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The Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service (ACES) is a part of the University of Arkansas System (UAS), a land-grant university. The ACES operates under the auspices of the Smith-Lever Act and enabling state statutes. The Associate Vice President for Agriculture - Extension has signature authority for all ACES funds. It is his responsibility to prepare budget requests for state funding and to work to seek private and governmental grants necessary to fund special projects not included in regular appropriations. It is also his responsibility to ensure that monies are utilized according to laws and regulations specified in the grant.

A copy of the University of Arkansas Board Policy outlining constitutional or statutory authorization for the establishment and operation of the University of Arkansas follows. Page nine, item 23 addresses the Cooperative Extension Service (previously named the Agricultural Extension Service). This serves as authorization of the request of the grant, as well as authorization of appointed officials to requisition grant funds and carry-out legal responsibilities.

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