

## **SPENDING FREEZE WOULD HAVE SAVED \$302 MILLION**

*"The first problem is state spending that exceeds U.S. and regional averages on a per capita basis."* Arkansas Policy Foundation, February 2019 memo

(January 2020) Total Operating Expenditures for the State of Arkansas increased \$1.49 billion between FY 2015 and FY 2017, public records show.<sup>1</sup>

### **Total Operating Expenditures**

(2015)	\$23,596,144,446
(2017)	\$25,090,401,084
	\$1,494,256,638

Federal revenues increased \$1.2 billion in the same period, records show.

### **Federal Revenues to State of Arkansas**

(2015)	\$6,698,348,304
(2017)	\$7,889,945,406
	\$1,191,597,102

A spending freeze on the *state* segment of Operating Expenditures would have saved more than \$300 million in the period.

### **Effect of State Spending Freeze**

(2015)	\$16,897,796,142
(2017)	\$17,200,455,678
<b>Savings</b>	<b>\$302,659,536</b>

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<sup>1</sup> FY 2015, <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/budgetOffice/fy2015ActualExpenditures.pdf> (Total Op. Expenditures)  
FY 2017, <https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/budgetOffice/fy2017ActualExpenditures.pdf> (Total Op. Expenditures)