

Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board

Role and Overview

The Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT) was established to ensure that individuals licensed by the board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training in Ohio. The board monitors those licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules established in the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code. As of August 22, 2012, the OTPTAT board licensed over 25,000 individuals. The board consists of 20 members appointed by the Governor and nine full-time employees who carry out the operations of the board. In the current biennium, the board has increased its communications with stakeholders by establishing Facebook and Twitter accounts, in addition to providing presentations to students and current licensees.

More information regarding the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board is available at <http://otptat.ohio.gov>.

Agency Priorities

- Protect the consumers of occupational therapy, physical therapy, and athletic training services in Ohio through the effective regulation of the professions, including educating the consumers of the services of the board's licensees on the role of the board.
- Enhance procedures to ensure that individuals seeking to re-enter the workforce after an extended period out of active practice can quickly return to practice in a manner that ensures that the individual is able to practice at current entry-level competence.
- Streamline the application process, including increased use of online applications, to allow qualified and competent applicants to enter the job market as soon as possible, including enhancing mechanisms to allow licensees to conduct business and pay for services online.
- Increase awareness of the ability to use online technology to receive information from the board. Activities include posting copies of the actual public records related to disciplinary actions taken against licensees on the public license verification website, establishing Twitter and Facebook accounts, and publishing all board meeting materials on the board website in advance of all public meetings.
- Examine ways to increase cultural competence of licensees to ensure that health care services are delivered in a manner that is aware of and respects different societal and cultural beliefs.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

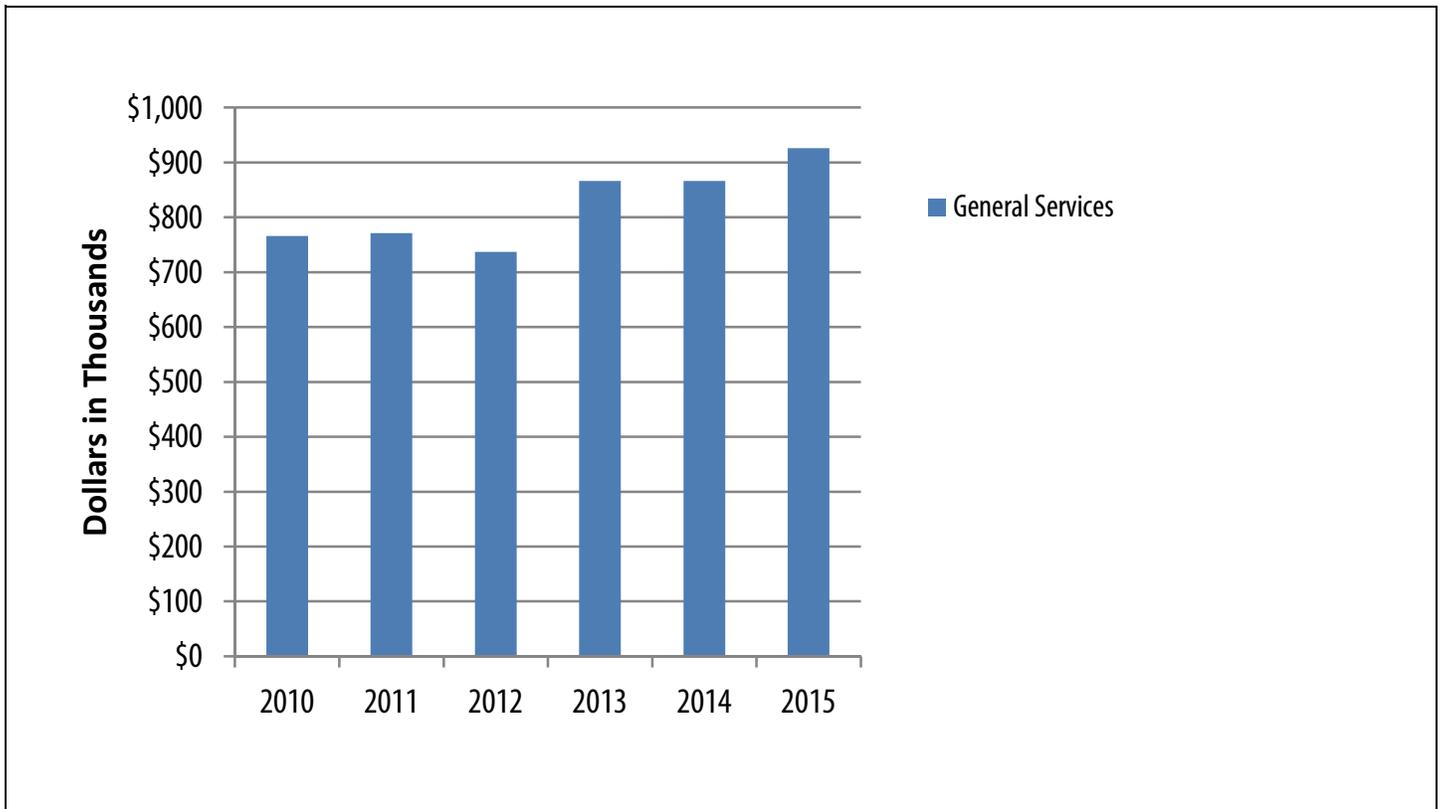
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$866.2 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$925.9 thousand (or a 6.9% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Fund nine employees, travel reimbursement, and payroll expenses for 20 board members, and other costs of doing business, such as rent and other Department of Administrative Services fees.
- Maintain funding of the Ohio e-Licensing system.
- Support the regulation of approximately 8,300 occupational therapy practitioners, 14,500 physical therapy practitioners, and 2,300 athletic trainers, including the renewal of about 12,000-14,600 licenses and the issuance of approximately 1,600 initial licenses per year.
- Finance board enforcement activities, including investigating approximately 120 complaints per year and taking disciplinary action against approximately 60 licensees per year.
- Scan all existing and future licensure files to store the records electronically.

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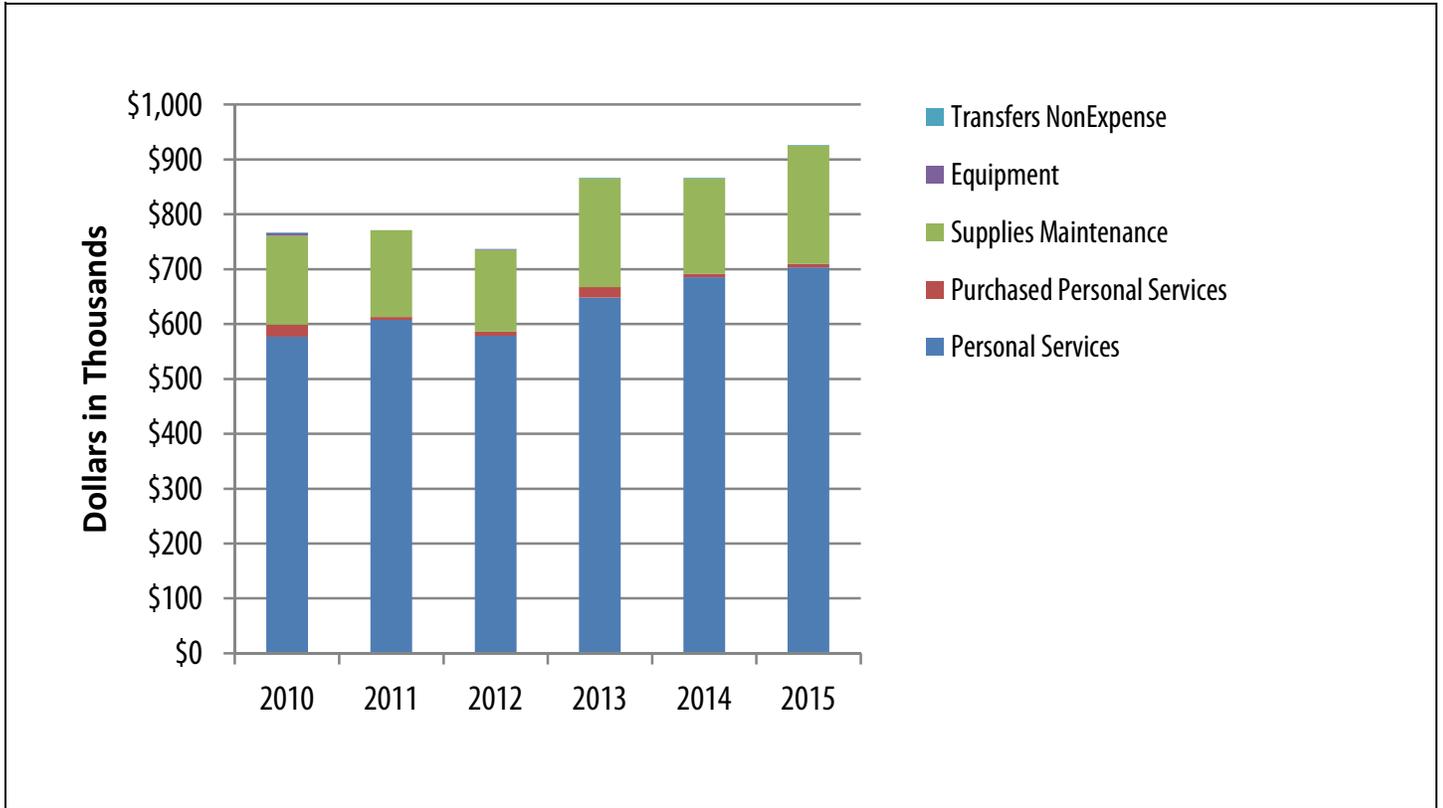
Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Services	766	771	737	866	17.6%	866	0.0%	926	6.9%
Total	766	771	737	866	17.6%	866	0.0%	926	6.9%

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Expense Account Category Information



- Personal Services expenditures for OTPTAT increase from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2013 because a budgeted clerk position is assumed to be filled.
- Supplies & Maintenance expenditures increase in fiscal year 2015 because of a one-time project to scan all licensing records.

(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	577	607	578	648	12.1%	686	5.7%	704	2.6%
Purchased Personal Services	22	6	8	19	138.7%	6	-67.1%	6	-5.1%
Supplies & Maintenance	162	158	149	199	33.3%	174	-12.3%	216	24.1%
Equipment	5	0	1	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	0	0	-42.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	766	771	737	866	17.6%	866	0.0%	926	6.9%

Program Series 1: Regulation (160A0)

This program series ensures the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Ohio by regulating the professions of occupational therapy through the Occupational Therapy Program (160B1), physical therapy through the Physical Therapy Program (160B2), and athletic training through the Athletic Trainers Program (160B3).

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
4K90	890609	Operating Expenses	866,169	866,169	0.0%	925,897	6.9%
Total for Regulation			866,169	866,169	0.0%	925,897	6.9%

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			FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
4K90	890609	Operating Expenses	766,269	771,136	736,761	866,169	866,169	0.0%	925,897	6.9%
Total General Services			766,269	771,136	736,761	866,169	866,169	0.0%	925,897	6.9%
Grand Total Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Athletic Trainers Board			766,269	771,136	736,761	866,169	866,169	0.0%	925,897	6.9%