

Greenbook
LSC Analysis of Enacted Budget

Board of Nursing

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Board of Nursing

- Non-GRF agency; funded by fee revenues
- Funding increases 9.3% in FY 2018 and increases 3.9% in FY 2019
- About 285,000 active licensees and certificate holders

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The Board of Nursing is responsible for regulating nursing care in Ohio. The Board issues licenses for registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides. The Board sets standards of practice, investigates complaints, administers discipline for licensees and certificate holders, and approves pre-licensure and continuing nurse education programs. Over 285,000 Board-issued licenses and certificates are currently active.

The Board's governing authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor, including eight RNs with at least five years' experience (one must be an APRN), four LPNs with at least five years' experience, and one consumer representative. The Board's daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director appointed by the 13-member governing authority. Under current law, the executive director must be an RN with at least five years' experience; However, H.B. 49 eliminates this rule beginning January 21, 2018. Including the executive director, the Board has 68 full-time employees. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars; it is entirely supported by fees.

Appropriation Overview

The budget appropriates \$10.4 million in FY 2018, an increase of 9.3% over FY 2017 actual expenditures, and \$10.8 million in FY 2019, a 3.9% increase over FY 2018. The appropriations will allow the Board to continue to issue and regulate an increasing number of licenses and certificates, along with the corresponding increases in complaints, administrative hearings, and regulation of nurse education programs.

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019 (Am. Sub. H.B. 49)					
Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change, FY 2017-FY 2018	FY 2019	% change, FY 2018-FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose	\$9,543,904	\$10,430,395	9.3%	\$10,837,858	3.9%
TOTAL	\$9,543,904	\$10,430,395	9.3%	\$10,837,858	3.9%

*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures

H.B. 49 provisions

H.B. 49, As Enacted, makes changes to the regulation of nurses in the state. First, it provides that graduation, from either an education program that is approved by the U.S. Air Force as a Community College of the Air Force or the Allied Health Program for graduates prior to 2016, satisfies the pre-licensure education requirements for LPNs. Second, it adds nurses who are authorized to practice in other states and who volunteer at free-of-charge therapeutic camps located in Ohio and accredited by the SeriousFun Network to the law exempting the activities of specified individuals from the Nurse Practice Act.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Appropriations for the Board of Nursing				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	\$8,909,895	\$9,317,358
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	\$1,518,500	\$1,518,500
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Funding: Board of Nursing			\$10,430,395	\$10,837,858

Operating Expenses (884609)

Through this line item, the Board pays for most of its operating expenses (though a small portion of payroll costs are paid out of line item 884602, Nurse Education Grant Program). The budget appropriates \$8.9 million in FY 2018, a 10.7% increase over FY 2017 actual expenditures, and \$9.3 million in FY 2019, a 4.6% increase over FY 2018.

Nurse Education Grant Program (884602)

The Nurse Education Grant Program provides grants to Ohio nurse education programs that have partnerships with health care facilities, community health agencies, or other education programs to establish support partnerships that will increase the enrollment capacity of the programs. The budget appropriates \$1.5 million in FY 2018 and FY 2019, a 1.5% increase over FY 2017 actual expenditures. Funding for the Nurse Education Grant Program is supported by \$10 of each nursing license fee renewal. The Board is allowed to use 10% of the funds received to pay administrative costs; therefore, some payroll expenses are paid from this line item.

Each grant cycle is for two years, beginning September 1 of an odd-numbered year. For the grant cycle beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2017, the Board awarded 13 nursing education program grants totaling nearly \$3.0 million.

Nursing Special Issues (884601)

The Board uses this line item to pay for its membership with the National Forum on Nursing Centers, an organization that provides nursing workforce data. The fund that supports this line item accepts grants and gifts to help fund programs related to patient safety and the supply and demand for nurses and healthcare workers. The budget appropriates \$2,000 in FY 2018 and FY 2019.

FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2016	FY 2017	Appropriation FY 2018	FY 2017 to FY 2018 % Change	Appropriation FY 2019	FY 2018 to FY 2019 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
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4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	\$ 7,808,462	\$ 8,047,929	\$ 8,909,895	10.71%	\$ 9,317,358	4.57%
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	\$ 1,500,481	\$ 1,495,476	\$ 1,518,500	1.54%	\$ 1,518,500	0.00%
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	\$ 3,500	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	300.00%	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 9,312,443	\$ 9,543,904	\$ 10,430,395	9.29%	\$ 10,837,858	3.91%
Board of Nursing Total			\$ 9,312,443	\$ 9,543,904	\$ 10,430,395	9.29%	\$ 10,837,858	3.91%