

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

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A.R.S. § 32-701

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Board of Accountancy Fund	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate	FY 2000 Approved	FY 2001 Approved
FTE Positions	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Personal Services	285,000	289,800	298,500	304,200
Employee Related Expenditures	57,900	60,400	65,100	67,700
Professional and Outside Services	288,200	324,900	403,200 ^{1/}	435,900 ^{1/}
Travel - In State	11,300	10,000	20,400	20,400
Travel - Out of State	7,800	6,300	6,300	6,300
Other Operating Expenditures	208,600	238,800	249,100	250,300
Equipment	5,400	0	12,100	12,100
Operating Subtotal	864,200	930,200	1,054,700	1,096,900
Special Investigations	149,900	150,000	184,700	184,700
Legal Services	161,800	183,600	224,500	224,500
Total Appropriations	1,175,900	1,263,800	1,463,900 ^{23/}	1,506,100 ^{3/}

Agency Description — *The board licenses, investigates, and conducts examinations of certified public accountants and public accountants.*

Rent — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$2,900 for a lease adjustment. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$1,200 for a second lease adjustment. The increases are needed to accommodate the agency's contractual obligations on its lease agreement.

Board Expenses — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$2,700 for board expenses. The increase accommodates additional board meeting time. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Travel - In State — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$10,400 for local travel. The increase reflects more traveling by board members due to changes in the composition of the board and increased duties. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Administrative Rule Revision — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$8,000 for postage expenditures and printing associated with administrative rule revision. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Investigative Reviewers — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$20,000 for investigative reviewers. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$10,000 for the same issue. The increases are due to growth in the number of licensees, and are needed to cover contractual obligations.

Computer Equipment — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$9,600 to replace outdated computer equipment. This amount is continued in FY 2001 to replace additional equipment.

Professional and Outside Services — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$59,800 in Professional and Outside Services. The increase is associated with higher examination costs and committee member expenditures due to growth in the number of licensees and increase in per diem. The approved FY 2001 amount includes a further increase of \$18,600 to accommodate additional growth.

Special Investigations — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$34,700 for investigative costs associated with complex legal investigations against accounting firms. The increase in funding is due to the fact that the board is pursuing several major cases at this time. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

Legal Services — The approved FY 2000 amount includes an increase of \$40,900 for Legal Services. The increase in funding is for Attorney General services for major cases currently being pursued by the board against accounting firms. This amount is continued in FY 2001.

^{1/} Includes an adjustment for Office of the Attorney General legal services. (See the Salary Adjustment table at the front of this report for more information)

^{2/} This appropriation is available for use pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-143.01C and is exempt from the provisions of A.R.S. § 35-190, relating to lapsing of appropriations until June 30, 2001. (General Appropriation Act footnote)

^{3/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.