

# Redbook

## LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

### Architects Board

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## Architects Board

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### Quick look...

- The Ohio Architects Board and Ohio Landscape Architects Board are responsible for the regulation of the practices of architecture and landscape architecture, respectively, in the state of Ohio; together they license approximately 9,000 individuals and firms.
- The two boards operate under a combined budget, utilizing the same staff and shared facilities.
- The boards are funded through licensing fees and receive no money from the GRF.
- The executive budget proposes funding of \$667,469 in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025.
  - Existing services levels to be maintained.
  - Primary expenses: personal services, or payroll (75%); supplies and maintenance (21%).

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate	FY 2024 Introduced	FY 2025 Introduced
<b>Fund 4K90 ALI 891609, Operating</b>					
\$598,865	\$579,545	\$665,847	\$662,919	\$667,469	\$667,469
% change	-3.2%	14.9%	-0.4%	0.7%	0.0%

### Agency overview

The Ohio Architects Board and the Ohio Landscape Architects Board are two boards that operate under a combined budget and share staff and facilities. Each board consists of five members appointed by the Governor. For the Architects Board, all five members must be architects who have been in active practice in Ohio for at least ten years. Changes to this Board’s structure is proposed in the executive budget, as detailed below. For the Landscape Architects Board, three members must be landscape architects registered with the state for at least five years, one must be a licensed design professional, and one must represent the public.

A staff of four employees, led by an executive director, handles the day-to-day operations of both boards. The boards receive no GRF funding and are funded entirely by licensing fees credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90), a fund which is used by many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions.

### Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget proposal

#### Overview

The executive recommended funding in each fiscal year will allow both boards to maintain current operations during the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.

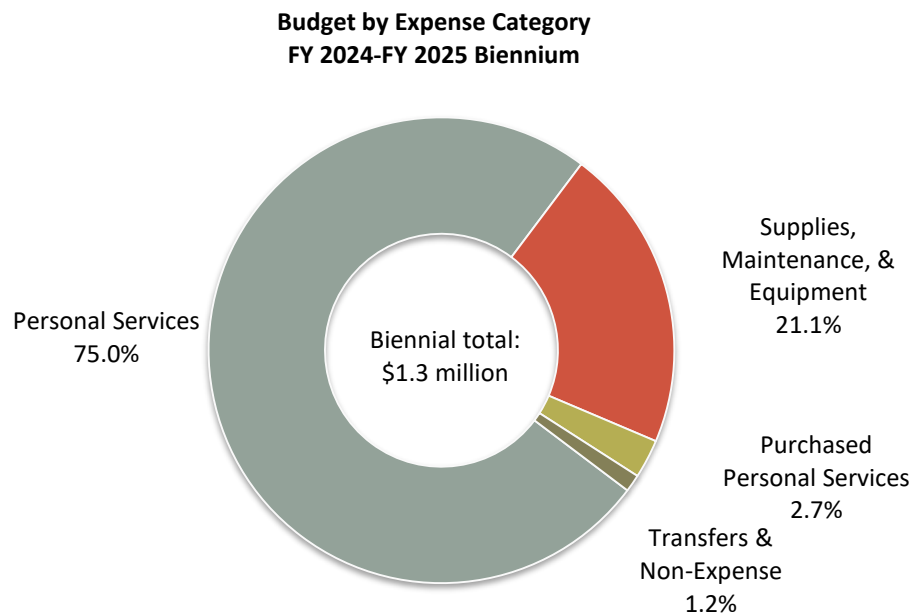
Under the executive proposal, beginning in FY 2024, the boards’ eLicensing costs will no longer be paid directly by the boards and will instead be paid by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) through new DAS appropriation item 100673, Ohio Professionals Licensing System (Fund 4K90).

## Ohio Architects Board

The executive proposal recommends modifying the structure of the current Ohio Architects Board by replacing one member who is an architect with one member of the public who is not an architect. The executive proposal also recommends reducing the required experience for the remaining architects serving on the Board from ten to five years and permits current members to continue to serve until expiration of the terms to which they were appointed, unless otherwise removed.

### Executive recommendations by expense category

The chart below shows the \$1.3 million proposed budget for the biennium by expense category. As shown, the personal services category accounts for the largest share of the boards’ budget at 75.0%. This category provides wages and benefits for the boards’ full-time staff. The next largest category is supplies, maintenance, and equipment totaling 21.1% of the budget. This category includes rent, information technology, and other services provided by DAS. Purchased personal services and transfer and non-expense account for 4.8% of the Boards’ budget.



## Revenue and license statistics

The Boards do not receive any GRF funding; all of its funding comes from fees paid by licensed professionals, candidates for licensure, and businesses providing architectural or landscape architectural services in Ohio. Table 1 below lists each type of credential issued by the boards. The boards do not expect any fee changes during the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.

License Type	Fee
Individual License – Initial	\$50
Individual License – Renewal	\$125
Individual License by Reciprocity	\$250
Firm Registration – Initial	\$125
Firm Registration – Renewal	\$100

Fees collected by the boards are credited to the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90), which is used by many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the boards, to support their regulatory operations. Table 2 below shows the boards' combined operating and revenue expenditure history from FY 2017 to FY 2022.

Category	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenue	\$350,738	\$1,089,211	\$389,446	\$1,000,491	\$404,108	\$1,140,361
Expenses	\$507,963	\$572,245	\$517,652	\$598,865	\$579,545	\$665,847
Net	-\$157,224	\$516,966	-\$128,206	\$401,626	-\$175,437	\$474,514

The Boards issue licenses on a biennial renewal cycle, with architects and landscape architects renewing in opposite years. As seen in Table 2, the boards incurred a deficit in each of the odd-numbered fiscal years (when landscape architects renew) and a surplus in even-numbered fiscal years (when architects renew). This is due to architects outnumbering landscape architects by approximately ten to one. The revenue collected during even-numbered fiscal years has historically been able to cover the deficit that happens during odd-numbered fiscal years.

Table 3 shows the number of licenses issued by the boards that were active from FY 2017 through FY 2022.

License Type	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
<b>Architecture</b>						
Individuals	6,590	6,430	6,849	6,473	6,893	6,704
Firms	1,649	1,386	1,544	1,651	1,584	1,648
<b>Landscape Architecture</b>						
Individuals	666	660	625	647	589	637
Firms	164	165	155	167	155	160