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KATIE HOBBS Governor TOBI ZAVALA Executive Director

September 1, 2024

The Honorable Katie Hobbs Governor, State of Arizona 1700 West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

In accordance with guidelines from the Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting, the Arizona Board of Behavioral Health Examiners respectively submits its FY 2026 operating budget request.

The Board is pleased to present a plan which reflects our mission to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public.

Your support of the Board's FY 2026 operating budget request is greatly appreciated as it moves through the appropriation process.

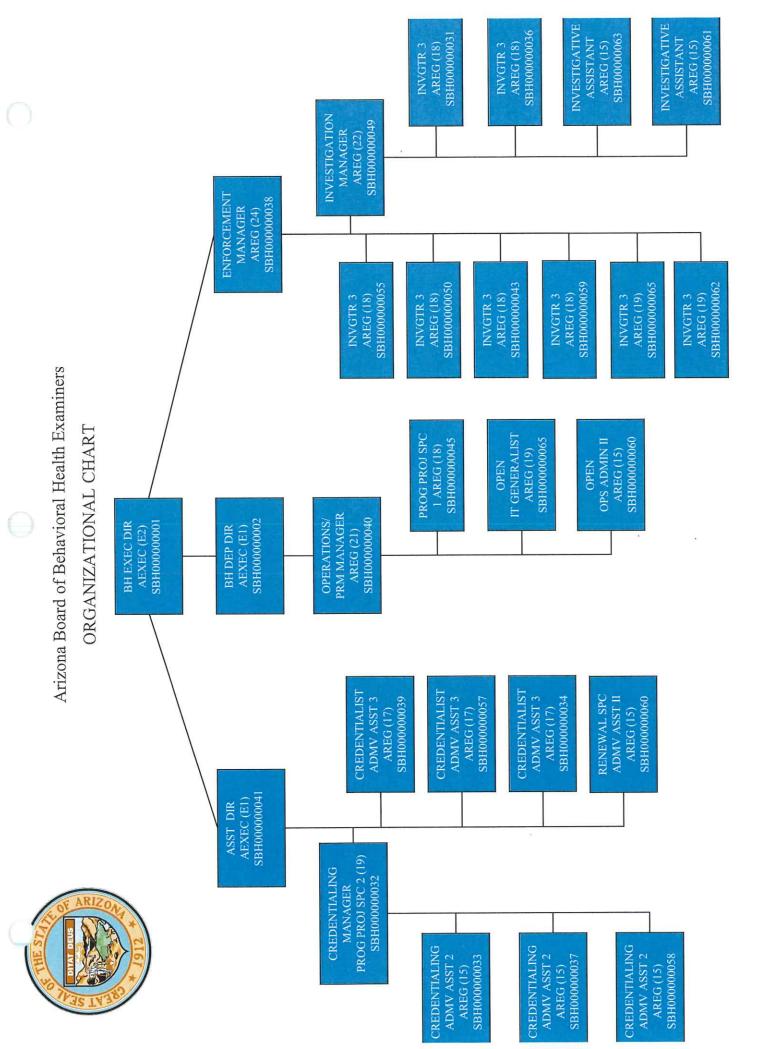
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 602-542-1617 or tobi.zavala@azbbhe.us.

Sincerely,

Tobi Zavala

**Executive Director** 

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#### State of Arizona Budget Request

State Agency

**Board of Behavioral Health Examiners** 

A.R.S. Citation: A.R.S. §§ 32-3251 to 32-3322

#### **Governor Hobbs:**

This and the accompanying budget schedules, statements and explanatory information constitute the operating budget request for this agency for Fiscal Year 2026.

To the best of my knowledge all statements and explanations contained in the estimates submitted are true and correct.

Appropriated Funds	FY 2025 Expenditure	FY 2026 Funding	FY 2026 Total
	Plan	Issue	Request
Total Amount Requested:	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Behavioral Health Examiner Fund	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Non-Appropriated Funds	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
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Board of Behavioral Health Examiners Total:	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

Agency Head: Tobi Zavala

Title:

**Executive Director** 

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Date Prepared: August 22, 2024

#### **Revenue Schedule**

ency: Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Fund: AA1000 General Fund

AFIS Code	Category of Receipt and Description	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request
4339	4339 Other Fees & Charges for Services		2.2	2.4
4372	4372 Publications & Reproductions		6.1	6.7
4415	Occupational & Professional Licenses		150.0	165.0
4419	Other Licenses	215.6	355.7	391.3
4519	Other Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties and Liquidated Damages		5,9	6.5
4645	Payment Card Transaction Fees Paid	(5.7)	(9.4)	(10.3)
	General Fund Total:	309.8	510.5	561.6

**Forecast Methodology** 

nd: BH2256 Behavioral Health Examiner Fund

AFIS Code	Category of Receipt and Description	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request
4339	Other Fees & Charges for Services	12.1	12.5	13.8
4372	Publications & Reproductions	36.2	34.6	38.1
4415	Occupational & Professional Licenses	818.3	850.1	935.2
4419	Other Licenses	1,940.4	2,015.8	2,217.4
4449	Other Fees	8.0	8.0	8.0
4519	Other Fines, Forfeitures, Penalties and Liquidated Damages	32.1	33.4	36.7
4645	Payment Card Transaction Fees Paid	(51.0)	(53.0)	(58.3)
	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund Total:	2,788.9	2,894.2	3,183.7

**Forecast Methodology** 



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#### **Revenue Justification**

#### 1. Purpose of the Fund

The Board is authorized to collect fees necessary to support its functions, which include ensuring that licensed behavioral health professionals meet required minimum standards in education, experience and competency, and investigating and taking disciplinary action against incompetent and/or unprofessional licensees and applicants.

#### 2. Sources of Revenues

The overwhelming majority of the Board's revenues come from three sources: licensure application fees, renewal fees, and verification fees.

The Board's current fees are as follows:

Licensure Application Fee	\$ 250
Inactive License Application Fee	\$ 100
Temporary License Application Fee	\$ 50
Educational Program Application	\$ 500
Renewal Fee (biennial)	\$ 325
Renewal Fee: More than One Renewal Application	\$ 163
(biennial)	
Renewal Late Fee	\$ 100
Verification Fee	\$ 20

#### 3. Explanation of Methodology Used

#### FY 2024 Actual Revenue<sup>1</sup>

3,637	Applications	\$ 250	\$	$909,250^{2}$
6,716	Renewals	\$ 325	\$	$2,155,965^3$
778	Verifications	\$ 20	\$	13420
	Miscellaneous revenue		\$	$(15623)^4$
	TOTAL Actual Re	evenue	\$	3,098,713
Reve	nue for Behavioral Health Examiners Fun	d 90%	\$	2,788,842
	FY2024 Expen	ditures	\$	2,107,391
	Total Revenue Surplus over Expen	ditures	S	681,451

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All revenues include the 10% deposits into the General Fund.

<sup>2</sup> Total application revenue reflects inactive and temporary license fees, educational program applications, and refunds.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Total renewal revenue reflects the loss of revenue resulting from the fee discount available to licensees who renew multiple licenses at the same time and refunds. Renewal revenue also includes a gain from late fees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Miscellaneous revenue loss increased this year, as the agency now carries the cost for convenience fees (\$4.50 per credit card transaction) effective 8/29/22. This category also includes public record requests.

### Revenue Justification (continued)

### FY 2025 Expected Revenue<sup>5</sup>

4000	Applications	\$ 250	\$	1,000,175
7542	Renewals	\$ 325	\$	2,371,562
856	Verifications	\$ 20	\$	\$14,7624
	Miscellaneous revenue		\$ _	(20,718)
	TOTAL Expected F	Revenue	\$	3,405,051
Estima	ted Revenue for Behavioral Health Examine	rs Fund	\$	2,894,293
		85%		
	FY2025 Appro	priation	\$ _	2,757,400
	Total Revenue Surplus Over Appro	priation	\$	136,893
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 $<sup>^{5}</sup>$  Revenues for FY25 and FY26 are estimated at a 10% increase.

### FY 2026 Expected Revenue

4,400	Applications	\$ 250	\$	1,100,192.5
8296	Renewals	\$ 325	\$	2,608,718.8
942	Verifications	\$ 20	\$	16,238.20
	Miscellaneous revenue		\$	(22,790.3)
	TOTAL Expected I	Revenue	\$	3,745,556.2
Estimate	ed Revenue for Behavioral Health Examiners Fu	ınd 85%	\$	3,183,723
	FY2026 (requested) Appro	priation	\$.	3,013,531
	Total Revenue Surplus over Appro	priation	\$	170,192

#### Sources and Uses

ency: Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Fund: BH2256 Behavioral Health Examiner Fund

Revenues are from the fees, fines, and other revenue collected by the Board, and are used to certify and regulate behavioral health professionals in the fields of social work, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and substance abuse counseling.

Cash Flow Summary	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request
Beginning Balance	5,279.7	1,702.7	1,719.5
Revenue (from Revenue Schedule)	2,788.9	2,894.2	3,183.7
Total Available	8,068.7	4,596.9	4,903.2
Total Appropriated Disbursements	6,366.0	2,877.4	3,013.6
Total Non-Appropriated Disbursements	~	-	-7
Balance Forward to Next Year	1,702.7	1,719.5	1,889.6

Explanation for Negative Ending Balance(s):

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

#### **Appropriated Expenditure**

	Expenditure Categories	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request
	Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	1,509.4
	Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	689.6
	Professional & Outside Services	80.4	281.3	277.2
	Travel In-State	9.3	20.0	20.0
	Travel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	15.0
	Food	æ		-
	Aid To Organizations & Individuals	(#	<b>-</b> 0	
	Other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	256.4
	Equipment	( <u>24</u>	<u>_</u> :	-
	Capital Outlay	-	-:	-
	Capital Equipment	£ <del>=</del>	=	170.3
	Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7	75.7
	Debt Service	-		; <del>=</del>
	Cost Allocation & Indirect Costs	-	-	=
	Transfers-Out			s=
	Appropriated Expenditure Sub-Total:	2,107.4	2,847.4	3,013.6
	Non-Lapsing Authority from Prior Years	÷	-	8=
	Administrative Adjustments	58.6	30.0	·=
	Capital Projects (Land, Bldgs, Improv)	-:	-	-
	Appropriated 27th Pay Roll	<u>=</u> (	-	3 <b>2</b>
j	Legislative Fund Transfers	4,200.0	-	I M
	IT Project Transfers	-:	-	-

#### Sources and Uses

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Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund					
Pr	roposed Fund Tr	ransfer	_	-	-		
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Tr	ansfer Due to F	und Balance Cap	-		-		
Pr	rior Committed o	or Obligated Expenditures (no entry for AY)		: <del>=</del>	<b>5</b> 0		
No	on-Appropriated	27th Pay Roll	-	15	-		
Approp	oriated Expend	iture Total:	6,366.0	2,877.4	3,013.6		
Approp	oriated FTE		20.0	27.0	27.0		
No	on-Appropria	ted Expenditure					
Ex	xpenditure Cate	egories	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request		
Pe	ersonal Services	S	=	<b>L</b> 3	181		
Eı	mployee Related	d Expenditures	-		-		
Pi	rofessional & Οι	utside Services	-	=	-		
ΙT	ravel In-State		-	-	-		
TI	ravel Out-Of-Sta	ite	o <del>≡</del>	<b>5</b> .	<b></b>		
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Ai	id To Organizati	ons & Individuals	~	-	-		
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С	Capital Projects (	Land, Bldgs, Improv)	-				
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### Sources and Uses

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Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund			
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Non-App	ropriated Exp	penditure Total:	-	~	
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## **Funding Issue List**

ency: Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

FY 2020

Priority	Funding Issue Title	Total FTE	Total Amount	General Fund	Other Appropriated Funds	Non- Appropriated Funds
1	E-Licensing Expert Consult	-	20.4	-	20.4	-
2	Non-Accredited Program Curriculum Review	1/55	47.9	-	47.9	-
3	Physical Office Space Reorganization	₩	187.9	·=	187.9	#.
	Total:	-	256.2		256.2	

## **Funding Issue Detail**

ency:	Во	oard of Behavioral He	ealth Examiners		
Issue:	1 E-l	Licensing Expert Co	nsult		Calculated ERE: Uniform Allowance:
Program	n:	Licensing and Re	gulation		
Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health	Examiner Fund (Appro	opriated)	
Е	xpenditure Cat	tegories		FY 2026	
6200 Pr	ofessional & O	utside Services	_	20.4	
			Program/Fund Total:	20.4	
Issue:	2 No	on-Accredited Progra	am Curriculum Review		Calculated ERE:
					Uniform Allowance
Progran	n:	Licensing and Re	gulation		
Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health	n Examiner Fund (Appr	opriated)	
E	xpenditure Ca	tegories		FY 2026	
	rofessional & C	outside Services	_	47.9	
			Program/Fund Total:	47.9	
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					Uniform Allowance
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#### **Funding Issue Narrative**

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**Board of Behavioral Health Examiners** 

Issue:

1 E-Licensing Expert Consult

Description of Issue:

The Board worked with a state-approved contractor to develop a new e-licensing system. This system replaced an outdated Microsoft Access database, which required manual entry of all applications, renewals, and investigative information. This system was intended to increase efficiencies tremendously, allowing applicants, licensees, and complainants to log into a web-based portal and provide pertinent information and documentation. Unfortunately, the implementation of the e-licensing system and poor follow up from the vendor has created the need for duplicative systems to remain in place and the use of external contractors to work toward issue resolution.

The Board received an ongoing appropriation to support the continued cost of the e-licensing system, however the appropriation does not cover the full amount of the e-licensing system. The Board planned on utilizing projected savings from old database subscription cost to bridge the gap, but the savings have not been realized as the e-licensing system vendor, Thentia, has been unable to successfully implement data system

merging with the view center database which houses historical documents required by statute to be retained. In addition, the e-licensing vendor has not followed through on contractual obligations surrounding report building, synchronization with other systems and addressing issues within the system timely. To ensure the continuation of daily operations the Board has been forced to utilize outside contractors.

Proposal:

The Board is requesting a one-time allocation of \$20,400 to cover the cost of expert consultation to ensure proper build out and functionality of the e-licensing portal.

Alternatives Considered: The Board has considered a transition of the platform to a different e-licensing platform vendor. Upon researching transition to a different platform vendor, the Board discovered this would be a costly endeavor and is hopeful through the use of expert consultation the current e-licensing system barriers can be remedied and functionality ensured.

Impact of Not Funding This Year:

This agency does not have funding allocated to support the outside consultation needed to ensure e-licensing system functionality, and daily operations are drastically affected. If the funding is not supported the probability of increased processing times, inaccurate reporting, a decreased ability to protect the public will rise.

Statutory Reference:

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32 – Professions and Occupations, Chapter 33 – Behavioral Health Professionals

This Board is also guided by Arizona Administrative Code, Title 4. Professions and Occupations, Chapter 6. Board of Behavioral Health Examiners.

Equipment to be Purchased (if applicable):

Classification of New Positions:

Annualization(s):

E-Licensing System Expert Consult

Total Cost: \$20,400

Alignment with Agency's Strategic Plan or Statutory Responsibilities: The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. This e-licensing system will support the efficient provision of licensing and regulation of licenses.

Impact on Historically Underserved, Marginalized, or Adversely Affected Groups: Without timely licensing or investigations, those in need of quality behavioral services are impacted negatively. It is safe to say that those in need of therapeutic services by qualified individuals can be placed in historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups.

How has feedback been incorporated from groups directly impacted by proposal?: Existing staff and the public continue to express the need for efficient processing of application or licensing requests that are supported by the use of current technology. This funding issue is a result of that communication.

cription of how uns furthers the Governor's priorities: With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the efficiency and timeliness of licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.



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## Funding for E-Licensing Expert Consult (Priority #1)

#### **Description of Issue**

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The Board received an ongoing appropriation to support the continued cost of the e-licensing system, however the appropriation does not cover the full amount of the e-licensing system. The Board planned on utilizing projected savings from old database subscription cost to bridge the gap, but the savings have not been realized as the e-licensing system vendor, Thentia, has been unable to successfully implement data system merging with the view center database which houses historical documents required by statute to be retained.

In addition, the e-licensing vendor has not followed through on contractual obligations surrounding report building, synchronization with other systems and addressing issues within the system timely. To ensure the continuation of daily operations the Board has been forced to utilize outside contractors.

#### Proposal

The Board is requesting a one-time allocation of \$20,400 to cover the cost of expert consultation to ensure proper build out and functionality of the e-licensing portal.

#### Alternatives considered

The Board has considered a transition of the platform to a different e-licensing platform vendor. Upon researching transition to a different platform vendor, the Board discovered this would be a costly endeavor and is hopeful through the use of expert consultation the current e-licensing system barriers can be remedied and functionality ensured.

#### Impact of not funding this year

This agency does not have funding allocated to support the outside consultation needed to ensure e-licensing system functionality, and daily operations are drastically affected. If the funding is not supported the probability of increased processing times, inaccurate reporting, a decreased ability to protect the public will rise.

#### Statutory reference

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### Equipment to be purchased (if applicable)

N/A

#### Classification of new positions

#### Annualization(s):

E-Licensing System Expert Consult

Total Cost: \$20,400

#### Alignment with agency's strategic plan or statutory responsibilities

The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. This elicensing system will support the efficient provision of licensing and regulation of licenses.

#### Impact on historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups

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#### How has feedback been incorporated from groups directly impacted by proposal

Existing staff and the public continue to express the need for efficient processing of application or licensing requests that are supported by the use of current technology. This funding issue is a result of that communication.

#### Description of how this furthers the Governor's priorities

With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the efficiency and timeliness of licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.

#### **Funding Issue Narrative**

ency:

**Board of Behavioral Health Examiners** 

Issue:

Non-Accredited Program Curriculum Review

Description of Issue:

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The Board receives applications for Counseling licensure where the applicant has attended a non-accredited program. In order to process these applications an in-depth review of the applicant's educational program must be completed including the review of all class content included in the program to ensure adherence to Arizona Administrative Code Title 4 Chapter 6. This lengthy and in-depth process detracts from staff expediently processing applications, creating a delay in overall application processing times. In 2024, the Board received a total of 237 applications in this category, a 35% increase from the prior year. Board projections indicate continued volume increase, estimating 319 applications in 2025 that will require in-depth educational review.

Proposal:

The Board has the opportunity to engage with the Center for Credentialing and Education to complete the indepth educational reviews needed to process these applications, at a rate of \$150.00 per application, with a two to six week processing time, greatly reducing overall application processing time. The Board requests funding to outsource the processing of these applications in the amount of \$47,850.

Alternatives Considered: Board staff has historically completed this processing internally, the increase in application volume over the past 5 years has exponentially increased the overall workload for board staff, leading to significant application processing delays for Counseling licenses. The cost of internal staff time and ERE to complete the reviews is much more costly than the offered rate of \$150 per application and the outside vendor is able to quickly complete the reviews as they dedicate subject matter experts solely to the educational review task. Utilizing an outside vendor is much more affordable and decreases processing time, but requires increased funding to support the increased volume.

Impact of Not Funding This Year: This agency does not have funding allocated to incur this cost, the overall processing time for Counseling applications is far longer than any other type of licensure application processed by the Board and the delays will continue to compound without the needed funding. Application processing time directly impacts the workforce, delaying growth and development and preventing the people of Arizona access to behavioral health care with qualified individuals.

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Equipment to be Purchased (if applicable):

Classification of New Positions:

Annualization(s):

Educational Review
Fiscal Impact Estimate
Center for Credentialing & Education
\$150 x 319 applications = \$47,850
TOTAL REQUEST
\$47,850

Alignment with Agency's Strategic Plan or Statutory Responsibilities: The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. Expedited processing will support the efficient provision of licensing and regulation of licenses.

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#### Funding for Non-Accredited Program Curriculum Review (Priority # 2)

#### **Description of Issue**

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#### Alternatives considered

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#### Impact of not funding this year

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#### Equipment to be purchased (if applicable) N/A

#### Classification of new positions N/A

#### Annualization(s):

## Educational Review Fiscal Impact Estimate

Center	for	Credentialing	&	$$150 \times 319 \text{ applications} = $47,850$
Educati	on			
TOTAL	REC	UEST		\$47,850

#### Alignment with agency's strategic plan or statutory responsibilities

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#### Description of how this furthers the Governor's priorities

With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the efficiency and timeliness of licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.

#### **Funding Issue Narrative**

ency:

#### **Board of Behavioral Health Examiners**

Description of how this furthers the Governor's priorities:

Issue:

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**Physical Office Space Reorganization** 

Description of Issue:

The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners was approved to add 7 new full-time staff positions in FY25 to address the continually increasing number of applicants, licensee's, and complaints. Board staff positions are hybrid and require at least weekly in office presence. At this time there is not an ample amount of work space available to accommodate the new 7 positions. The Board worked with a state-approved contractor to develop a plan to incorporate work space to accommodate Board Staff growth.

The cost of the office space modification is a one-time need, future growth was incorporated into the proposal, utilizing all available square footage to maximize the number of work spaces available.

Proposal:

The office space build out proposal utilizes the existing footprint of the current Board Of Behavioral Health Examiners office space located on the 3rd floor of 1740 West Adams Street. The proposal decreases the size of the existing 18 work spaces allowing for the addition of 10 new workspaces, for a total of 28 modular work spaces. The proposal includes new office furniture for the four leadership offices to ensure cohesion and equity with other state agencies.

Alternatives Considered: Initially, the Board considered adding cubicle spaces to the existing layout, utilizing the existing modular cubicle products, and purchasing additional parts as needed. Upon consultation with ADOA, was informed, this approach to organizing the space would be more costly than fully redesign of the space, utilizing new products, as the current products in the AZBBHE space are over 20 years old, and discontinued leading to inflated cost and difficulties sourcing the same or compatible products.

Impact of Not Funding This Year: This agency does not have funding allocated to support the cost of the space redesign, if not funded this year, the staff will continue to share space, commute to and from the office between required in person meetings, and overflow into Board shared conference rooms throughout the building, limiting access to shared spaces for all Boards housed in 1740 West Adams.

Statutory Reference:

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32 – Professions and Occupations, Chapter 33 – Behavioral Health Professionals

This Board is also guided by Arizona Administrative Code, Title 4. Professions and Occupations, Chapter 6. Board of Behavioral Health Examiners.

Equipment to be Purchased (if applicable):

\$170,278.63

Classification of New Positions:

N/A

Annualization(s):

\$187,880.91

Alignment with Agency's Strategic Plan or Statutory Responsibilities: The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. Appropriate space for staff ensures the continuation of rapid, efficient, streamlined work.

Impact on Historically Underserved, Marginalized, or Adversely Affected Groups: Without timely licensing or investigations, those in need of quality behavioral services are impacted negatively. It is safe to say that those in need of therapeutic services by qualified individuals can be placed in historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups.

How has feedback been incorporated from groups directly impacted by proposal?: Existing staff are supportive of continuing the hybrid work environment, which requires the space to be reconfigured to allow for all members of the team to work from the office at the same time. Staff requests and opinions were taken into consideration during the space planning bid process.

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Governor's priorities:

With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the continued growth in our workforce, creating an environment where staff can thrive and continue to improve timeliness of processing licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.



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## Funding for Physical Office Space Reorganization (Priority #3)

**Description of Issue** 

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Statutory reference

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**Equipment to be purchased (if applicable)** \$ 170,278.63

Classification of new positions N/A

#### Annualization(s):

TOTAL REQUEST

\$ 187,880.91

#### Alignment with agency's strategic plan or statutory responsibilities

The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. Appropriate space for staff ensures the continuation of rapid, efficient, streamlined work.

#### Impact on historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups

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## Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for All Funds

ency: Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Appro	priated Funds	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program	:				
BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Appropriated Funds Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Expenditure Categories				
	FTE	20.0	27.0	a <del>n</del>	27.0
	Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	) <del>.</del>	1,509.4
	Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	7/ <del>2</del>	689.6
	Subtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0		2,199.0
	Professional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Travel In-State	9.3	20.0	Ę	20.0
	Travel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	<u>~</u>	15.0
	Other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	=7	256.4
	Capital Equipment	=	¥	170.3	170.3
$\Theta$	Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7	=0	75.7
	Expenditure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Во	ard of Behavioral Health Examiners Total for All Funds:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Appro	opriated and Non-Appropriated	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2025 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Во	pard of Behavioral Health Examiners Total for All Funds:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

## Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for Selected Funds

ency:	Board of Behavioral Heal	th Examiners						
Fund:	BH2256 Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)							
		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request			
Program:								
BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6			
	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated) Summary Total	1/2	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6			
	<b>Expenditure Categories</b>							
	FTE	20.0	27.0	<u>)</u>	27.0			
	Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	<u></u>	1,509.4			
	Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	-	689.6			
	Subtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0	<u> </u>	2,199.0			
	Professional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2			
	Travel In-State	9.3	20.0	<b>国</b> 证	20.0			
	Travel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	<b>—</b> (	15.0			
	Other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	₩)	256.4			
	Capital Equipment	=	) <del>-</del>	170.3	170.3			
	Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7		75.7			
	Expenditure Categories Tota	l: 2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6			

# Program Budget Unit Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for All Funds

ency: Board of Behavioral He			Populario de la compansión de la compans	
	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Reques
Program: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulati	ion			
Expenditure Categories				
TE	20.0	27.0	S=	27.0
Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	·=	1,509.
Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	iii	689.
ubtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0		2,199.
rofessional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277
ravel In-State	9.3	20.0	-	20
ravel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	<del>-</del>	15
other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	_	256
Capital Equipment	=	<b>-</b> 8	170.3	170
lon-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7	=	75
Expenditure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013
Fund Source				
Appropriated Funds				
Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013
Appropriated Funds Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013
Licensing and Regulation Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013
Sub Program: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulat	tion			
Expenditure Categories				
FTE	20.0	27.0	<u>~</u>	27
Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	æ	1,509
Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	(	689
Subtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0	_	2,199
Professional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277
Fravel In-State	9.3	20.0	S=	20
Fravel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	8₹	15
er Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	( <del>-</del>	256
Capital Equipment	<del>2</del> 8	-	170.3	170
Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7		75

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# Program Budget Unit Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for All Funds

ency:		Board of Behavioral He	alth Examiners			
			FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program:	BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulati	on			
Sub Program:	BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regulati	on			
	Expenditu	ure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Fund Source						
Appropriated Fu Behavioral Hea (Appropriated)		r Fund	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Appro	priated Funds Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
1	Licensing a	nd Regulation Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

# Program Budget Unit Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for Selected Funds

Employee Related Expenditures		_	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Appropriated	rogram: Bl	HA-1-0 Licensing and Regula	ation			
Personal Services	und: Bl	H2256 Behavioral Health Ex	aminer Fund			
Employee Related Expenditures	Appropriated					
Employee Related Expenditures	Personal Services		1.308.6	1,509.4	S=	1,509.4
Subtotal Personal Services and ERE		xpenditures			, <u>-</u>	689.6
Prayer   In-State   9.3   20.0   -	A . 32	-		2,199.0		2,199.0
1.5	Professional & Outsi	de Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
193.2   256.4   -	ravel In-State		9.3	20.0	-	20.0
Appropriated   Personal Services   1,308.6   1,509.4   -	ravel Out-Of-State		1.5	15.0	ਜ਼ੋ	15.0
Expenditure Categories Total:   2,107.4   2,757.4   256.2   3	Other Operating Exp	penditures	193.2	256.4	-	256.4
Expenditure Categories Total: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2   Sehavioral Health Examiner Fund Total: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2	Capital Equipment			<b>-</b> 3	170.3	170.3
Program Total for Select Funds: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2	Non-Capital Equipm	ent	32.9	75.7	=	75.7
Program Total for Select Funds: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2	) E	xpenditure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.
Sub Program: BHA-1-1   Licensing and Regulation	Behavioral	Health Examiner Fund Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.
Personal Services	Pro	gram Total for Select Funds:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.
Appropriated   Personal Services   1,308.6   1,509.4   -	Sub Program: B	HA-1-1 Licensing and Regul	ation			
Personal Services	Fund: B	H2256 Behavioral Health Ex	caminer Fund			
Personal Services	Appropriated					
Employee Related Expenditures         481.4         689.6         -           Subtotal Personal Services and ERE         1,790.0         2,199.0         -         2           Professional & Outside Services         80.4         191.3         85.9           Travel In-State         9.3         20.0         -           Travel Out-Of-State         1.5         15.0         -           Other Operating Expenditures         193.2         256.4         -           Capital Equipment         -         -         170.3           Non-Capital Equipment         32.9         75.7         -	Personal Services		1,308.6	1,509.4		1,509.4
Subtotal Personal Services and ERE         1,790.0         2,199.0         -         2           Professional & Outside Services         80.4         191.3         85.9           Travel In-State         9.3         20.0         -           Travel Out-Of-State         1.5         15.0         -           Other Operating Expenditures         193.2         256.4         -           Capital Equipment         -         -         170.3           Non-Capital Equipment         32.9         75.7         -		Expenditures		689.6	8	689.6
Travel In-State         9.3         20.0         -           Travel Out-Of-State         1.5         15.0         -           Other Operating Expenditures         193.2         256.4         -           Capital Equipment         -         -         170.3           Non-Capital Equipment         32.9         75.7         -			1,790.0	2,199.0	-	2,199.0
Travel Out-Of-State       1.5       15.0       -         Other Operating Expenditures       193.2       256.4       -         Capital Equipment       -       -       170.3         Non-Capital Equipment       32.9       75.7       -	Professional & Outs	ide Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.
Other Operating Expenditures 193.2 256.4 -  Capital Equipment 170.3  Non-Capital Equipment 32.9 75.7 -	Fravel In-State		9.3	20.0	-	20.
Capital Equipment       -       -       170.3         Non-Capital Equipment       32.9       75.7       -	Travel Out-Of-State		1.5	15.0	9	15.
Non-Capital Equipment 32.9 75.7 -	Other Operating Evi	penditures	193.2	256.4		256.
	outer operating EN			:=	170.3	170.
Expenditure Categories Total: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2		ant	32.9	75.7	9	75.
	Capital Equipment	ient				
Behavioral Health Examiner Fund Total: 2,107.4 2,757.4 256.2	Capital Equipment Non-Capital Equipm	_	2.107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.0

# Program Budget Unit Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for Selected Funds

ency:		Board of Behavioral H	ealth Examiners			
			FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program:	BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulat	tion			
Sub Program:	BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regula	tion			
Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health Exa	miner Fund			
Sub	Program To	tal for Select Funds:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

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## **Program Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request**

ency	: Board of Behavioral Health Ex	aminers			
Progran	n: Licensing and Regulation				
Progra	Program Summary		FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Licensing and Regulation Summary Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Expen	nditure Categories				
FTE	FTE	20.0	27.0	<del>-</del> i	27.0
6000	Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	-	1,509.4
6100	Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	-	689.6
	Subtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0	**	2,199.0
6200	Professional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
6500	Travel In-State	9.3	20.0		20.0
6600	Travel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	-	15.0
7000	Other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4	.=.	256.4
C.JO	Capital Equipment	9	-	170.3	170.3
CUU0	Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7	<b>=</b>	75.7
	Expenditure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Source				
Appropr	riated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Appropriated Funds Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Licensing and Regulation Summary Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

# Program Summary of Expenditure and Budget Request for Selected Funds

ency	Board of Behavioral Health Exam	miners			
Progra	m: Licensing and Regulation				
Fund:	BH2256 Behavioral Health Examiner Fur	nd (Appropriated	d)		
Progr	ram Expenditures	FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Tota Reques
BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Ве	ehavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated) Summary Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
Appr	opriated Funding				
6000	Personal Services	1,308.6	1,509.4	=	1,509.4
6100	Employee Related Expenditures	481.4	689.6	-	689.6
	Subtotal Personal Services and ERE	1,790.0	2,199.0	-	2,199.0
6200	Professional & Outside Services	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
6500	Travel In-State	9.3	20.0	=	20.0
6600	Travel Out-Of-State	1.5	15.0	-	15.0
7000	Other Operating Expenditures	193.2	256.4		256.4
0	Capital Equipment	æ	¥	170.3	170.3
8500	Non-Capital Equipment	32.9	75.7	-	75.7
	Expenditure Categories Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Fund BH2256 - A Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6
	Licensing and Regulation Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	256.2	3,013.6

ency	: Board of Behavioral Health	Examiners			
		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Progran	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
FTE					
	FTE	20.0	27.0	=:	27.0
	Expenditure Category Total:		•		£.
Fund	Source				
	iated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	20.0	27.0	-	27.0
	Appropriated Funds Total:	20.0	27.0		27.0
	Fund Source Total:	20.0	27.0		27.0
Perso	nal Services				
	Personal Services	1,308.2	1,509.4	-	1,509.4
	Board & Commission Members Compensation	0.4	Ξ,	-	<u> </u>
	Expenditure Category Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4		1,509.4
Fund	Source				
	iated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	1,308.6	1,509.4	-	1,509.4
	Appropriated Funds Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4		1,509.4
	Fund Source Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4	* *	1,509.4
Emplo	byee Related Expenditures				
	Employee Related Expenses	-0	689.6	£.	689.6
	FICA Taxes	97.0	=	-	-
	Medical Insurance	207.2		-	-
	Basic Life	0.1	-	-	-
	Long-Term Disability (ASRS)	1.7	5	<u></u>	-
	Dental Insurance	1.8		-	
	Workers' Compensation	8.9		÷	
	Arizona State Retirement System	140.2	-	21	9
	Personnel Board Pro-Rata Charges	11.3	2€	<b>=</b> 0	,
	Information Technology Pro Rata Charge	8.0	1.5	<b>9</b> )	
	Accumulated Sick Leave Fund Charge	5.2	12	<b>2</b> 7	a

		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Progran	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
	Expenditure Category Total:	481.4	689.6		689.6
Fund S	Source				
Appropri	ated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	481.4	689.6	-	689.6
	Appropriated Funds Total:	481.4	689.6	-	689.6
	Fund Source Total:	481.4	689.6		689.6
Profes	ssional & Outside Services				
	Professional and Outside Services	<i>2</i> <b>_</b>	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Attorney General Legal Services	44.5	-	-	
	Temporary Agency Services	33.2	-		
	Education & Training	1.0	-	-	
	Other Professional & Outside Services	1.6		3 <del>10</del>	
	Expenditure Category Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
Fund 9	Source				
Appropr	iated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Appropriated Funds Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Fund Source Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
Travel	In-State				
	Travel In-State	20	20.0	_	20.0
	Mileage - Private Vehicle	5.7	-	<del></del>	
	Lodging	3.1	-	=	
	Meals with Overnight Stay	0.5	-		
	Other Miscellaneous In- State Travel	0.0	; <del>a</del>	<b>5</b>	
	Expenditure Category Total:	9.3	20.0	<u> </u>	20.0
Fund	Source				
Appropr	iated Funds				
Ьп∠256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	9.3	20.0	-	20.
	Appropriated Funds Total:	9.3	20.0	-	20.

ency	: Board of Behavioral Health	Examiners			
		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
	Fund Source Total:	9.3	20.0	•	20.0
Travel	I Out-Of-State				
Have	Out-Or-State				
	Travel Out of State	-	15.0	-	15.0
	Airfare and Other Common Carrier Charges	0.5	<b></b>	-	:=
	Lodging Out-of-State	1.0	<u></u>	=	·
	Expenditure Category Total:	1.5	15.0	/#	15.0
Fund	Source				
Appropr	riated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	1.5	15.0	æ	15.0
	Appropriated Funds Total:	1.5	15.0		15.0
	Fund Source Total:	1.5	15.0		15.0
Other	Operating Expenditures				
Other			050.4		250.4
	Other Operating Expenses	≅	256.4	\ <del>.=</del> )	256.4
	Risk Management Charges to State Agencies	5.3	-	; <del>-</del>	-
	Internal Service Computer Processing, Hosting, Maintenance and Support Costs	9.4	E	19	_
	External Programming and System Development Costs	12.1	-	1.5	-
	Other External Computer Processing, Hosting, Maintenance and Support Costs	4.3	-	-	-
	Charges Imposed Related to AFIS.	3.6	3	, <u>a</u>	-
	External Telecommunications Charges	12.6	-	-	-
	Building Rent Charges to State Agencies	77.0	-	=	-
	Miscellaneous Rent	3.6	3	=	=
	Late Charges on Overdue Payments	0.0	-2	프	-
	Repair & Maintenance - Other Equipment	6.8	-	-	-
	Software Support, Maintenance Short-term Licensing	0.2	2	211	-
	Office Supplies	19.2	-	<b>=</b> 0	-
	Computer Supplies	0.4	3	필0	4
	Conference Registration / Attendance Fees	3.7	-	*	-
	Other Education & Training Costs	0.5	=	=	-

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		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Progran	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
	Internal Printing	0.2	-	_	92
	External Printing	0.1	-	-	7
	Postage & Delivery	8.6	=	Ē	-
	Document Shredding and Destruction Services	1.9	<b>2</b> 4	=	-
	Dues	1.8	-	-	=
	Books, Subscriptions & Publications	0.2	-	-	-
	Costs for Digital Imaging or Producing Microfilm & Microfiche	13.7	-	-	
	Security Services	5.7		-	-
	Fingerprinting, Background Checks, Etc.	2.0	-	. <del></del>	-5-
	Other Miscellaneous Operating	0.3	<u> </u>		-
	<b>Expenditure Category Total:</b>	193.2	256.4	(**	256.4
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)  Appropriated Funds Total:	193.2	256.4 		256.4 <b>256.4</b>
	Appropriated Funds Total:  Fund Source Total:	193.2	256.4 256.4		256.4 256.4
		100.2	2001.	-	
Capita	al Equipment				
	Capital Equipment			170.3	170.3
	Expenditure Category Total:			170.3	170.3
Fund	Source				
Appropr	riated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	Ξ.		170.3	170.3
	Appropriated Funds Total:			170.3	170.3
	Fund Source Total:			170.3	170.3
Non-C	Capital Equipment				
	Non-Capital Resources	7	75.7	-	75.7
$\bigcirc$	Computer Equipment – Non- Capitalized Purchases	21.2	-	=	( <del>-</del>
	Purchased or licensed software / website	11.7	=	-	25

ncy:	Board of Behavioral Health	Examiners			
		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program:	BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
	Expenditure Category Total:	32.9	75.7		75.7
Fund Sour	rce				
Appropriated	Funds				
	havioral Health Examiner Fund opropriated)	32.9	75.7	#1	75.7
	Appropriated Funds Total:	32.9	75.7		75.7
	Fund Source Total:	32.9	75.7	-	75.7
	Retirement Coverage				
Retirement S	System	FTE	Personal Services	Fund#	
	Retirement System	FTE 27.0	Services	Fund# BH2256-A	
Arizona State	5 	-	Services	-	
Arizona State	Retirement System	-	Services	-	
Arizona State  Progra	m: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation	-	Services	-	27.0
Progra	m: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation	27.0	<b>Services</b> 1,509.4	-	27.0
Progra  FTE  FT  Fund Sou	Retirement System  m: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation  E  Expenditure Category Total:	27.0	<b>Services</b> 1,509.4	-	27.0
Progra  FTE  FT  Fund Sou Appropriated BH2256 Be	Retirement System  m: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation  E  Expenditure Category Total:	27.0	<b>Services</b> 1,509.4	-	
FTE  FT  Fund Sour Appropriated BH2256 Be	m: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation  E  Expenditure Category Total:  rce d Funds  chavioral Health Examiner Fund	27.0	27.0	-	27.0 27.0

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		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
Sub Pro	ogram: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation				
Perso	nal Services				
	Personal Services	1,308.2	1,509.4	e	1,509.4
	Board & Commission Members Compensation	0.4	-	<b>-</b> 0	
	Expenditure Category Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4		1,509.4
Fund	Source				
Appropr	riated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	1,308.6	1,509.4	¥1	1,509.4
	Appropriated Funds Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4	•	1,509.4
	Fund Source Total:	1,308.6	1,509.4		1,509.4
-mnlc	byee Related Expenditures				
Linpic	Employee Related Expenses	_	689.6	-	689.6
	FICA Taxes	97.0	-	~	000.
	Medical Insurance	207.2	_	-	
	Basic Life	0.1	_		
	Long-Term Disability (ASRS)	1.7	2	-	
	Dental Insurance	1.8	947 <b>-</b> 20	_	
	Workers' Compensation	8.9	_	_	
	Arizona State Retirement System	140.2	-	_	
	Personnel Board Pro-Rata Charges	11.3	2	_	
	Information Technology Pro Rata Charge	8.0	-	-	
	Accumulated Sick Leave Fund Charge	5.2	=	-	
	Expenditure Category Total:	481.4	689.6	V.■	689.
Fund	Source				
	riated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	481.4	689.6	) <b>=</b>	689.
	Appropriated Funds Total:	481.4	689.6		689.
	Fund Source Total:	481.4	689.6		689.

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		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request
Program	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation				
Sub Pro	gram: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation				
Profes	sional & Outside Services				
	Professional and Outside Services	*	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Attorney General Legal Services	44.5	#C	-	.=
	Temporary Agency Services	33.2	<b>=</b> :	=	19
	Education & Training	1.0	-	-	-
	Other Professional & Outside Services	1.6	-		π.
	Expenditure Category Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
Fund S	Source				
Appropri	ated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Appropriated Funds Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
	Fund Source Total:	80.4	191.3	85.9	277.2
Travel	In-State				
	Travel In-State	_	20.0	: <del>-</del>	20.0
	Mileage - Private Vehicle	5.7	: <del></del>	1.5	2
	Lodging	3.1	<b>E</b>	122	-
	Meals with Overnight Stay	0.5	~	-	-
	Other Miscellaneous In- State Travel	0.0	.=	=	=
	Expenditure Category Total:	9.3	20.0		20.0
Fund	Source				
	iated Funds				
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	9.3	20.0	-	20.0
	Appropriated Funds Total:	9.3	20.0	-	20.0
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ency	: Board of Behavioral Health	Board of Behavioral Health Examiners						
		FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request			
Progran	n: BHA-1-0 Licensing and Regulation							
Sub Pro	ogram: BHA-1-1 Licensing and Regulation							
Travel	Out-Of-State							
	Travel Out of State	_	15.0	-	15.0			
	Airfare and Other Common Carrier Charges	0.5	=	=	×-			
	Lodging Out-of-State	1.0	₩)	-	7=			
	Expenditure Category Total:	1.5	15.0	-	15.0			
	Source							
Appropr	riated Funds							
BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appropriated)	1.5	15.0		15.0			
	Appropriated Funds Total:	1.5	15.0		15.0			
	Fund Source Total:	1.5	15.0	I.M.	15.0			
Other	Operating Expenditures							
	Other Operating Expenses	-	256.4	18	256.4			
	Risk Management Charges to State Agencies	5.3	: <b>=</b> :	:=				
	Internal Service Computer Processing, Hosting, Maintenance and Support Costs	9.4	=	14				
	External Programming and System Development Costs	12.1	: <del>-</del>	<del>-</del>				
	Other External Computer Processing, Hosting, Maintenance and Support Costs	4.3	:=	-				
	Charges Imposed Related to AFIS.	3.6	₩.	<del>-</del> 0				
	External Telecommunications Charges	12.6		<b>3</b> %				
	Building Rent Charges to State Agencies	77.0	æ	悪(				
	Miscellaneous Rent	3.6	× ,	=				
	Late Charges on Overdue Payments	0.0	-	<b>.</b>				
	Repair & Maintenance - Other Equipment	6.8	3 <del>5</del>					
	Software Support, Maintenance Short-term Licensing	0.2	4	<b>-</b> %				
	Office Supplies	19.2	=	. <del></del> .				
	Computer Supplies	0.4	ž	-				
	Conference Registration / Attendance Fees	3.7	-	-				
	Other Education & Training Costs	0.5	-:	, <del>-</del> -:				

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			FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Tota Reques
Progran	n: BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulation				
Sub Pro	gram: BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regulation				
	Internal Printing		0.2		-	)ē
	External Printing		0.1	<u>=</u> -	=	fa.
	Postage & Delivery	1	8.6	<b>=</b> 1	-	
	Document Shreddi Services	ng and Destruction	1.9	£	Ξ	
	Dues		1.8	-		,
	Books, Subscription	ns & Publications	0.2	₩.	<b>3</b>	
	Costs for Digital Im Microfilm & Microfi	naging or Producing che	13.7	-	-	
	Security Services		5.7			
	Fingerprinting, Bad	ckground Checks, Etc.	2.0	-	-	
	Other Miscellaneo	us Operating	0.3	=.	i <del>n</del>	
$\bigcirc$	E	xpenditure Category Total:	193.2	256.4	•	256.4
Fund S	Source					
Appropr	iated Funds					
BH2256	Behavioral Health (Appropriated)	Examiner Fund	193.2	256.4	×-	256.
		Appropriated Funds Total:	193.2	256.4		256.4
		Fund Source Total:	193.2	256.4		256.
Capita	al Equipment					
	Capital Equipment		-	-	170.3	170.
	E	xpenditure Category Total:			170.3	170.
Fund	Source					
-	iated Funds					
BH2256	Behavioral Health (Appropriated)	Examiner Fund	-	*	170.3	170.
	ವಾರ್ಯ ಇ ಕ	Appropriated Funds Total:		-	170.3	170.
		Fund Source Total:			170.3	170.

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			FY 2024 Actuals	FY 2025 Expenditure Plan	FY 2026 Funding Issue	FY 2026 Total Request		
Program	n: BHA-1-0	Licensing and Regulation						
Sub Pro	gram: BHA-1-1	Licensing and Regulation						
Non-C	apital Equipmen	t						
	Non-Capital Reso	urces	-	75.7	-	75.7		
	Computer Equipment – Non- Capitalized Purchases		21.2	~	<del>-</del>	-		
	Purchased or licer	nsed software / website	11.7	u <del>ñ</del>	=	=		
	E	expenditure Category Total:	32.9	75.7		75.7		
Fund S	Source lated Funds							
BH2256	Behavioral Health (Appropriated)	Examiner Fund	32.9	75.7		75.7		
		Appropriated Funds Total:	32.9	75.7	-	75.7		
$\Theta$		Fund Source Total:	32.9	75.7	•	75.7		

# **Employee Retirement Coverage**

	Personal				
Retirement System	FTE	Services	Fund#		
Arizona State Retirement System	27.0	27.0	BH2256-A		

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Administrative Costs Summary	FY 2026	
Personal Services	90.6	
ERE	39.7	
Administrative Costs Total:	130.3	
Administrative Costs / Total Expenditure Ratio	Request	Admin %
FY 2026	3,013.6	4.3%



# **Funding Issue List**

ency:	Board of Behavioral Health Examiners	
(Harris - 1975)		FY 2025

Priority	Funding Issue Title		Total FTE	Total Amount	General Fund	Other Appropriated Funds	Non- Appropriated Funds
1	Website Migration	-		90.0	-	90.0	=
		Total:	•	90.0	-	90.0	

# **Funding Issue Detail**

ncy:	В	oard of Behavioral Health Examiners	
ssue:	1 W	ebsite Migration	
Progra	m <mark>:</mark>	Licensing and Regulation	
Fund:	BH2256	Behavioral Health Examiner Fund (Appro	priated)
E	xpenditure Ca	ategories	FY 2025
6200 F	Professional & C	Outside Services	90.0
3400 C	Capital Equipme	ent	置
		Program/Fund Total:	90.0

# **Funding Issue Narrative**

ency:

**Board of Behavioral Health Examiners** 

Issue:

1 Website Migration

Description of Issue:

The current Board website exists on the Drupal 7.97 platform. This platform will come to its end of its life on January 5, 2025, eliminating the ability to patch security or make any type of update. ADOA-ASET informed the Board that a full website migration to the Drupal 9 platform is needed to ensure security and functionality of the website. Through collaboration with ADOA- ASET, a Scope of Work was developed and distributed to state approved vendors, who will provide quotes, to complete the necessary migration, testing and implementation of the new website.

The cost of the website migration and implementation is a one-time cost estimated to be between \$90,000 and \$110,000 and then is able to be maintained through ADOA-ASET. The current website is hosted by GoDaddy and requires external vendor contracting for updates. The vendor previously contracted with the Board to complete updates, testing and patching is no longer contracted with the state. The Board would like to utilize this time period between vendors and end of life for the current website, to transition to a platform that will be supported and managed through ADOA-ASET.

Proposal:

We are requesting a one-time supplemental allocation to the FY25 budget of \$90,000 to fund the website migration to the Drupal 9 platform, testing, and implementation. Upon completion of the project the platform will then be managed by ADOA-ASET, ensuring functionality and security.

Alternatives Considered: Due to the Drupal 7.97 platform coming to its end of life, the only option is to complete a full migration to another platform. There is no alternative to the full migration of the website. The board did consider self-development of the website, but upon consultation with ADOA-ASET, the Board established the length of time and allocation of internal man hours and expertise needed to self-develop and migrate the site would exceed the cost of utilizing a vendor for the migration.

Impact of Not Funding This Year: This agency does not have funding allocated to support the migration of the website to the Drupal 9 platform. Without the funding to support the project, there will likely be security breaches and diminished functioning and possible failure of the current website.

C'atutory Reference:

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 32 – Professions and Occupations, Chapter 33 – Behavioral Health Professionals

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Equipment to be Purchased (if applicable): N/A

Classification of New Positions:

N/A

Annualization(s):

Website Migration

Total one-time supplemental request \$90,000

Alignment with Agency's Strategic Plan or Statutory Responsibilities: The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. Website migration will ensure security, availability, and accessibility of public information, the licensing portal, complaint submission, verification of licensee's and ensure continued compliance with statutory requirements.

Impact on Historically Underserved, Marginalized, or Adversely Affected Groups: Existing staff and ADOA continue to express the need for website migration to ensure security, safety and efficient processing of application or licensing requests that are supported by the use of current technology. This funding issue is a result of that communication.

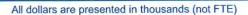
How has feedback been incorporated from groups directly impacted by proposal?: With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the efficiency and timeliness of licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.

Description of how furthers the vernor's priorities:

# **Funding Issue Narrative**

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**Board of Behavioral Health Examiners** 





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# Supplemental Funding Issue for Website Migration

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## Alternatives considered

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Equipment to be purchased (if applicable)

N/A

Classification of new positions

V/A

### Annualization(s):

## Website Migration

Total one-time supplemental request \$90,000

## Alignment with agency's strategic plan or statutory responsibilities

The mission statement of this agency is to establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work and substance abuse counseling and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for protection of the public. Website migration will ensure security, availability, and accessibility of public information, the licensing portal, complaint submission, verification of licensee's and ensure continued compliance with statutory requirements.

## Impact on historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups

Without the ability to utilize electronic means, timely licensing and investigations will be prohibited, negatively impacting those in need of quality behavioral services. It is safe to say that those in need of therapeutic services by qualified individuals can be placed in historically underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected groups.

## How has feedback been incorporated from groups directly impacted by proposal

Existing staff and ADOA continue to express the need for website migration to ensure security, safety and efficient processing of application or licensing requests that are supported by the use of current technology. This funding issue is a result of that communication.

## Description of how this furthers the Governor's priorities

With economic growth and workforce development being one of Governor Hobbs priorities, this will support the efficiency and timeliness of licensing applications and requests, which will garner the ability for more Arizonans to secure jobs in the professional workforce.

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#### **Agency Summary**

#### Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Tobi Zavala, Executive Director

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A.R.S. §§ 32-3251 to 32-3322

#### Mission:

To establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, and substance abuse counseling, and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for the protection of the public.

#### Description:

The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners licenses and biennially renews licensure for approximately 16,816 behavioral health professionals, requiring these professionals to meet minimum standards of education, experience, and competency, as measured by examination. The Board also receives and investigates complaints, takes necessary disciplinary action, and responds to inquiries from consumers regarding the licensure status and complaint history of individual behavioral health professionals.

## Agency Summary: (\$ Thousands)

Program	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
► Licensing and Regulation	2,107.4	2,757.4	3,013.6
Agency Total:	2,107.4	2,757.4	3,013.6
Funding:			
	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
er Appropriated Funds	2,107.4	2,757.4	3,013.6
Total Funding	2,107.4	2,757.4	3,013.6
FTE Positions	20.0	27.0	27.0

#### 5 Year Plan

#### Issue 1 Increased Licensure Applications

### Description:

From FY18-FY23, the Board had a 89% increase in the number of applications. The anticipated volume is expected to continue to increase with the Board's changes in 2018 to A.R.S. § 32-3274 which regulates licensure by endorsement, and the Universal Recognition path to licensure passed in Laws 2019, Chapter 55. Additionally, there is an increased demand for behavioral health professionals.

Ongoing challenges related to the increased volume:

- 1. Increased documents, tracking, applicant follow-up and incoming phone/email traffic.
- 2. Prioritizing different types of applications and those in varying stages in the process is more challenging with the influx.
- 3. Increasing number of renewal applications.
- 4. Increased traffic in background investigations.

#### Solutions:

The Board plans to address these challenges as follows:

- 1. The Board will continue to streamline application processing through use of electronic systems.
- 2. The Board will maximize new credentialing staff by restructuring responsibilities by duty type and level of complexity.
- 3. The Board will address increasing investigations with new staff, which will allow appropriate case assignment numbers.
- \* The Board is continuing to LEAN the application process by eliminating inefficient or redundant procedures.

#### Issue 2 Continued migration to electronic business practices

#### Description:

The Board recognizes the need to move to a more paperless environment to assist the public with submitting information to the Board and help staff process incoming work more efficiently. The Board is implementing an e-licensing system, which allows individuals to apply for licensure through a web-based portal. This eliminates manual data entry for applications, address changes, renewals, and other important data. This increases efficiencies and streamlines processes, while making the information exchange easier with the public.

### ادراutions:

The Board plans to continue evaluating processes and communication that can be moved to an electronic platform as follows:

- 1. Continued implementation of e-licensing system.
- 2. Convert forms used by the public to an online platform.
- 3. Use digital signature programs to secure authorization on forms requiring signatures.
- 4. Improve the Board's digitization of records originally in paper format for archiving according to retention schedules.
- 5. Consolidate electronic resources, streamlining processes.

#### **Resource Assumptions**

	FY 2027 Estimate	FY 2028 Estimate	FY 2029 Estimate
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	27.0	27.0	27.0
General Fund	120	Ex.	=
Other Appropriated Funds	2,825.7	2,825.7	2,825.7
Non-Appropriated Funds	s <del>a</del>	<b>=</b> 2	=
Federal Funds	12	40	

♦ Goal 1 To improve agency operations to ensure equitable, consistent, and timely enforcement of statutes and rules regulating behavioral health professionals.

Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
Administration as a percentage of total cost	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Applications received	3,220	3,542	3,637	3,896	4,400
Average days to resolve a complaint	203	180	130	180	180
Average number of days to process verifications	4	4	4	4	4
Average number of days to renew a license from receipt of application to issuance	7	5	2	5	5
Individuals licensed	3,062	3,368	3,434	3,705	4,156
Number of complaints received about licensees	235	259	228	284	312
Number of new and existing licenses issued	16,816	18,498	18,112	20,347	21,915
Numbers of inspections/investigations	1,277	1,405	1,396	1,545	1,690
Percent of application reviews completed within 180 days	99	99	99	99	99
Renewals received	6,233	6,856	6,716	7,542	8,296
Verifications received	711	782	778	860	942

# Agency 5 Year Plan

#### **BHA Board of Behavioral Health Examiners**

Issue 1

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2. The Board will maximize new credentialing staff by restructuring responsibilities by duty type and level of complexity.

3. The Board will address increasing investigations with new staff, which will allow appropriate case assignment numbers.

4. The Board is continuing to LEAN the application process by eliminating inefficient or redundant procedures.

#### Issue 2

Continued migration to electronic business practices

### Description:

The Board recognizes the need to move to a more paperless environment to assist the public with submitting information to the Board and help staff process incoming work more efficiently. The Board is implementing an e-licensing system, which allows individuals to apply for licensure through a web-based portal. This eliminates manual data entry for applications, address changes, renewals, and other important data. This increases efficiencies and streamlines processes, while making the information exchange easier with the public.

## Solutions:

The Board plans to continue evaluating processes and communication that can be moved to an electronic platform as

- 1. Continued implementation of e-licensing system.
- 2. Convert forms used by the public to an online platform.
- 3. Use digital signature programs to secure authorization on forms requiring signatures.
- 4. Improve the Board's digitization of records originally in paper format for archiving according to retention schedules.
- 5. Consolidate electronic resources, streamlining processes.

#### **Resource Assumptions**

	FY 2027 Estimate	FY 2028 Estimate	FY 2029 Estimate
Full-Time Equivalent Positions	27.0	27.0	27.0
General Fund	9)	€	-
Other Appropriated Funds	2,825.7	2,825.7	2,825.7
Non-Appropriated Funds	-		-
Federal Funds	<b>H</b> 0	( <del>=</del> 2	1-

#### **AGENCY SUMMARY**

Program: BHA Board of Behavioral Health Examiners

Director: Tobi Zavala, Executive Director

one: Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 6025421617

**Statute:** A.R.S. §§ 32-3251 to 32-3322

Plan Contact: Polly Knape, Deputy Director

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners 6025421811

#### Mission:

To establish and maintain standards of qualifications and performance for licensed behavioral health professionals in the fields of counseling, marriage and family therapy, social work, and substance abuse counseling, and to regulate the practice of licensed behavioral health professionals for the protection of the public.

#### Description:

The Board of Behavioral Health Examiners licenses and biennially renews licensure for approximately 16,816 behavioral health professionals, requiring these professionals to meet minimum standards of education, experience, and competency, as measured by examination. The Board also receives and investigates complaints, takes necessary disciplinary action, and responds to inquiries from consumers regarding the licensure status and complaint history of individual behavioral health professionals.

# Goal 1 To improve agency operations to ensure equitable, consistent, and timely enforcement of statutes and rules regulating behavioral health professionals.

Performance Measures:		FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	
ML Budget	Type		Actual	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Estimate
x	EF	Administration as a percentage of total cost	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
	IP	Applications received	3,220	3,542	3,637	3,896	4,400
х	IP	Renewals received	6,233	6,856	6,716	7,542	8,296
x	IP	Verifications received	711	782	778	860	942
X	ОС	Average number of days to process verifications	4	4	4	4	4
x	ОС	Percent of application reviews completed within 180 days	99	99	99	99	99
x	OP	Individuals licensed	3,062	3,368	3,434	3,705	4,156
x	OP	Number of new and existing licenses issued	16,816	18,498	18,112	20,347	21,915
x	OP	Numbers of inspections/ investigations	1,277	1,405	1,396	1,545	1,690
x x	IP	Number of complaints received about licensees	235	259	228	284	312
XX	ОС	Average days to resolve a complaint	203	180	130	180	180
x	OC	Average number of days to renew a license from receipt of application to issuance	7	5	2	5	5

# **Budget Related Performance Measures**

## **BHA Board of Behavioral Health Examiners**

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Program:

Board of Behavioral Health Examiners (BHA)

Contact:

Tobi Zavala, Executive Director 6025421617

2nd Contact:

Polly Knape, Deputy Director 6025421811

Statute:

A.R.S. §§ 32-3251 to 32-3322

ML	Budget	Type	Performance Measures	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Estimate
Х	х	OC	Average number of days to renew a license from receipt of application to issuance	7	5	2	5	5
Х	X	OC	Average days to resolve a complaint	203	180	130	180	180
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# **Not in Master List**

# Goals without any Performance Measures Marked for inclusion in the Master List

The display of the footnote: \* = Agency, Program, or Sub Program has no goals with publishable performance measures.

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- G 1 To improve agency operations to ensure equitable, consistent, and timely enforcement of statutes and rules regulating behavioral health professionals.
  - P 1 Administration as a percentage of total cost
  - P 2 Applications received
  - P 3 Average days to resolve a complaint
  - P 4 Average number of days to process verifications
  - P 5 Average number of days to renew a license from receipt of application to issuance
  - P 6 Individuals licensed
  - P 7 Number of complaints received about licensees
  - P 8 Number of new and existing licenses issued
  - P 9 Numbers of inspections/investigations
  - P 10 Percent of application reviews completed within 180 days
  - P 11 Renewals received
  - P 12 Verifications received

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# **Explore Plans**

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  - P 5 BHA-PM0005 Number of new and existing licenses issued
  - P 6 BHA-PM0006 Average number of days to renew a license from receipt of application to issuance
  - P 7 BHA-PM0007 Verifications received
  - P 8 BHA-PM0008 Average days to resolve a complaint
  - P 9 BHA-PM0009 Administration as a percentage of total cost
  - P 10 BHA-PM0010 Number of complaints received about licensees
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