

State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics

Role and Overview

The State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics (OPP) was established in 2002 to provide license persons offering hands-on consumer care services for rehabilitative and mobility-oriented modalities. With licensing, certain minimum education and training criteria were established to assure these allied medical service providers may operate safely and within professional standards in Ohio. All services regulated by the Board are provided by professionals based on medical prescription and certification of medical necessity. Orthotists provide medical bracing which supports, corrects, or alleviates neuromuscular or musculoskeletal dysfunction, disease, injury, or deformity; prosthetists provide highly customized medical devices to replace a missing appendage or other external body part; and pedorthists specialize in custom fabricated or fitted therapeutic shoes, shoe modifications for therapeutic purposes, and foot orthoses to address a number of conditions of the foot. The board engages in activities to monitor these licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules which govern the professions, as well as compliance and enforcement initiatives to address complaints of unlicensed and sub-standard practice. The OPP Board issues nearly 400 licenses, renewable annually, and promulgates regulatory language to more competently administer its statutory mission. Ohio is one of 16 states currently providing for licensure in orthotics and prosthetics. Fewer require licensure in pedorthics. The OPP has two employees.

More information regarding the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics is available at <http://opp.ohio.gov>.

Agency Priorities

- Use rule-making authority to seek agreement between Ohio law and federal regulations, fairly regulate licensees in accordance with professional standards, and enforce restrictions against unlicensed practice in the interests of consumer safety and safeguarding reimbursement-limited third-party payer budget dollars.
- Disseminate information to credentialing partners in the healthcare community through use of information technology. Increase efficiency of agency operations through enhancement of online payment and document processing and storage capabilities. Maintain integrity of board records and security in information technology infrastructure and processes, as well as compliance with state of Ohio internal directives.
- Aggressively and responsibly pursue opportunities to share resources, experience, and knowledge with other regulatory boards for operational efficiencies and the pursuit of best practices.
- Promote transparency of agency processes. Seek and welcome stakeholder input and feedback.
- Partner with other state agencies to seek consistent application of licensing policy across the spectrum of State of Ohio programs and initiatives.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

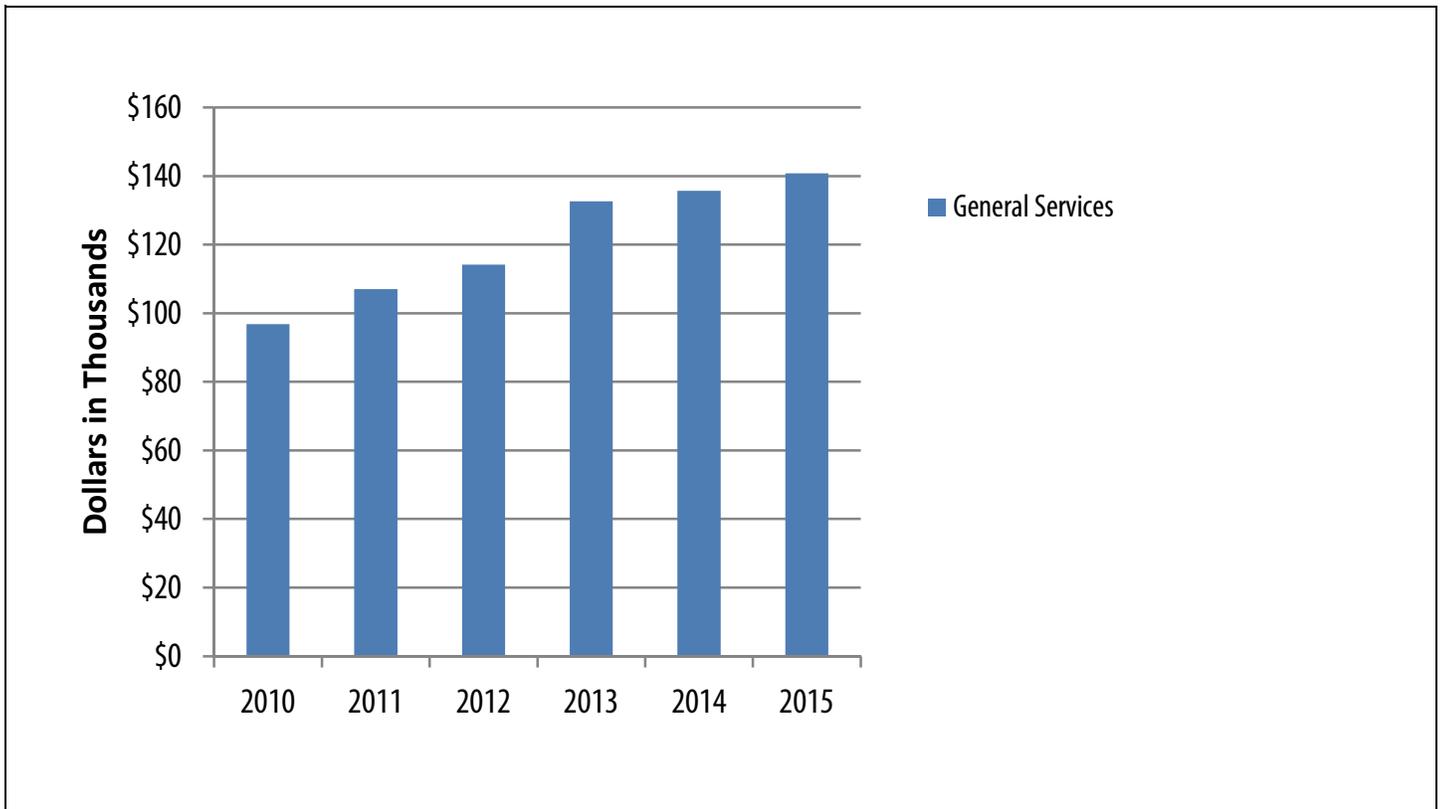
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$135.7 thousand (or a 2.3% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$140.8 thousand (or a 3.8% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Support the operations of the board and staff as currently constituted to allow continuation of present activities common to allied health care regulatory boards.
- Provide for the improvement and expansion of online licensing application and renewal processes.
- Ensure a timely response to complaints of unlicensed practice and practice below standards.
- Further develop and refine regulatory language to more efficiently and effectively provide professional standards consistent with or exceeding nationally recognized minimum standards.
- Continue work in cooperation with other regulatory boards and commissions to further implement best practices and find opportunities to consolidate shared fiscal and administrative functions.
- Enhance efficiencies through appropriate utilization of electronic and automated fiscal processes.

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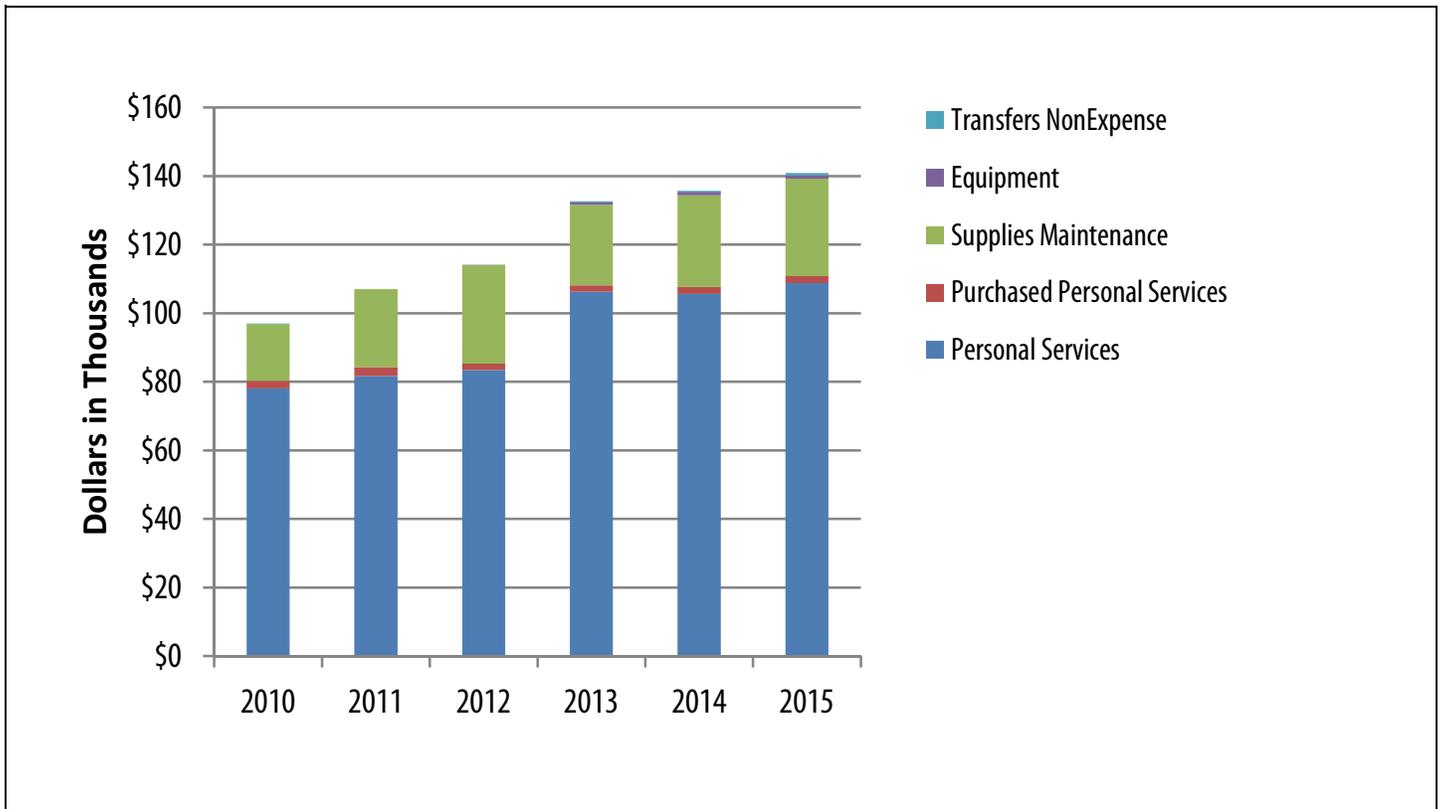
Budget Fund Group Information



(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
Budget Fund Group	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Services	97	107	114	133	16.1%	136	2.3%	141	3.8%
Total	97	107	114	133	16.1%	136	2.3%	141	3.8%

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Expense Account Category Information



- Personal Services expenses for OPP increase from fiscal year 2012 to fiscal year 2013 because the agency has returned to having two permanent employees.

(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	78	82	83	106	27.3%	106	-0.6%	109	3.0%
Purchased Personal Services	2	3	2	2	7.2%	2	3.8%	2	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	17	23	29	23	-18.6%	27	14.1%	28	6.4%
Equipment	0	0	0	1	0.0%	1	42.9%	1	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	0	0	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
Total	97	107	114	133	16.1%	136	2.3%	141	3.8%

Program Series 1: Regulation (153A0)

This program series contains the OPP License/Regulation/Renewal/Enforcement Program (153B1), which contributes to ensuring the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the state requiring specialized services by these licensed allied health care professionals through effective and consistent oversight of the regulated professions.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
4K90	973609	Operating Expenses	132,600	135,677	2.3%	140,846	3.8%
Total for Regulation			132,600	135,677	2.3%	140,846	3.8%

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Total General Services			96,861	106,985	114,204	132,600	135,677	2.3%	140,846	3.8%
Grand Total State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics			96,861	106,985	114,204	132,600	135,677	2.3%	140,846	3.8%