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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM) is funded entirely by fees and assessments paid by professionals working in the veterinary field. The Board oversees just under 11,000 active licenses.
- The Board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor. As of July 2025, the staff included the Executive Director and a Program Administrator 2. The Board contracts with the Department of Agriculture for inspections and investigations.
- The enacted budget creates new rules regarding veterinary telehealth.
- The enacted budget appropriates a total funding of \$652,551 in FY 2026 and \$674,811 in FY 2027.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 888609, Operating Expenses					
\$423,991	\$407,356	\$397,823	\$406,035	\$532,551	\$554,811
% change	-3.9%	-2.3%	2.1%	31.2%	4.2%
Fund 5BU0 ALI 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program					
\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
% change	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%
Fund 5YG0 ALI 888603, Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program					
\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
% change	0.0%	N/A	-90.0%	900.0%	0.0%
Total funding:					
\$433,991	\$407,356	\$497,823	\$416,035	\$652,551	\$674,811
% change	-6.1%	22.2%	-16.4%	56.9%	3.4%

Overview

The seven-member Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board (DVM) ensures the professional and competent conduct of veterinarians and veterinary technicians throughout the state. DVM confirms that applicants for licensure in the veterinary field have passed the proper examinations, issues licenses, approves continuing education courses, and carries out disciplinary hearings when necessary. It contracts with the Department of Agriculture to handle inspections and investigations. All revenue comes from licensing fees and other assessments. DVM receives

no GRF funding. As of July 2025, the Board employs two full-time staff persons, including the Executive Director and a Program Administrator 2.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Board's regulatory functions and financial assistance programs are funded entirely by licensing fees and other revenues deposited into the Occupational Licensing and Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). As shown in the table above, H.B. 96 provides DVM with funding of \$652,551 in FY 2026 and \$674,811 in FY 2027. H.B. 96 also includes provisions that clarify guidelines for veterinarians to provide telehealth services to clients. These changes will have no fiscal effect on the Board.

Operating Expenses (ALI 888609)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4K90 ALI 888609, Operating Expenses					
\$423,991	\$407,356	\$397,823	\$406,035	\$532,551	\$554,811
% change	-3.9%	-2.3%	2.1%	31.2%	4.2%

This ALI is used to support general operating expenses, including payroll for employees (as of July 2025, the Executive Director and a Program Administrator 2) and board member compensation, supplies, and equipment. The Board contracts with the Department of Agriculture to handle veterinary office and facility inspections and investigations instead of hiring additional full-time staff. Under this arrangement, DVM pays only for the hours and mileage of the person assigned to a specific inspection or investigation at a lower cost than employing its own inspector to carry out these functions.

Veterinary Student Loan Program (ALI 888602)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 5BU0 ALI 888602, Veterinary Student Loan Program					
\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000
% change	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	N/A	0.0%

This ALI is used to reimburse veterinary students interested in large animal medicine, regulatory services, or veterinary public health in areas of the state where these professional services are lacking. The program is funded by the proceeds from a \$10 portion of every veterinarian license renewal. The awards may be used to cover tuition, other educational expenses, and room and board of up to \$10,000 per year with a \$20,000 maximum. Recipients must agree to practice in Ohio for a certain period of time. If the grant is less than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio for at least one year; if the grant is greater than \$10,000, recipients must stay in Ohio for at least two years.

Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program (ALI 888603)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5YG0 ALI 888603, Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program					
\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
% change	0.0%	N/A	-90.0%	900.1%	0.0%

This ALI is used to repay educational loans taken out by a veterinarian participating in the Veterinary Student Debt Assistance Program. Under the program, a recipient must agree to provide 12 hours of charitable services annually and reside in Ohio for a period of time. Eligible individuals may receive loan forgiveness of between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The fund consists of money transferred into the fund from Fund 4K90 by a statutory formula.