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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Board of Nursing

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Quick look...

- The Board of Nursing licenses over 290,000 professionals, including registered nurses (RNs), licensed practical nurses (LPNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides.
- The Board’s authority consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor with daily operations overseen by an executive director.
 - Membership includes eight RNs with at least five years’ experience (two must be an APRN), four LPNs with at least five years’ experience, and one consumer representative.
- The Board is fully supported by fees and receives no GRF funding.

Fund Group	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Dedicated Purpose Total	\$9,771,174	\$10,404,672	\$11,362,225	\$11,805,032
% change	--	6.5%	9.2%	3.9%

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

The enacted budget appropriates \$11.4 million in FY 2020 and \$11.8 million in FY 2021 across all line items for the Board of Nursing. The Board’s budget consists of three appropriation items, all supported by dedicated purpose funds (DPF). The appropriations will allow the Board to continue to issue and regulate licenses and certificates, investigate complaints, conduct administrative hearings, and regulate nurse education programs.

Licenses and fees

All of the Board’s revenue comes from fees that are deposited into the Occupational Licensing Regulatory Fund (Fund 4K90). Many occupational licensing and regulatory boards and commissions, including the Board of Nursing, use Fund 4K90 as an operating account. Each licensing board or commission is generally expected to be self-sufficient, generating enough revenue to cover its expenses. The fees for the Board’s licenses are included in the table below. The Board is on a biennial license schedule.

NUR License Fees by Type		
License Type	Initial	Renewal
Registered Nurse	\$75	\$65
Licensed Practical Nurse	\$75	\$65
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse	\$150	\$135

NUR License Fees by Type		
License Type	Initial	Renewal
Certified Dialysis Technician	\$35	\$35
Certified Dialysis Technician Intern	\$35	N/A*
Community Health Worker	\$35	\$35
Medication Aide	\$50	\$50

*This certificate is not renewable.

Funding for operating expenses

The Board's operating expenses are funded by three appropriation items: Fund 4K90 appropriation item 884609, Operating Expenses; Fund 5AC0 appropriation item 884602, Nurse Education Grant Program; and Fund 5P80 appropriation item 884601, Nursing Special Issues.

Operating Expenses (ALI 884609)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 4K90 ALI 884609, Operating Expenses					
\$7,808,462	\$8,047,929	\$8,252,194	\$8,890,672	\$9,842,225	\$10,285,032
% change	3.1%	2.5%	7.7%	10.7%	4.5%

This line item is used to pay for most of the Board's operating expenses. To meet its regulatory responsibilities, the Board issues and renews licenses and certificates to those who meet the requirements to practice; approves pre-licensure education programs for nurses and training programs for dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides; establishes regulatory and practice standards for all of those it licenses and certifies; establishes and interprets scopes of practice; investigates complaints; and when necessary, disciplines and monitors the practice of those who violate the laws and rules.

Nurse Education Grant Program (ALI 884602)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 5AC0 ALI 884602, Nurse Education Grant Program					
\$1,500,481	\$1,495,476	\$1,518,480	\$1,513,500	\$1,518,000	\$1,518,000
% change	-0.3%	1.5%	-0.3%	0.3%	0.0%

This line item is used to support the Nurse Education Grant Program. The Nurse Education Grant Program provides grants to Ohio nurse education programs that have partnerships with health care facilities, community health agencies, or other education

programs to establish support partnerships that will increase the enrollment capacity of the programs. Grants are awarded to pre-licensure programs for RNs and LPNs and to post-graduate programs.

Nursing Special Issues (ALI 884601)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
Fund 5P80 ALI 884601, Nursing Special Issues					
\$3,500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$2,000	\$2,000
% change	-85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	300.0%	0.0%

The Board uses this line item to pay for its membership with the National Forum on Nursing Centers, an organization that provides nursing workforce data. The fund that supports this line item accepts grants and gifts to help fund programs related to patient safety and the supply and demand for nurses and healthcare workers.