

Board of Licensed Social Workers

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved *	2021-23 Current Service Level	2021-23 Governor's Budget
Other Funds	1,643,073	1,804,612	2,045,204	2,155,282	2,222,539
Total Funds	1,643,073	1,804,612	2,045,204	2,155,282	2,222,539
Positions	6	6	6	6	7
FTE	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00

* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through January 2021.

Program Description

The mission of the Board of Licensed Social Workers is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of clinical social workers. The Board oversees a voluntary licensing program for individuals who want to use the title “licensed clinical social worker.” The Board is responsible for developing and enforcing ethical standards for licensed individuals; investigating complaints; and disciplining licensed individuals who violate ethical standards, Board rules, or state licensing laws. The seven-member board is appointed by the Governor and composed of four licensed clinical social workers and three public members.

The 2021-23 Current Service Level is a 5.1% increase from the 2019-21 Legislatively Approved Budget and is consistent with the Current Service Level adjustments outlined in the 2019-21 Budget Instructions.

CSL Summary and Issues

There are no CSL issues.

Policy Issues

The Board does not anticipate any significant program changes in 2021-23.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board continues to migrate to an on-line database for Board work, licensing, and discipline. The Board’s revenues are stable and are anticipated to slightly increase. In 2019-21, the Board requested an increase in limitation to hire one limited duration Investigator to help lower the compliance cases awaiting investigation. This position will be requested as a permanent position in a Policy Option Package as part of the 2021-23 budget process.

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_BLSW_2020-10-02.pdf