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Dental Board

- The Board regulates over 24,000 professionals
- The Dental Board contributed \$171,947 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during the last two-year cycle

OVERVIEW

The Ohio State Dental Board is part of the 4K9 Fund group. The 4K9 Fund (Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund) is a General Services Fund that is a repository for license fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. The 4K9 Fund was established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th General Assembly. Prior to the creation of the fund, appropriations for each licensing board were made from the GRF. This created some problems as some boards contributed more revenues than they expended and others had to be subsidized by the GRF since the revenues generated did not meet their expenditures. The 4K9 Fund eliminated these problems. The philosophy of the fund is that each board must generate enough revenues to cover their expenses. It is also quite common for the boards to develop a surplus in the fund to cover unforeseen economic hardships.

The Ohio State Dental Board regulates the dental profession under Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code. The Board protects the health and welfare of the public by mandating appropriate training, ethical standards, and competency levels for its licensees. The Board meets its responsibilities through management of the licensure process, overseeing regulation of the industry, and enforcement through surveillance of licensees and investigation of complaints.

In fiscal year (FY) 2006, the Board licensed 6,902 dentists, 7,231 dental hygienists, and 10,135 dental radiographers. Revenue is generated from new and renewal license fees, which are collected biennially. Expenditures are for operating expenses associated with the licensure, regulation, and enforcement processes. For FY 2005, revenues were \$355,235 and expenditures were \$1,308,718. Expenditures and revenue for FY 2006 were \$1,343,324 and \$2,468,754, respectively. Thus, the Board contributed \$171,947 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during the two-year licensing cycle.

Licensing System

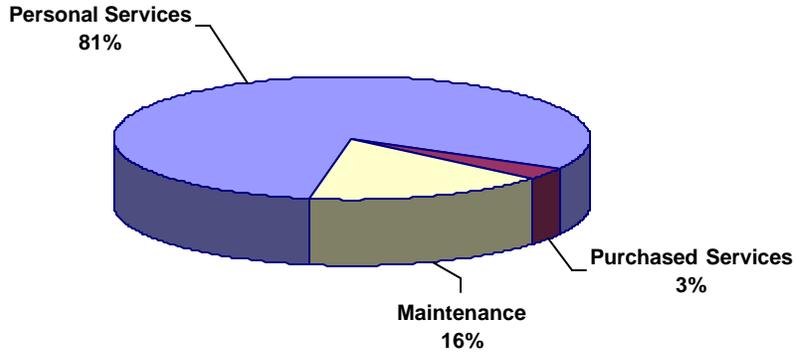
The Board, in partnership with the Department of Administrative Services, implemented a new web-based multi-board licensing system. Each board pays its share of the costs out of Fund 4K9. The Dental Board paid \$6,011 in FY 2005 and \$5,647 in FY 2006. In FY 2008, estimated costs are \$11,384, and \$13,050 in FY 2009 for this system and for the computer firewall protection.

Governor's Recommendations

The Governor recommended funding of \$1,437,392 in FY 2008 and \$1,528,749 in FY 2009. The Board requested \$1,424,791 in FY 2008 and \$1,424,791 in FY 2009.

As can be seen from the chart below, a majority of funding for the Dental Board goes to personal services.

FY 2008-2009 Biennial Appropriation by Expense Category



Staffing Levels

Dental Board Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2004	2005	2006	2007	Estimated	
					2008	2009
Board Members	7	7	13	13	13	13
Dental Board	14	14	14	14	14	14
Totals	21	21	27	27	27	27

In FYs 2002 through 2004, there were seven board members. Beginning in FY 2005, as a result of Am. Sub. S.B. 51 of the 125th General Assembly, there are thirteen members of the Board. Board members attend approximately nine meetings per year and receive a per diem.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Number of Licensees

New Licensees (FY 2006)	
Dentist	211
Dental Hygienist	291
Dental Assistant Radiographer	1,114

Total License Type (As of June 30, 2006)	
Dentist	6,902
Dental Hygienist	7,231
Dental Assistant Radiographer	10,135

Current License Fees

Licenses are renewed on a biennial basis, with dentists and hygienists renewing licenses in even-numbered years and radiographers renewing in odd-numbered years.

	Dentist	Dental Hygienist	Dental Radiographers
Initial License	\$337	\$147	\$25
Renewal License	\$200	\$96	\$15

Revenues and Expenditures

Fund 4K9	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$355,235	\$2,468,754
Expenditures	\$1,308,718	\$1,343,324
Net	(\$953,483)	\$1,125,430
Two Year Net	\$171,947	

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Single Program Series

Operating Expenses

Purpose: License and regulate the dentistry profession

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Ohio State Dental Board, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	880-609	Operating Expenses	\$1,437,392	\$1,528,749
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$1,437,392	\$1,528,749
Total Funding: Dental Board			\$1,437,392	\$1,528,749

Program Description: In accordance with Chapter 4715. of the Revised Code, the Ohio State Dental Board regulates the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assistant radiography by setting and enforcing standards of practice through licensure, regulation, and enforcement.

Funding Source: General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). Currently all revenue from 27 occupational licensing boards is placed in Fund 4K9 and then reallocated to each board. Each board is expected to raise enough revenue through its license fees to cover its expenses.

Line Items: 880-609, Operating Expenses

Implication of Executive Recommendation: The total requested amount for the Dental Board is \$1,633,471. The executive recommended funding of \$1,437,392 in FY 2008 and \$1,528,749 in FY 2009. The recommended funding for the FY 2008-2009 biennium will support the operations of the board and staff, enable basic renewal and new application processing, and fund the investigation of complaints.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

There are no temporary or permanent law provisions affecting the Ohio State Dental Board.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Fund Line Item	FY 2008 Requested	FY 2008 Recommended	Difference	FY 2009 Requested	FY 2009 Recommended	Difference
880-609	\$1,633,471	\$1,437,392	(\$196,079)	\$1,633,471	\$1,528,749	(\$104,722)
TOTALS	\$1,633,471	\$1,437,392	(\$196,079)	\$1,633,471	\$1,528,749	(\$104,722)

The Dental Board requested \$196,079 more than the executive recommended in FY 2008 and \$104,722 more than the executive recommended in FY 2009.

The Board requested additional funding to hire two new staff members, an enforcement supervisor and an administrative support staff person. The Board's caseload in terms of complaints has increased significantly over the past few years. For example, in 2004, 670 complaint cases were assigned to the enforcement team. In 2005, that number increased to 1,792 complaint cases, and for 2006, through July 17, 2007, 1,208 complaint cases have been assigned. The supplemental request was also intended to fund a move to a location with more office space.

The Board also requested a fee increase of 20%. This would equate to a \$25.00 per year increase for a dentist to renew his/her license, and an \$11.00 per year increase for a dental hygienist to renew her license.

The executive recommendation will not allow for these changes, but will enable the Board to continue its current activities and maintain current staffing levels.

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General Services Fund Group

4K9 880-609 Operating Expenses

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 Executive Proposal	2009 Executive Proposal
\$1,270,687	\$1,308,718	\$1,420,324	\$1,424,791	\$1,437,392	\$1,528,749
	3.0%	8.5%	0.3%	0.9%	6.4%

Source: GSF: License fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards. Types of licenses include dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, teachers of the dentistry practice, teachers of radiology used in dentistry, and sponsors of general anesthesia/conscious sedation courses.

Legal Basis: ORC 4715.02 and 4743.05 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This appropriation supports the Ohio State Dental Board, which licenses and regulates the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assistant radiography in the state. Funds from this line item are used for general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2008 - FY 2009

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>Estimated 2007</i>	<i>Executive 2008</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008</i>	<i>Executive 2009</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009</i>
<i>DEN Dental Board, Ohio State</i>								
4K9	880-609	Operating Expenses	\$ 1,420,324	\$1,424,791	\$ 1,437,392	0.9%	\$ 1,528,749	6.4%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 1,420,324	\$ 1,424,791	\$ 1,437,392	0.9%	\$ 1,528,749	6.4%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 1,420,324	\$ 1,424,791	\$ 1,437,392	0.9%	\$ 1,528,749	6.4%