

Board of Licensed Social Workers

	2013-15 Actual	2015-17 Legislatively Approved*	2017-19 Current Service Level	2017-19 Governor's Budget
General Fund				
Lottery Funds				
Other Funds	1,248,425	1,502,105	1,667, 617	1,705,951
Other Funds (NL)				
Federal Funds				
Federal Funds (NL)				
Total Funds	\$1,248,425	\$1,502,105	\$1,667,617	\$1,705,951
Positions	6	6	6	6
FTE	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

*Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through Dec. 2016.

Program Description

The mission of the State Board of Licensed Social Workers (BLSW) is to protect the citizens of Oregon by setting a strong standard of practice and ethics through the regulation of social workers. The Board is financed solely through Other Funds.

CSL Summary and Issues

The current service level for this agency is a 13.6% Other Funds increase over the 2015-17 Legislatively Approved Budget. There are no current service level issues.

Policy Issues

There are currently no policy issues facing BLSW.

Other Significant Issues and Current Discussions

A 10% increase in fees was approved during the 2015 session to deal with the growing number of licensees and to ensure an adequate ending balance. The proposed budget does include funds to move forward on a project to allow on-line licensure to increase both efficiency and customer service. While BLSW is not proposing a fee increase for the 2017-19 biennium, there is discussion of potentially needing a fee increase in the 2019-21 session.