

0080 – ARKANSAS STATE GAME & FISH COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2026

As Enacted by Act 56 of 2025

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's mission is to conserve and enhance Arkansas's fish and wildlife and their habitats while promoting sustainable use, public understanding and support.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
259	Operations	\$123,038,009	\$153,298,238	\$159,195,881
33Y	Gas Lease Revenue	\$76,905	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
BA9	Marine Fuel Tax Program	\$3,239,002	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
CG3	NCRS Farm Bill Biologists	\$0	\$0	\$659,581
DH7	GTR & Wetland Habitat Renovation	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000
F06	Conservation Partners Program Grants	\$52,969	\$150,000	\$150,000
M99	Black River Sett	\$489,372	\$13,250,000	\$13,250,000
Total		\$126,896,257	\$177,698,238	\$204,255,462

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2023-2024 Actual	%
Fund Balance	4000005	\$74,543,501	35.96
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$29,101,365	14.04
Special Revenue	4000030	\$34,349,473	16.57
Interest	4000300	\$2,845,626	1.37
Other	4000370	\$18,920,159	9.13
Conservation Tax	4000453	\$47,561,043	22.94
Total Funds		\$207,321,167	100.00
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		\$(80,424,910)	
Grand Total		\$126,896,257	

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Operations (Appropriation 259)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010001	Extra Help	\$1,750,000	\$1,891,500	\$141,500
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$46,701,984	\$54,728,848	\$8,026,864
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$450,535	\$517,727	\$67,192
5060010	Professional Fees	\$3,250,003	\$4,070,553	\$820,550
5090005	Construction	\$22,738,903	\$17,238,903	(\$5,500,000)

5100004	Grants and Aid	\$12,000,000	\$9,292,451	(\$2,707,549)
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$5,500,000	\$8,628,647	\$3,128,647
Total		\$92,391,425	\$96,368,629	\$3,977,204

- Extra Help is increased to provide additional labor capacity for the Operations and Recreational Shooting divisions.
- Operating Expenses is increased to provide for the following:
 - Rising costs of continuous maintenance and upkeep of existing infrastructure,
 - Computerized maintenance management system implementation,
 - Deer Management Assistance Program and Waterfowl Rice Incentive Conservation Enhancement program resources,
 - Additional equipment to schools and communities for recreational shooting sports programs,
 - Operational needs of the agency's IT, Education, Legal, Communications and Licensing divisions.
- Conference & Travel is increased for continued staff training on conservation and public safety.
- Professional Fees is increased to provide additional capacity for survey and design work related to construction, real estate matters, boundary marking and maintenance.
- Construction and Grants and Aid is reduced for transfer to new fund center and to offset needed appropriation in other commitment items, respectively.
- Capital Outlay is increased to provide for equipment, fleet, land purchases, and land improvements.

NCRS Farm Bill Biologists (Appropriation CG3)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$0	\$479,508	\$479,508
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$0	\$164,143	\$164,143
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$0	\$1,350	\$1,350
5050009	Conference & Travel Expenses	\$0	\$14,580	\$14,580
Total		\$0	\$659,581	\$659,581

- New appropriation provides for additional technical assistance related to implementing federal Farm Bill programs.

GTR & Wetland Habitat Renovation (Appropriation DH7)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5900046	GTR & Wetland Habitat Renovation	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
Total		\$0	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000

- New appropriation dedicated to Greentree reservoir renovations and other wetland habitat restoration throughout the state.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 647

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 644

Increase/Decrease: 3

Extra Help Positions FY2026: 185

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

Director Salary Increase Restriction. Date of salary adjustment provision is updated from June 2024 to June 2025.