

Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors

Role and Overview

The Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors (FUN) was established to ensure that those who are licensed by the board meet certain minimum criteria to do business in Ohio. The board then monitors those licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules of the state. The board’s annual budget of approximately \$629,000 supports a staff of six in addition to the seven board members. FUN licenses approximately 2,330 embalmers and funeral directors. More information about the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors is available at <http://www.funeral.ohio.gov/>.



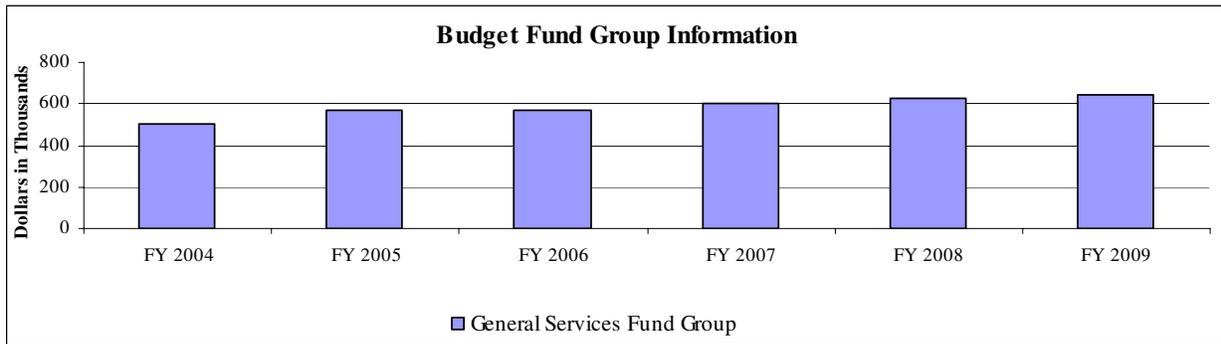
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Develop a performance contract to set priorities in line with Turnaround Ohio strategies to fund results.
- Continue to operate the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors with clear intelligence and accountability to Ohio citizens.
- Develop a comprehensive pre-need law through collaboration with other state agencies, professional associations, and consumers to protect prepaid funeral funds.

Agency Priorities

- Guarantee quality standards to license and regulate competent embalmers, funeral directors, and reliable crematory facilities, embalming facilities, and funeral homes.
- Expand website to include educational materials for consumers and licensees.
- Improve process to resolve consumer complaints involving funeral service, payment, and pre-need.
- Create online forms for applications and documents.
- Continue development of item bank for creation of computer-based examination.

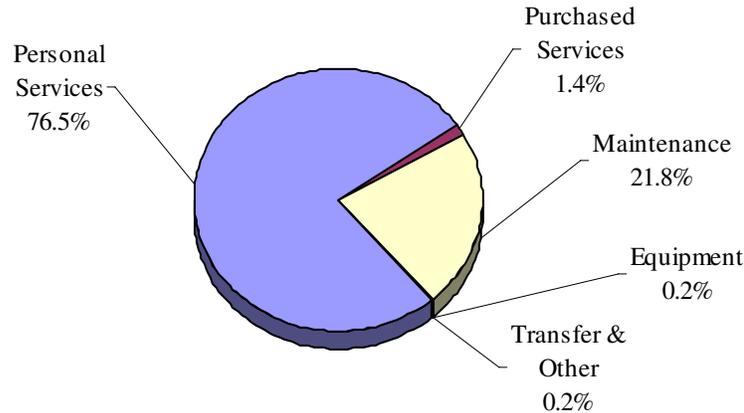
Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
General Services Fund Group	499	567	565	599	6.0	629	5.0	647	2.9
TOTAL	499	567	565	599	6.0	629	5.0	647	2.9

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**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2007	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	328	371	397	460	16.0	479	4.2	497	3.7
Purchased Services	38	40	40	14	(65.4)	9	(33.2)	9	.0
Maintenance	121	133	125	124	(1.0)	139	12.0	139	.0
Equipment	1	23	3	1	(74.3)	1	29.9	1	.0
Transfer & Other	11	0	1	1	(11.5)	1	.0	1	.0
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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Regulation

This program series contributes to ensuring the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the state through oversight of the regulated profession.

Program 01.01: License/Registration/Enforcement

This program includes all operations of the Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support annual inspections for 1,300 crematory facilities, embalming facilities, and funeral homes, processing of 509 applicants for embalmer and funeral director registration, and monitoring of apprentices;
- Provide for disciplinary activities including investigations and administrative hearings;
- Provide for the processing of approximately 120 complaints annually; and
- Allow staff to process 2,400 annual pre-need reports.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	881-609	Operating Expenses	628,641	646,602
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				628,641	646,602

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Embalmers and Funeral Directors

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4K9	881-609	Operating Expenses	499,150	567,446	565,011	598,706	628,641	5.0	646,602	2.9
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