

Board of Nursing

Role and Overview

The Ohio Board of Nursing (NUR) has a thirteen member Board that administers and regulates the practice of nursing for the safety of the public. The mission of the Board is to actively safeguard the health of the public through the effective regulation of nursing care. The Board's top priorities are to efficiently license the nursing workforce and remove dangerous practitioners from practice in a timely manner to protect Ohio patients. Public protection is critical, as nursing touches virtually every citizen of Ohio. The Board regulates over 285,000 licenses and certificates, an increase from 223,000 in 2009. The Board is the sixth largest nursing board in the United States. The public expects that regulations are in place and effectively enforced to assure nurses have been appropriately educated, meet stringent criteria to practice, and provide safe care. The public also expects that immediate action is taken regarding unsafe nurses. The Board issues nursing licenses to qualified individuals, thereby increasing Ohio's workforce, and takes disciplinary action when nurses present a risk to the public or when education programs are not meeting minimum standards to educate competent practitioners. The Board regulates registered and practical nurses, certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, dialysis technicians, community health workers, medication aides, and nursing education, and training programs. Board initiatives, collaborative government efforts, and public and private partnerships reflect Ohio's goal to achieve a lean and efficient government with common sense approaches to meeting regulatory challenges. The Board continues to evolve as a model regulatory board for the United States.

More information regarding the Board of Nursing is available at www.nursing.ohio.gov.

Agency Priorities

- Collaborate with the administration staff, legislators, law enforcement, drug task forces, and other state boards and agencies in the continued fight against prescription drug abuse. The Board's ability to maintain investigators, staff attorneys and paralegal staff to investigate and process discipline cases is critical.
- Prioritize licensure for veterans, service members, and spouses and make the licensing processes timely, efficient and effective, so that nurses enter the workforce quickly and remain in the workforce. The Board must have a fully functioning Ohio eLicense system and sufficient staff to respond to inquiries and assist licensees for efficient and effective licensing and renewal processes.
- Approve pre-licensure nursing education programs, and remove dangerous licensees from practice in a timely manner in order to assure nurses enter the job market prepared to provide safe patient care and that they provide safe nursing care during their career.
- Fund the Nurse Education Grant Program (NEGP) and the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP) to support job creation and growth.
- Implement operational efficiencies and maintain fiscal responsibility by streamlining internal processes.

Funding Recommendation for 2018 and 2019

- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2018 is \$10.4 million (or a 9.2% increase from fiscal year 2017). Funding for fiscal year 2019 is \$10.8 million (or a 3.9% increase from fiscal year 2018).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

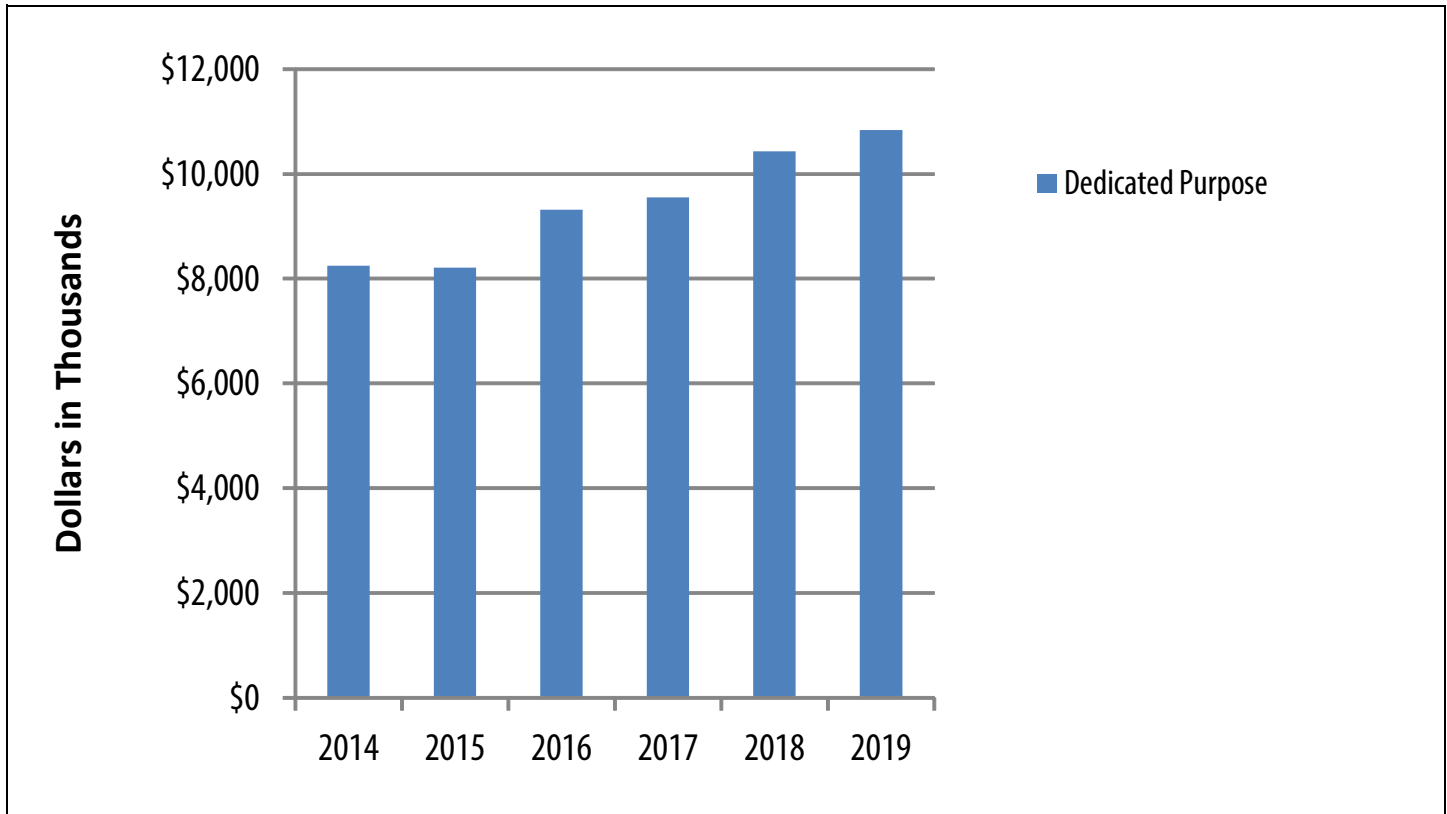
- Regulate approximately 285,000 licenses and certificates.
- Oversee about 290 nursing education programs, dialysis training programs, medication aide training programs, and community health worker training programs.
- Sanction nursing education programs that do not meet basic educational requirements.
- Regulate certificates of authority for over 30,000 advanced practice registered nurses.
- Regulate 20,000 certificates to prescribe for advanced practice registered nurses.
- Regulate certificates for approximately 3,900 dialysis technicians, 700 community health workers, and 400 medication aides.
- Investigate and process 4,400 licensure applicants with criminal histories.

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- Respond to an average of 350 practice questions each month.
- Regulate 10 Board Approvers of Continuing Education.
- Investigate over 20,000 complaints.
- Process disciplinary action for over 6,000 licensees and certificate holders and monitor 9,000 licensees who have been disciplined.
- Award \$3 million dollars for nursing education through the Nurse Education Grant Program.

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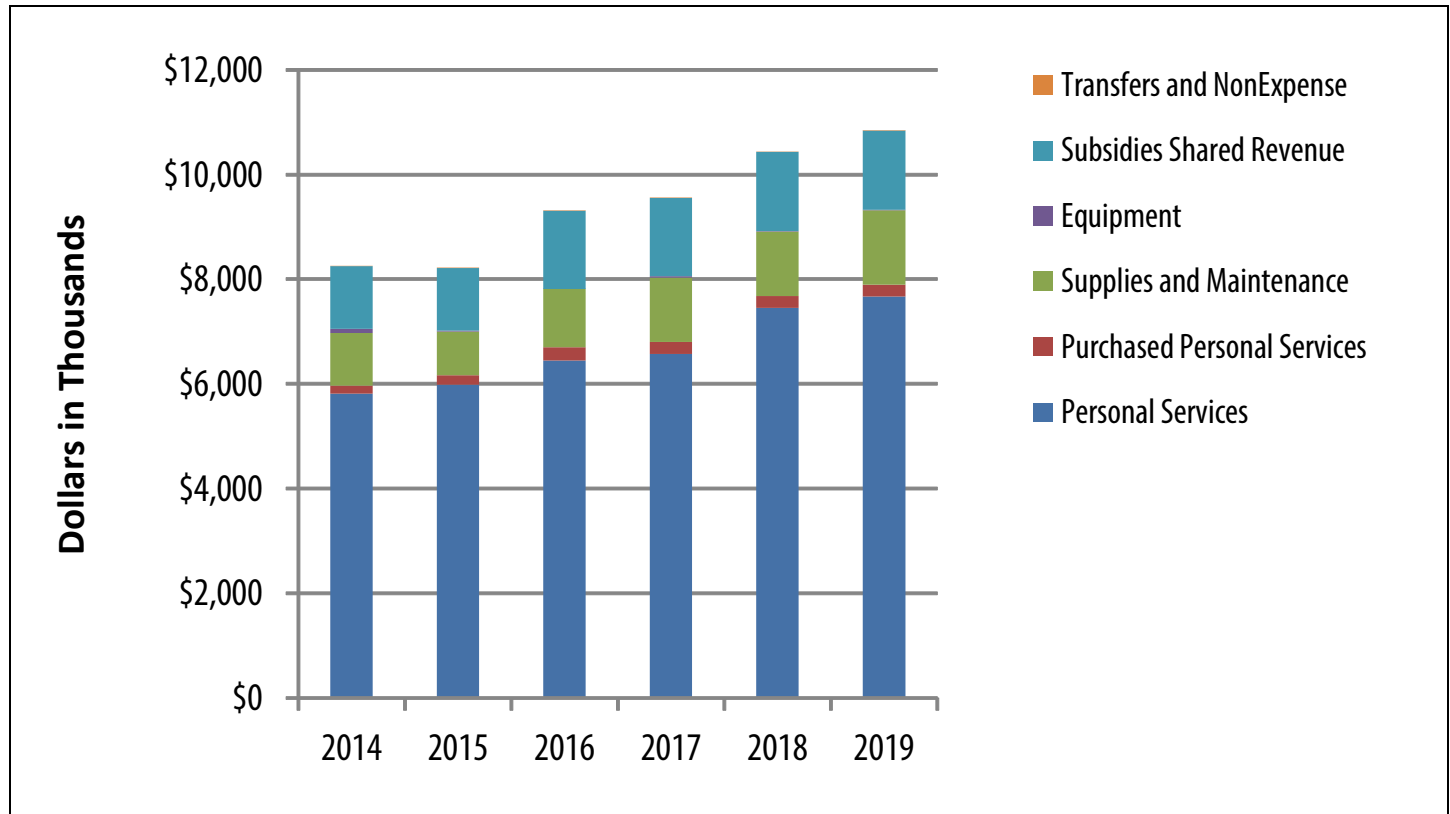
Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
Budget Fund Group	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 16-17	FY 2018	% Change	FY 2019	% Change
Dedicated Purpose	8,248	8,215	9,312	9,554	2.6%	10,430	9.2%	10,838	3.9%
Total	8,248	8,215	9,312	9,554	2.6%	10,430	9.2%	10,838	3.9%

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Expense Account Category Information



(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
Expense Account Category	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 16-17	FY 2018	% Change	FY 2019	% Change
Personal Services	5,815	5,981	6,451	6,573	1.9%	7,454	13.4%	7,671	2.9%
Purchased Personal Services	151	184	246	226	-8.4%	221	-2.2%	221	0.0%
Supplies and Maintenance	1,002	834	1,115	1,232	10.5%	1,232	0.0%	1,422	15.4%
Equipment	82	20	7	30	346.1%	14	-53.3%	14	0.0%
Subsidies Shared Revenue	1,196	1,196	1,494	1,494	0.0%	1,510	1.1%	1,510	0.0%
Transfers and Non-Expense	1	0	1	1	37.0%	1	-20.0%	1	0.0%
Total	8,248	8,215	9,312	9,554	2.6%	10,430	9.2%	10,838	3.9%

Program Series 1: Regulation (145A0)

The program series actively safeguards public health through effective nursing care regulation. The License, Regulate, Renew, and Enforce Program (145B1) issues and renews licenses and certificates; establishes and interprets scopes of practice; establishes regulatory requirements and practice standards; licenses nurses, advanced nurses, dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aides; approves pre-licensure nursing education programs; approves training programs for dialysis technicians, community health workers, and medication aids; and imposes disciplinary action toward Nurse Practice Act violators.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change	FY 2019	% Change
4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	8,028,848	8,909,895	11.0%	9,317,358	4.6%
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	1,523,506	1,518,500	-0.3%	1,518,500	0.0%
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Total for Regulation			9,554,354	10,430,395	9.2%	10,837,858	3.9%

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Line Item Summary by Budget Fund Group

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	% Change	FY 2019	% Change
4K90	884609	Operating Expenses	7,033,884	7,014,458	7,808,462	8,028,848	8,909,895	11.0%	9,317,358	4.6%
5AC0	884602	Nurse Education Grant Program	1,208,156	1,200,132	1,500,481	1,523,506	1,518,500	-0.3%	1,518,500	0.0%
5P80	884601	Nursing Special Issues	5,500	500	3,500	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Total Dedicated Purpose			8,247,540	8,215,090	9,312,443	9,554,354	10,430,395	9.2%	10,837,858	3.9%
Grand Total Board of Nursing			8,247,540	8,215,090	9,312,443	9,554,354	10,430,395	9.2%	10,837,858	3.9%