,297	19,000	16,297	0	16,297	16,297	0	16,297	16,297	16,297					
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,825	0	0	0	2,000	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000					
TESTING	18,090	15,000	15,000	15,000	3,000	18,000	15,000	3,000	18,000	18,000	18,000					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,665</b>	<b>140,527</b>	<b>135,147</b>	<b>147,710</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>152,710</b>	<b>147,710</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>152,710</b>	<b>148,188</b>	<b>149,774</b>					
<b>PROPOSED FUNDING SOURCES</b>			*****													
FUND BALANCES	85,514	140,711	*****	168,184		168,184	179,474		179,474	168,184	183,996					
GENERAL REVENUES			*****													
SPECIAL REVENUES			*****													
FEDERAL FUNDS			*****													
STATE CENTRAL SERVICES FUND			*****													
NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS			*****													
CASH FUNDS	195,862	160,000	*****	159,000	5,000	164,000	163,000	5,000	168,000	164,000	168,000					
OTHER			*****													
TOTAL FUNDING	281,376	308,711	*****	327,184	5,000	332,184	342,474	5,000	347,474	332,184	351,996					
EXCESS APPRO/ (FUNDING)	( 148,711)	( 168,184)	*****	( 179,474)		( 179,474)	( 194,764)		( 194,764)	( 183,996)	( 202,222)					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,665</b>	<b>140,527</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>147,710</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>152,710</b>	<b>147,710</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>152,710</b>	<b>148,188</b>	<b>149,774</b>					

DEPT 008 BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - MEDICALLY RELATED  
 AGY 289 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
 APPRO A31 CASH OPERATIONS  
 FUND 323 PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINERS CASH(289)

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.

APPROPRIATION SUMMARY

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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		1997 - 99 BIENNIIUM REQUESTS				R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S							
					ACTUAL 95-96	BUDGETED 96-97	FY 1997 - 98		FY 1998 - 99		EXECUTIVE		LEGISLATIVE					
							REQUEST	REQUEST						1997-98	1998-99	1997-98	1998-99	
000		323	289 A31	B	132,665 2	140,527 2	147,710 2	147,710 2						143,188 2	144,774 2			
001		323	289 A31	P01		0	3,000 0	3,000 0						3,000	3,000			
	<p>TESTING Character (46)</p> <p>An increase of \$3,000. is requested due to higher numbers of applicants attaining licensure in the State. There has been a 30-40% increase in examinees sitting for the National Exam.</p>																	
002		323	289 A31	P02		0	2,000 0	2,000 0						2,000	2,000			
	<p>CAPITAL OUTLAY Character (11)</p> <p>An increase of \$2,000. is requested. This is necessary to replace electronic equipment and to purchase additional office storage furniture and equipment.</p>																	

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 AGY 289 STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN PSYCHOLOGY  
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RANK BY APPROPRIATION

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