

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Board of Nursing

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ATTACHMENT:

Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Board of Nursing

- Non-GRF agency; funded by fee revenues
- Funding increases 11.1% in FY 2016 and increases 0.2% in FY 2017
- About 270,000 active licensees and certificate holders

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The Board of Nursing was established in 1956. Originally responsible for licensing nurses, the Board's responsibility has expanded over the years to include certifying nurses who practice various specialties (such as midwifery and anesthesia), 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 270,000 Board-issued licensees and certificates are currently active.

The Board's governing authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor, including eight registered nurses (RNs) with at least five years' experience (one must be an advanced practice nurse), four licensed practical nurses (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. The Executive Director must be a registered nurse with at least five years experience. Including the Executive Director, the Board has 66 full-time employees. The Board receives no General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars; it is entirely supported by fees.

Appropriation Overview

Agency Appropriations by Fund Group					
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change	FY 2017	% change
Dedicated Purpose	\$8,215,090	\$9,127,834	11.1%	\$9,147,834	0.2%
*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.					

The budget appropriates \$9.13 million in FY 2016, an increase of 11.1% over FY 2015 expenditures, and \$9.15 million in FY 2017, a 0.2% increase over FY 2016.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The following table shows all appropriations for the Board of Nursing.

Appropriations for the Board of Nursing				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	\$7,602,328	\$7,622,328
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	\$1,523,506	\$1,523,506
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Funding: Board of Nursing			\$9,127,834	\$9,147,834

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 \$7.60 million in FY 2016, an 8.4% increase over FY 2015 expenditures, and \$7.62 million in FY 2017, a 0.3% increase over FY 2016. These appropriations will allow the Board to maintain current operations and increase staffing levels. Licensees, complaints, and administrative hearings have increased consistently over the past several years, which has increased the need for additional staff.

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 2016 and FY 2017, a 27.0% increase over FY 2015 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. In the previous grant cycle (September 1, 2013 to August 31, 2015), the Board awarded 14 nursing education programs grants totaling \$2.4 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 2016 and FY 2017.

APRN Pharmacology Course

H.B. 64, As Enacted, removes the requirement that the course in advanced pharmacology and related topics that an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) must complete to obtain a certificate to prescribe consist of planned classroom and clinical instruction.

Nursing Board License Verification Fee

H.B. 64, As Enacted, removes the requirement that the Board of Nursing collect a \$5 fee for written verification of licensure or certification. As a result, the Board is expected to experience a minimal loss in revenue.

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FY 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2014	FY 2015	Appropriation FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Appropriation FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
NUR Board of Nursing								
4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	\$ 7,033,883	\$ 7,014,458	\$ 7,602,328	8.38%	\$ 7,622,328	0.26%
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	\$ 1,208,156	\$ 1,200,132	\$ 1,523,506	26.94%	\$ 1,523,506	0.00%
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	\$ 5,500	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	300.00%	\$ 2,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 8,247,539	\$ 8,215,090	\$ 9,127,834	11.11%	\$ 9,147,834	0.22%
Board of Nursing Total			\$ 8,247,539	\$ 8,215,090	\$ 9,127,834	11.11%	\$ 9,147,834	0.22%