

Board of Licensed Social Workers

	2019-21 Actual	2021-23 Legislatively Adopted	2021-23 Legislatively Approved *	2023-25 Current Service Level	2023-25 Governor's Request Budget
Other Funds	1,961,260	2,212,614	2,271,967	2,212,574	2,537,750
Total Funds	1,961,260	2,212,614	2,271,967	2,212,574	2,537,750
Positions	7	7	7	6	8
FTE	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	7.50

* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through September 2022.

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 agency is funded by revenue generated from application and licensing fees. Other miscellaneous sources include late fees and publication sales. Revenue in 2023-25, \$2.7million, is projected to be 38% greater than 2021-23 due to an increase in licensees related to expanding the Board's licensing authority by SB 177 (2009). A fee increase is not contemplated in the 2023-25 biennium.

GRB is a 11.7% increase from the 2021-23 Legislative Approved Budget.

The 2023-25 projected ending fund balance is approximately 3.8 months of operating costs.

CSL Summary

There are no CSL issues.

Policy Issues

The Board does not anticipate any significant program changes in 2023-25.

Agency Request Budget Summary

The Board has the following POP packages:

- POP 101 requests one Investigator 2 position in to decrease the number of backlogged compliance cases. The 2021-23 Legislature approved an Investigator 2 position as limited duration, and this POP would make the position permanent full-time. \$246,082 Other Funds.
- POP 103 the Board is requesting an OS2 part-time position to review Clinical Social Work Associates (CSWA) status reports. Reports for approximately 1,500 CSWA's are required to be filed twice a year. \$95,870 Other Funds.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The Board continues to progress in decreasing its backlogged compliance cases but does not have additional significant issues.

Key Performance Measures

A copy of the Board of Licensed Social Workers Annual Performance Progress Report can be found on the LFO website:

https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/lfo/APPR/APPR_BLSW_2022-10-11.pdf