

# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

## State Contracts Over \$50,000 Awarded To Minority Owned Businesses Fiscal Year 2018

None

### Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	0	1	1	100 %
Black Employees	0	0	0	0 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			0	0 %
Total Employees			1	100 %

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## **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 97J - Treasury Cash

**Funding Sources:** NSA - Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology - Cash in Treasury

The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was created by A.C.A. §17-100-201, to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare by providing regulatory authority over persons offering Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology services to the citizens of Arkansas. The Board is a cash agency funded from application, examination and license renewal fees charged pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-100-206. In April 2012, the Board moved all cash funds from various banks to the State Treasury.

The Authorized level contained \$55,000 in appropriation for one-time expenditures for the purchase and installation of a licensing database in the 2017-2019 Biennium. This appropriation is not included in the Board's request for the 2019-2021 Biennium.

The Board is requesting \$143,548 each year of the 2019-2021 Biennium.

The Agency's Request to maintain appropriation above 10% of their actual FY18 expenditures includes the following justifications:

- Extra Help due to the need for assistance during the renewal periods each year. A new director was hired for FY18, and she was unfamiliar with the extra help support that was needed. In planning for the next fiscal year, the Director has a better understanding of what times a year require the extra help staff.
- Operating Expenses due to updates to the office to include digital filing systems, continued improvements to the website, updates to older office technology to ensure the privacy of licensees and better keep track of files. These updates will require the purchase of a few new office items and updates to some of the existing equipment to streamline the processes within the office and increase efficiency. The planned updates will also ensure disaster recovery within the office and the security of office information. The improvements will also allow board members the ability to attend meetings virtually on a case by case basis, which allows for the Board to consist of members including those occasionally restricted by the travel distance.
- Conference & Travel Expenses due to the need for two new board members to travel to one of the national conferences to learn more about their role as a board member; anticipating hiring a new investigator who will need to travel to receive training as an investigator at the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) conference which provides training for investigators that serve regulatory boards; and taking into consideration the rising costs of travel.
- Professional Fees due to variances in costs of investigators and any professionals associated with the hearing process based on number of complaints. This appropriation will also be used for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Coordinator, whose responsibilities were previously handled by a volunteer board member.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

## Appropriation Summary

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### Historical Data

### Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		2017-2018	2018-2019	2018-2019	2019-2020		2020-2021	
		Actual	Budget	Authorized	Agency	Executive	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	48,775	53,313	42,385	53,209	53,209	53,209	53,209
<b>#Positions</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	4,544	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
<b>#Extra Help</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Personal Services Matching	5010003	17,002	17,745	15,129	17,773	17,773	17,773	17,773
Operating Expenses	5020002	37,166	50,516	50,516	50,516	50,516	50,516	50,516
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	1,101	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250
Professional Fees	5060010	4,838	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800	12,800
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Licensing Database	5900046	53,965	55,000	55,000	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>167,391</b>	<b>198,624</b>	<b>185,080</b>	<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>

Funding Sources								
Fund Balance	4000005	1,504,428	1,589,990		1,665,366	1,665,366	1,796,818	1,796,818
Cash Fund	4000045	252,953	274,000		275,000	275,000	275,000	275,000
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>1,757,381</b>	<b>1,863,990</b>		<b>1,940,366</b>	<b>1,940,366</b>	<b>2,071,818</b>	<b>2,071,818</b>
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,589,990)	(1,665,366)		(1,796,818)	(1,796,818)	(1,928,270)	(1,928,270)
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>167,391</b>	<b>198,624</b>		<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>	<b>143,548</b>

FY19 Budget amount in Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to salary and matching rate adjustments during the 2017-2019 Biennium. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.