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Board of Veterinary Medicine

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<https://mn.gov/boards/veterinary-medicine/>

AT A GLANCE

- 3,753 veterinarians served: 3,403 active licenses and 350 inactive licenses
- 60% of Minnesotans estimated to own animals
- Veterinarians renew licenses every two years
- Average of 201 new licensees yearly
- 111 complaints from the public investigated annually
- Two full time staff persons

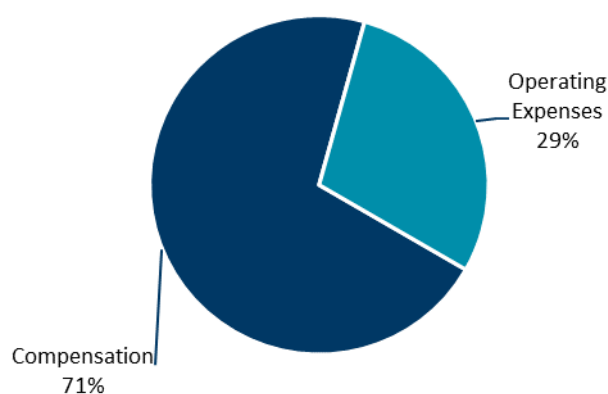
PURPOSE

The mission of the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) is to promote, preserve, and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and animals. We achieve this through the effective control and regulation of the practice of veterinary medicine on behalf of animals and their owners. We ensure Minnesota veterinarians have the education and skills needed to become licensed, and that they will work to optimize animal health. We curb the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine that endangers animals and the public.

We work constructively to maintain current standards for the practice of veterinary medicine in Minnesota. These services include assessment of veterinarians' qualifications for licensure, investigation and remediation of public complaints pertaining to veterinary medicine, and provision of public access to disciplinary and corrective actions. To prevent substandard veterinary care, we monitor veterinarians' ongoing completion of continuing education and communicate strategies to optimize veterinarians' professional conduct. Additionally, during emergencies such as the pandemic, we work closely with the Governor's Office to classify veterinarians as essential workers and find tools to minimize transmission of the virus to their staff and clients.

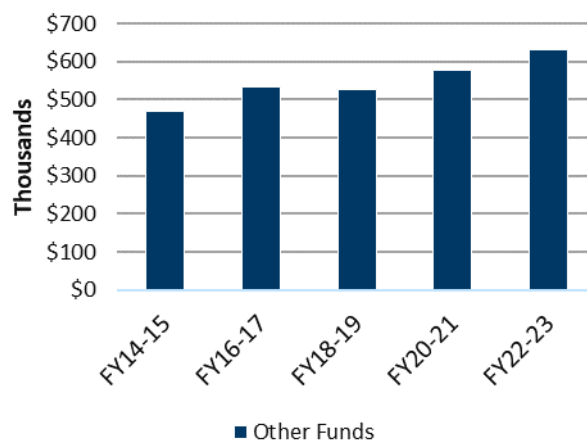
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2023 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Board is funded by licensure fees and receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees in the amount sufficient to cover direct and indirect expenditures. Funds are deposited as non-dedicated revenue into the state government special revenue fund. From this fund, the Board receives a direct appropriation to pay for agency expenses such as salaries, rent, costs associated with disciplinary/contested cases, and operating expenditures. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, licensure fees fund activities that support multiple boards and/or other agencies. Some of these are: the Administrative Services Unit (inter-board), Health Professionals Services Program (inter-board), Office of the Attorney General for legal services, and the Criminal Background Check Program (inter-board).

STRATEGIES

To accomplish our mission, we utilize the following strategies:

1. Regulatory:

- Ensure license applicants are qualified to practice veterinary medicine in Minnesota by careful review of credentials, including the criminal background check.
- Examine each license applicant's knowledge of standards of veterinary practice, laws, and rules.
- Evaluate declarations of any criminal charges, license discipline or insufficient continuing education.
- Hold veterinarians accountable for their professional conduct based on legal, ethical, and professional standards.
- Require veterinarians to stay updated on advances in veterinary medicine through continuing education.
- Investigate complaints pertaining to veterinarians or unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine.
- Take corrective or disciplinary action if a risk to human or animal safety is identified and determine what course of action will improve a veterinarian's performance.
- Register professional firms practicing veterinary medicine and update the database via annual reports.
- Facilitate license application, license renewal, and filing of complaints via our interactive website.
- Provide other states with verification of the license status of a veterinarian when requested.
- Collaborate with the other MN government agencies: Board of Pharmacy, Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Criminal Background Check Program, Health Professionals Services Program, Board of Animal Health, Governor's Office, Department of Health, Racing Commission, and Department of Revenue.
- Collaborate with federal government agencies: Drug Enforcement Administration, US Department of Agriculture, and Internal Revenue Service.
- Participate in committees and programs presented by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards pertaining to current regulatory issues and best practices to address these in Minnesota.
- Participate as an ex-officio member of the board of directors of the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association to provide input on current issues facing the veterinary profession in Minnesota.

2. Education:

- Inform veterinarians of any regulatory changes that impact the practice of veterinary medicine.
- Provide education on regulatory issues via written materials on our website, newsletters, direct mail, and presentations at veterinary conference, webinars, and the University of Minnesota.
- Assist the public by relaying information regarding the scope of practice of veterinary medicine, complaint process and past corrective and disciplinary action for veterinarians.
- Address questions posed by the media, legislature, veterinarians, public, agencies, firms, and associations.

RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend (FY 2023)	Most recent data (FY 2024)
<i>Number of licensees (active and inactive)</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Automated Licensure Management System</i>	<i>3718</i>	<i>3753</i>
<i>Percent of license renewals done online/electronically</i>	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Automated Licensure Management System</i>	<i>76%</i>	<i>77%</i>
<i>Number of complaints against licensees</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Automated Licensure Management System</i>	<i>202</i>	<i>176</i>
<i>Number of complaints against non-veterinarians</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Automated Licensure Management System</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Professional firm renewals</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Automated Licensure Management System</i>	<i>609</i>	<i>532</i>
<i>Emails requiring a response responded to within one business day</i>	<i>Quality</i>	<i>Random one week sample of board inbox</i>	<i>NA – first year tracking</i>	<i>86%</i>

Our statutory, legal authority is granted by M.S. 156. (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=156>)

Other statutes and rules that significantly apply to the function of our board and the practice of veterinary medicine include M.S. 13, M.S. 14, M.S. 151, M.S. 152, M.S. 214, M.S. 319B, and MN Rules 6800 and 9100.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

Expenditures by Fund

1201 - Health Related Boards	291	326	354	443	444	444
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	6	9	8	13	10	10
Total	297	334	361	456	454	454
Biennial Change				186		91
Biennial % Change				30		11

Expenditures by Program

Veterinary Medicine Board	297	334	361	456	454	454
Total	297	334	361	456	454	454

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	226	237	271	245	248	253
Operating Expenses	71	97	90	210	205	200
Other Financial Transaction	0	0	0	1	1	1
Total	297	334	361	456	454	454

Full-Time Equivalents

2.00	2.22	2.31	2.00	2.00	2.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
1201 - Health Related Boards						
Balance Forward In		78		28	444	444
Direct Appropriation	363	363	382	415		
Cancellations		115				
Balance Forward Out	72		28			
Expenditures	291	326	354	443	444	444
Biennial Change in Expenditures			180		91	
Biennial % Change in Expenditures			29		11	
Full-Time Equivalents	2.00	2.22	2.31	2.00	2.00	2.00

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In	2	3	3	3		
Receipts	7	8	7	10	10	10
Balance Forward Out	3	3	3			
Expenditures	6	9	8	13	10	10
Biennial Change in Expenditures				6		(1)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				41		(2)

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<i>Direct</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
FY2025 Appropriations	415	415	415	830
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		29	29	58
Forecast Base	415	444	444	888
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	13	10	10	20
Forecast Base	13	10	10	20
<i>Revenue Change Summary</i>				
<i>Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Forecast Revenues	10	10	10	20
<i>Non-Dedicated</i>				
Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards				
Forecast Revenues	417	417	417	834