

Role and Overview

The Ohio Optical Dispensers Board (ODB) was established to ensure that those who are licensed by the board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice opticianry and ocularistry 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 about \$334,000 supports a staff of four in addition to the nine board members. ODB oversees more than 4,100 licensed opticians, ocularists, and apprentices. More information about the Ohio Optical Dispensers Board is available at <http://optical.ohio.gov/>.



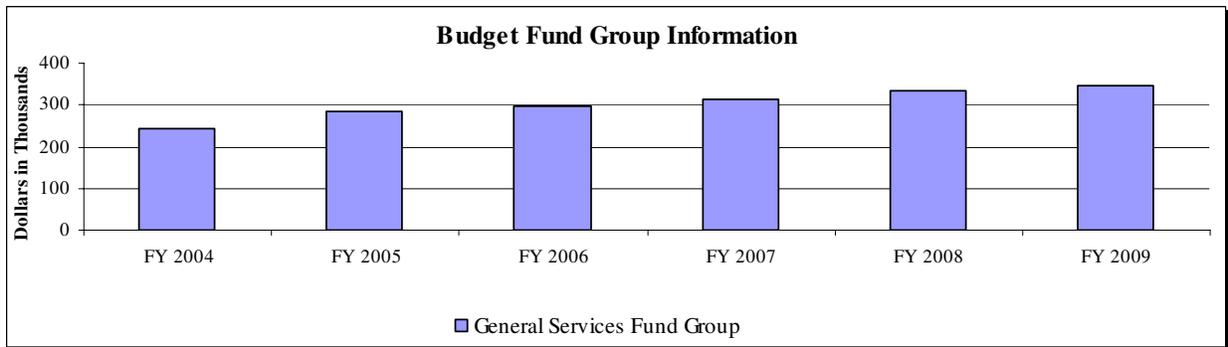
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Enhance operations to ensure a high level of transparency, responsiveness, and accountability to licensees, employers, and consumers.
- Implement standards to ensure the provision of safe and ethical dispensing of optical aids to Ohio citizens.

Agency Priorities

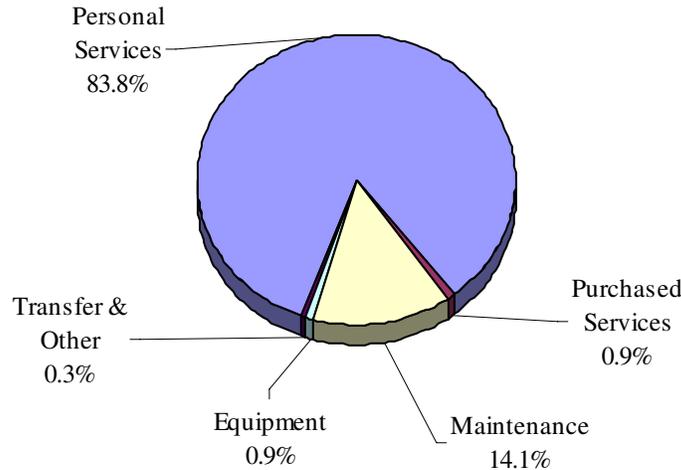
- Revise statutory definition of “optical aid” to clearly define the board’s authority to prohibit the illegal dispensing/sales of contact lenses.
- Protect the public health through regulation and education while promoting the integrity of the optical dispensing industry.
- Collaborate with other state agencies to ensure that policies and regulations adopted by both entities reflect the various state laws contained in both the board’s law and rules.
- Implement outreach programs to minority groups to encourage diversity of recruiting into the practice of Opticianry and Ocularistry.
- Encourage the development of continuing education programs that increase cultural competence of licensees to ensure that the delivery of Opticianry and Ocularistry services are delivered in a manner that demonstrates respect for different societal/cultural beliefs.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2007	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009
General Services Fund Group	244	286	297	313	5.2	334	6.7	345	3.5
TOTAL	244	286	297	313	5.2	334	6.7	345	3.5

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



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	187	224	235	254	8.0	281	10.7	289	2.9
Purchased Services	0	0	1	0	(100.0)	3	.0	3	.0
Maintenance	56	56	59	59	(.8)	47	(19.9)	49	3.4
Equipment	0	5	2	0	(100.0)	2	.0	4	100.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	0	0	(100.0)	1	.0	1	.0
TOTAL	244	286	297	313	5.2	334	6.7	345	3.5

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 Ohio Optical Dispensers Board.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support the continuing operations of the board and staff;
- Support the regulation of the education, licensure, and discipline of dispensing opticians and ocularists; and
- Provide for an increased number of investigations and disciplinary actions for illegal dispensing/sales of contact lenses.

State of Ohio
Ohio Optical Dispensers Board

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	894-609	Operating Expenses	333,656	345,324
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				333,656	345,324

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Optical Dispensers Board

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	894-609	Operating Expenses	243,545	285,752	297,114	312,656	333,656	6.7	345,324	3.5
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			243,545	285,752	297,114	312,656	333,656	6.7	345,324	3.5
TOTAL OPTICAL DISPENSERS BOARD			243,545	285,752	297,114	312,656	333,656	6.7	345,324	3.5