

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board has a staff of 13 and currently licenses roughly 38,000 professionals.
- The Board is governed by 15 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
- The Board receives no money from the GRF; it is entirely supported by fees.
- The budget appropriates approximately \$3.6 million over the biennium.

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 899609, Operating Expenses					
\$1,320,821	\$1,332,963	\$1,343,987	\$1,475,360	\$1,739,538	\$1,854,848
% change	0.9%	0.8%	9.8%	17.9%	6.6%

Agency overview

The Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board was established in 1984. Originally responsible for licensing counselors and social workers, the Board’s responsibility was expanded in 2004 to include licensing marriage and family therapists. About 38,000 licenses issued by the Board are currently active.

The Board’s governing authority consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor. Members are appointed for three-year terms and may be reappointed. The Board is divided into three separate professional standards committees representing counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. The full Board meets six times a year to discuss issues such as finances, personnel issues, election of officers, the laws and rules, and other board issues. The committees also meet six times a year to discuss concerns of their respective professions. In addition to travel reimbursement, board members receive a per diem for performing official board business. The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director, who is appointed by the 15-member governing authority, and 13 full-time staff members. The Board receives no GRF moneys; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

The Board’s operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – line item 899609. The budget appropriates funding of about \$1.7 million in FY 2020, an increase

of 17.9% over FY 2019 expenditures and about \$1.9 million in FY 2021, an increase of 6.6% from FY 2020.

The budget includes several provisions that impact the Board. The budget requires the Board to establish a schedule of deadlines for biennially renewing a license or certificate of registration. Additionally, applicants for a professional clinical counselor's license or a professional counselor's license may have a degree from any counseling program accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) rather than from specified CACREP programs. Furthermore, an applicant for a professional clinical counselor's license or a professional counselor's license must participate in a clinical counseling internship rather than a counseling internship. Also, the Counselors Professional Standards Committee of the Board may issue a license by endorsement to a person who does not have a graduate degree in counseling if the person is authorized to practice in another state and meets specified requirements.

Licenses and Fees

The Board issues several different types of licenses. Licenses issued by the Board are required to be renewed on a biennial basis. In addition to the regular licenses listed in the table below, the Board also issues temporary licenses for a fee of \$20 each. Temporary licenses may be issued in certain instances. For example, they may be issued to students who are waiting for official transcripts to be sent to complete licensure or licensees who have applied for licensure and are waiting to take a scheduled examination.

License Fees by Type	
License Type	Fee
Independent Social Worker	\$100
Social Worker	\$80
Social Worker Assistant	\$60
Professional Counselor	\$80
Professional Clinical Counselor	\$100
Marriage and Family Therapist	\$80
Independent Marriage and Family Therapist	\$100

All the Board's revenue comes from fees. Fee revenues collected by the Board are deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90).