

Consumer and Business Services

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

	1999-2001 Actuals	2001-03 Legislatively Adopted at Close of Session	2001-03 Legislatively Approved through Fifth Special Session	2003-05 Governor's Balanced
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lottery Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds	557,456	591,257	605,383	663,918
Federal Funds	0	0	0	0
Other Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Federal Funds (Nonlimited)	0	0	0	0
Total Funds	\$557,456	\$591,257	\$605,383	\$663,918
Positions	3	3	3	3
Full-time Equivalent	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50

Overview

The Board of Psychologist Examiners is responsible for ensuring the competence and ethical practice of psychologists practicing in Oregon. It provides sanctions against those psychologists who violate the Board's rules and standards of professional conduct.

Balanced Budget

The Governor's balanced budget is \$663,918, which is about 10 percent increase from 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget through the Fifth Special Session. The balanced budget continues current services with no enhancements.

Because of a Court of Appeals decision in *Cochran v. Board of Psychologist Examiners* (2000) the Board determined that an additional committee must be formed to meet the legal standards of specificity required by the *Cochran* decision when disciplining a licensee. This budget continues that committee within existing resources.

Revenue

The Board is funded entirely with Other Fund revenues from fees paid for applications, examinations, and licenses. It also collects fines and penalties assessed for violations of statute or rule. The Board estimates collections of \$653,040 in revenues during the 2003-05 biennium. This is down \$69,010 from the 2001-03 Legislatively Approved Budget because the Board temporarily decreased fees during the interim. The agency ending balance will be \$180,907, or seven months of average operating expenditures. The majority of the Board's income is collected in December, necessitating a higher than average ending balance.