

**COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND THE HARD OF HEARING**

A.R.S. § 36-1941

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**General Fund and Telecommunication  
Fund for the Deaf****FY 1999  
Actual****FY 2000  
Estimate****FY 2001  
Approved**Program Summary

Council Activities	246,600	326,000	330,900
Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) Relay Program	5,063,900	5,606,600	5,731,900
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>5,310,500</b>	<b>5,932,600</b>	<b>6,062,800</b>

Expenditure Detail

FTE Positions	9.0	9.0	9.0
Personal Services	224,900	276,300	281,800
Employee Related Expenditures	51,800	55,500	57,800
Professional and Outside Services	3,766,100	5,146,600	5,299,000
Travel - In State	9,600	13,100	13,100
Travel - Out of State	7,800	0	0
Other Operating Expenditures	1,055,400	411,100	411,100
Equipment	194,900	30,000	0
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>5,310,500</b>	<b>5,932,600</b>	<b>6,062,800</b> <sup>1/2/</sup>

Fund Summary

General Fund	246,600	0	0
Telecommunication Fund for the Deaf	5,063,900	5,932,600	6,062,800
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>5,310,500</b>	<b>5,932,600</b>	<b>6,062,800</b>

**Agency Description** — *The agency acts as an information and referral resource for the deaf and the hard of hearing and provides educational materials to the general public. The agency also administers a statewide telephone access program, the Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD) Relay Program. The program is supported by the TDD Fund, which derives monies from the telecommunication services excise tax. Laws 2000, Chapter 98 requires the agency to license interpreters of the deaf and hard of hearing beginning in 2007.*

**Additional Legislation:** Deaf; Commission; Continuation; Interpreters; Licensure (Chapter 98) — This act requires the Commission to license interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing beginning on September 1, 2007. It establishes the Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing Fund for monies collected through the licensure and regulation of interpreters. This fund is subject to legislative appropriation. This act also changes the name of the agency to the *Commission for the Deaf and the Hard of Hearing* from the *Arizona Council for the Hearing Impaired*.

[Click here for more information from the initial biennial appropriations report \(June 1999\)](#)

1/ General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

2/ Before the execution of any contract for telecommunication relay services, the Council for the Hearing Impaired shall present the proposed contract to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee for review. (General Appropriation Act footnote)