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Treasurer's Office Announces Returns on Tobacco Settlement Funds

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Little Rock, AR- Chief Investment Officer Autumn Sanson delivered the annual report of the investments of the Tobacco Settlement Funds to the Tobacco Settlement Commission during their annual meeting. In her report, Sanson informed the Commission the Treasury had earned them \$322,066.95 for fiscal year 2016. This is an increase of \$115,585.63 or 64 percent over fiscal year 2015.

"With our new strategy and actively managing the investment portfolio, we were able to make a huge impact in the operating budget for the Commission. While this is important for the Commission, it is more important in the mission to improve the health and wellness of all Arkansans" said Sanson.

"I am pleased we have been able to produce these exciting results early, and not only bring more assets to the critical mission of the Commission such as the Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program, the UAMS College of Public Health, the Minority Health Initiative, and the Arkansas Biosciences Institute; but also has the potential to elongate its lifespan. I look forward to continuing to provide better results for them in the future, and aide in improving the health of all Arkansans" stated Treasurer of State Dennis Milligan.

The office of Treasurer of State is responsible for investing the Tobacco Program Pool, Tobacco Debt Service Fund and the Arkansas Healthy Century Trust Fund for the Tobacco Settlement Commission.

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