

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 14 and currently licenses roughly 40,000 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 \$3.8 million over the biennium.

| FY 2018 Actual | FY 2019 Actual | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY 2022 Appropriation | FY 2023 Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Fund 4K90 ALI 899609, Operating Expenses | | | | | |
| \$1,343,987 | \$1,475,360 | \$1,644,418 | \$1,604,186 | \$1,845,658 | \$1,907,553 |
| % change | 9.8% | 11.5% | -2.4% | 15.1% | 3.4% |

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 40,000 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 must hold a regular meeting every three months to discuss issues such as finances, personnel issues, election of officers, the laws and rules, and other board issues. Additional meetings may also be held. The committees also meet as necessary to discuss concerns of their respective professions. Board members receive a per diem for each day employed in their official duties and are reimbursed for necessary and actual expenses.

The Board’s daily operations are the responsibility of an executive director who is appointed by the 15-member governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Board currently has 14 full-time staff members. The Board receives no GRF moneys; it is entirely supported by fees.

Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget

The Board's operations are funded by a single appropriation item within Fund 4K90 – item 899609, Operating Expenses. The budget appropriates about \$1.8 million in FY 2022 and about \$1.9 million in FY 2023.

H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly provides a six-month registration extension for the following Master's level individuals if the individual has graduated but not yet completed all requirements for licensure: counselor trainees, social worker trainees, and marriage and family therapist trainees.

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, 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 have completed the educational requirements for licensure but are awaiting the actual awarding of the degree or licensees who have applied for licensure and are waiting to take a scheduled examination.

| License Fees by Type | |
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| 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).