# **AR CORN & GRAIN SORGHUM PROMOTION BOARD**

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

None

### **Publications**

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### **Analysis of Budget Request**

**Appropriation:** 686 - Corn and Grain Sorghum

**Funding Sources:** SGS - AR Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board Fund

The purpose of the Corn and Grain Sorghum Promotion Board is to promote the growth and development of the corn and grain sorghum industries in the State of Arkansas.

The Board is funded entirely by Special Revenues collected from a one cent per bushel assessment at the first point of sale or when the corn or grain sorghum enters the USDA loan program and is applicable to all corn and grain sorghum produced in Arkansas for market. The Board utilizes these funds to finance operating expenses and to conduct a program of research, market development and promotion.

The Board is requesting FY19 Authorized Appropriation of \$2 million. The allocation from special revenue funds will be utilized for promotion and research in the advancement of corn and grain sorghum production for Arkansas farmers. Arkansas farmers have consistently produced more acres of corn and grain sorghum which generates more funds for research and promotion opportunities. The board allocates the money spent with the majority going toward research projects from public universities and private companies on research deemed consistent with the needs of the Arkansas producers. The board has challenged the researchers to come up with innovative ideas for research that would allow farmers to be more productive and sustainable in the production of corn and grain sorghum. The increase in budget appropriations request is due to the increase in acreage over the past years and the safety net the board has left unallocated due to the hope of innovative projects brought to the board's annual funding meeting.

The Agency request to maintain Authorized Appropriation which exceeds the FY18 Actual Expenditures by more that 10% for the following:

If for any reason in our budget, we have a program that may exceed the 10% rule it is because the board feels the need to increase a research project or a promotion project to finish the project and see the results. The other reason an expenditure would increase by more than 10% is because of the amount of research is brought to the board from the University of Arkansas.

The Executive Recommendation provides for the Agency Request.

# **Appropriation Summary**

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#### **Historical Data**

#### **Agency Request and Executive Recommendation**

|                               |           | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | 2018-2019  | 2019-2020 |           | 2020-2021 |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Commitment Item               |           | Actual    | Budget    | Authorized | Agency    | Executive | Agency    | Executive |
| Operating Expenses            | 5020002   | 10,630    | 25,000    | 25,000     | 25,000    | 25,000    | 25,000    | 25,000    |
| Conference & Travel Expense   | s 5050009 | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | (         |
| Professional Fees             | 5060010   | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | (         |
| Data Processing               | 5090012   | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | (         |
| Capital Outlay                | 5120011   | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0         | 0         | 0         | (         |
| Research/Development          | 5900031   | 1,421,238 | 1,479,855 | 1,975,000  | 1,975,000 | 1,975,000 | 1,975,000 | 1,975,000 |
| Total                         |           | 1,431,868 | 1,504,855 | 2,000,000  | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |
| Funding Sources               |           |           |           |            |           |           |           |           |
| Fund Balance                  | 4000005   | 906,520   | 611,975   |            | 107,120   | 107,120   | 0         | (         |
| Special Revenue               | 4000030   | 1,137,323 | 1,000,000 |            | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Total Funding                 |           | 2,043,843 | 1,611,975 |            | 1,107,120 | 1,107,120 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Excess Appropriation/(Funding | )         | (611,975) | (107,120) |            | 892,880   | 892,880   | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Grand Total                   |           | 1,431,868 | 1,504,855 |            | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 | 2,000,000 |