

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

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Catalog of Budget Line Items

LSC Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item: Executive to House Passed

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Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board

- In FY 2006, the Board licensed 6,200 professionals
- The Board had revenues of \$905,000 in FY 2005 and \$89,000 in FY 2006

OVERVIEW

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 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 Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was established by the Ohio General Assembly to protect the health and promote the welfare of Ohioans by licensing and regulating the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology. The Board's primary duties include the initial licensure and renewal of speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and aides, enforcement of continuing education requirements, and investigation of all alleged violations of the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology, pursuant to Chapter 4753. of the Ohio Revised Code.

As of June 30, 2006, the Board licensed 6,652 professionals, most of which were speech-language pathologists (5,501). 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. The Board contributed \$207,761 more to Fund 4K9 than it expended during the FY 2005-2006 two-year licensing cycle.

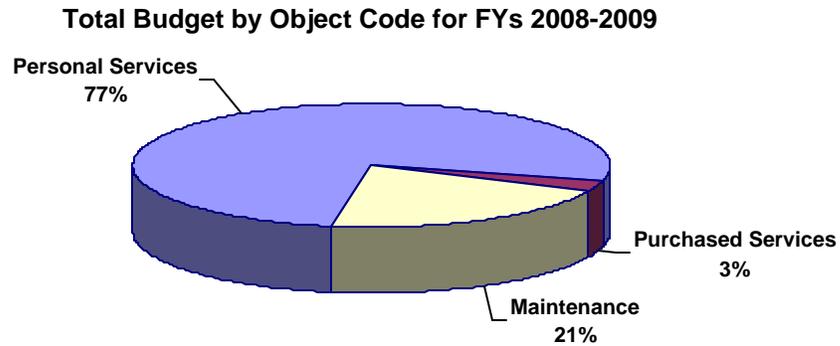
Licensing System

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 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board paid \$1,598 in FY 2005 and \$1,711 in FY 2006. In FY 2008, estimated costs are \$3,419 and \$3,919 in FY 2009 for this system and for the computer firewall protection.

Governor's Recommendations

The Board requested funding of \$430,600 in FY 2008 and \$453,000 in FY 2009. The executive recommends fully funding their request in both years.

As can be seen from the chart below, most of the Board's expenses are for personal services (77%). Maintenance is the second largest expense (21%).



Staffing Levels

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2004	2005	2006	2007	Estimated	
					2008	2009
Board Members	8	8	8	8	8	8
Administrative Staff	3	3	3	3	3	3
Investigators	1	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	12	12	12	12	12	12

FACTS AND FIGURES

Current License Fees

	Speech-Language Pathology	Audiology
Initial license	\$200	\$200
Renewal	\$100	\$100
Conditional	\$10	\$10
Aide – Initial	\$50	\$50
Aide – Renewal	\$50	\$50

Number of Licensees

License Type	FY 2005	FY 2006*
Speech-Language Pathologist	5,197	5,501
Speech-Language Pathologist-Conditional	235	162
Speech-Language Pathology Aides	13	13
Audiologist	846	885
Audiologist-Conditional	29	10
Audiology Aides	72	81

* As of 6/30/06

Revenues and Expenditures

The Board issues licenses biennially.

Fund 4K9	FY 2005	FY 2006
Revenues	\$905,000	\$89,000
Expenditures	\$410,289	\$375,950
Net	\$494,711	(\$286,950)
Two-Year Net	\$207,761	

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Single Program Series

Operating Expenses

Purpose: License and regulate the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Services Fund				
4K9	886-609	Operating Expenses	\$430,600	\$453,000
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$430,600	\$453,000
Total Funding: Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology			\$430,600	\$453,000

Program Description: The Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology licenses and regulates the professions of speech-language pathology and audiology in accordance with Chapter 4753. of the Revised Code.

Funding Source: General Services Fund Group (Fund 4K9). 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: 886-609, Operating Expenses

Implication of Executive Recommendation: The executive recommended funding of \$430,600 in FY 2008 and \$453,000 in FY 2009. The recommended funding should allow the Board to maintain service levels.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

In FY 2006, the governing statute of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board was amended to require a doctoral degree in audiology for licensure as an audiologist in Ohio. This law applies only to those that obtained an audiology degree after December 31, 2005.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Fund Line Item	FY 2006 Requested	FY 2006 Recommended	Difference	FY 2007 Requested	FY 2007 Recommended	Difference
	\$430,600	\$430,600	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000	\$0
TOTALS	\$430,600	\$430,600	\$0	\$453,000	\$453,000	\$0

The executive fully funded the Board's request in both FY 2008 and FY 2009.

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General Services Fund Group

4K9 886-609 Operating Expenses

2004	2005	2006	2007 Estimate	2008 House Passed	2009 House Passed
\$362,287	\$410,289	\$375,950	\$415,000	\$430,600	\$453,000
	13.2%	-8.4%	10.4%	3.8%	5.2%

Source: GSF: License fees and other assessments collected by the state's professional and occupational licensing boards

Legal Basis: ORC 4753.03 and 4743.05 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: This appropriation supports the general operating expenses, including payroll, supplies, and equipment for the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. The Board licenses and regulates the practices of speech-language pathology and audiology.

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

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>Estimated</i> 2007	<i>As</i> <i>Introduced</i> 2008	<i>House Passed</i> 2008	<i>% Change</i> <i>Est. 2007 to</i> <i>House 2008</i>	<i>As</i> <i>Introduced</i> 2009	<i>House Passed</i> 2009	<i>% Change</i> <i>House 2008 to</i> <i>House 2009</i>
<i>SPE Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology</i>									
4K9	886-609	Operating Expenses	\$415,000	\$ 430,600	\$ 430,600	3.8%	\$ 453,000	\$ 453,000	5.2%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 415,000	\$ 430,600	\$ 430,600	3.8%	\$ 453,000	\$ 453,000	5.2%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 415,000	\$ 430,600	\$ 430,600	3.8%	\$ 453,000	\$ 453,000	5.2%