

Role and Overview

The State Board of Optometry (OPT) was established to ensure that those who are licensed by the board meet certain minimum education and training criteria to safely practice optometry in Ohio. The board then monitors those licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules which govern the profession. The board’s annual budget of slightly more than \$344,000 supports a staff of three in addition to the six board members. OPT licenses approximately 2,072 optometrists. Additional information regarding the Board of Optometry is available at <http://optometry.ohio.gov/>.



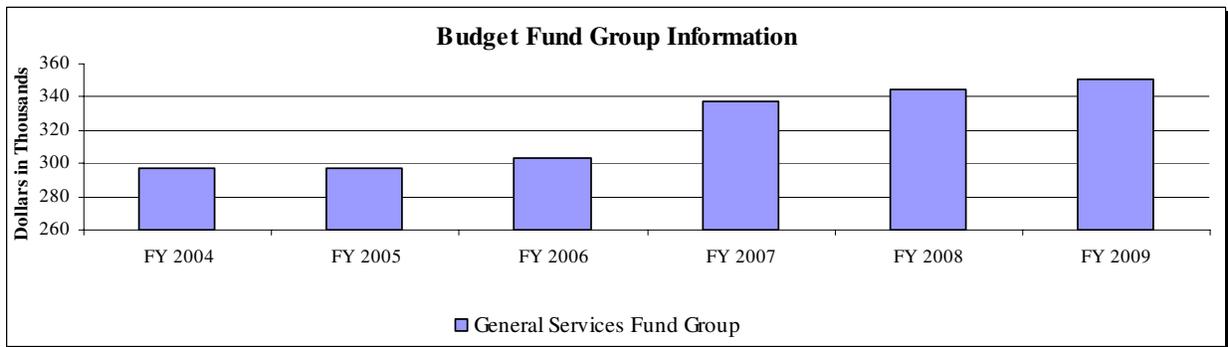
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Develop a performance contract to set priorities in line with Turnaround Ohio strategies.
- Ensure the board operates in an effective and efficient manner that establishes appropriate regulatory performance standards and protection for Ohio’s citizens.
- Work in a collaborative effort across government and beyond to improve Ohio’s health care system.
- Perform all activities of the board with a high level of transparency and accountability to the public.

Agency Priorities

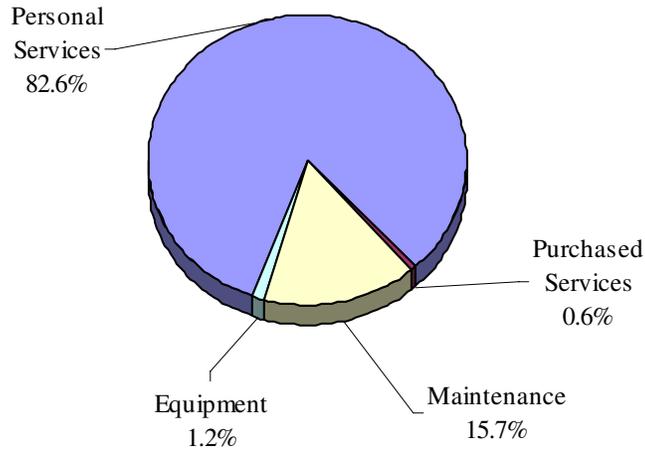
- Assure professionally competent optometrists by regulating examinations and licensure through enforcement of the Ohio Optometry Laws and Administrative Rules. Review current laws and rules for any unnecessary impediments to the profession.
- Continue the expedient manner in which all regulatory responsibilities are conducted to ensure a high level of service to both the public and the profession.
- Work with all stakeholders to identify opportunities that would permit optometrists, as primary eye care doctors, to direct their services at early intervention and prevention of chronic and costly healthcare conditions.
- Maintain an up-to-date website with notices for meetings, board minutes, and other relevant, informative materials.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	CHANGE FY 06-07	FY 2008	CHANGE %	FY 2009	CHANGE %
General Services Fund Group	297	297	303	337	11.0	345	2.3	351	1.9
TOTAL	297	297	303	337	11.0	345	2.3	351	1.9

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



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	238	245	248	273	10.2	284	4.1	290	2.1
Purchased Services	0	0	0	2	.0	2	(25.0)	2	.0
Maintenance	55	50	55	59	6.8	55	(5.3)	54	(1.8)
Equipment	3	1	1	3	262.3	3	4.2	5	50.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	297	297	303	337	11.0	345	2.3	351	1.9

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 Optometry.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support the operations of the board and staff;
- Provide yearly licensing application and renewal for licensees;
- Support completion of an average of 90 investigations each year; and
- Maintain on-site inspections of 150 optometric locations annually.

State of Ohio
State Board of Optometry

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	885-609	Operating Expenses	344,571	351,071
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				344,571	351,071

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Optometry

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	885-609	Operating Expenses	296,555	296,834	303,299	336,771	344,571	2.3	351,071	1.9
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			296,555	296,834	303,299	336,771	344,571	2.3	351,071	1.9
TOTAL BOARD OF OPTOMETRY			296,555	296,834	303,299	336,771	344,571	2.3	351,071	1.9