

- The funding level for FY 2004 is a 12.9% increase over FY 2003 expenditures and for FY 2005 is a 2.3% increase over the appropriation for FY 2004.
- As of April 7, 2003, the Board became responsible for licensing marriage and family therapists.

Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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ROLE

The Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board was created in 1984. In accordance with Chapter 4757. of the Revised Code, the Board regulates the professions of counseling, social work, and marriage and family therapy by establishing licensure and practice standards. To accomplish this, the Board administers examinations, reviews academic credentials, and evaluates supervised training experiences.

There are over 30,000 licenses on file with the Board. Additionally, the Board has over 3,500 individuals registered as counselor trainees who are working towards licensure as professional counselors or clinical counselors. The Board began its duties related to marriage and family therapists on April 7, 2003.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
11	\$1.0 million	\$1.0 million	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The Board's appropriation for fiscal year (FY) 2004 is \$1,021,524, which is a 12.9% increase (\$116,343) over FY 2003 expenditures. For FY 2005, the funding level is \$1,044,812, which is an increase of 2.3% (\$23,288) over the FY 2004 appropriation.

BUDGET ISSUES

LICENSING OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Am. Sub. H.B. 374 of the 124th General Assembly, effective April 7, 2003, expanded the responsibility of the Board to include licensing marriage and family therapists. According to the Board's Executive Director, the funding level will allow the Board to maintain its operations and to hire one additional clerical staff person to assist in the additional responsibility of licensing marriage and family therapists.

AUTHORITY TO INCREASE FEES

All revenue from the Board, along with 23 other occupational licensing boards, is deposited in Fund 4K9. Dollars are then reallocated to each board to cover its operating expenses. Each board must raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Prior to FY 2003, the Board always contributed more to Fund 4K9 than it had expended. However, the Board has begun to expend more than it contributes to Fund 4K9. Section 4757.31 of the Revised Code allows the Board to adjust fees from time to time, pursuant to a statutorily established cap. Am. Sub. H.B. 374 of the 124th General Assembly (effective April 7, 2003) raised the fee cap from \$75 to \$125. The Board will set the fees for licensing marriage and family therapists, but does not expect any revenue from these fees until late 2003 or early 2004. Other fees have remained the same since June 1985. According to the Board's Executive Director, since the Board has in the past contributed more to Fund 4K9 than it expended it does not expect to increase fees during the FY 2004-2005 biennium. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency	FY 2001:	FY 2002:	FY 2003:	FY 2004 Appropriations:	% Change 2003 to 2004:	FY 2005 Appropriations:	% Change 2004 to 2005:
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted					
CSW Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board							
4K9 899-609 Operating Expenses	\$ 769,220	\$ 894,660	\$905,181	\$ 1,021,524	12.85%	\$ 1,044,812	2.28%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$ 769,220	\$ 894,660	\$ 905,181	\$ 1,021,524	12.85%	\$ 1,044,812	2.28%
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