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**Board of Marriage and Family Therapy**

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### AT A GLANCE

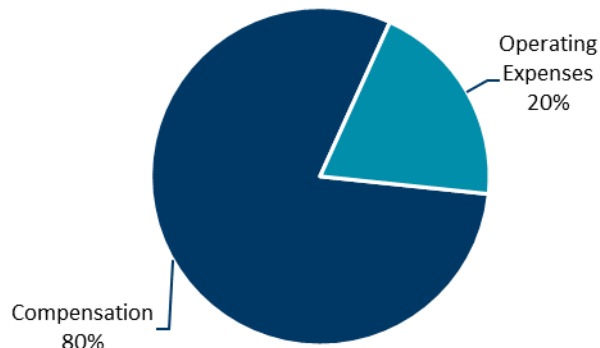
- Regulates 3,510 licensees and license applicants: 2,951 licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT); 262 licensed associate marriage and family therapists (LAMFT); and 297 license applicants
- Issues an average of 275 new licensees annually (approximately 150-160 LMFT and 120-130 LAMFT)
- Processes an average of 425 license-related applications annually (initial/education, LAMFT, LMFT, reciprocity)
- Receives and investigates an average of 80-85 complaints annually
- 100% fee-supported

### PURPOSE

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy's mission is to protect the public and ensure a standard of competent and ethical care through effective licensure and enforcement of the statutes and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy. The Board's priorities include timely and consistent processing of applications, thorough and effective investigation of complaints, equal access to all Board disciplinary and corrective action license orders, and a customer service-driven model that emphasizes timely response to stakeholder requests.

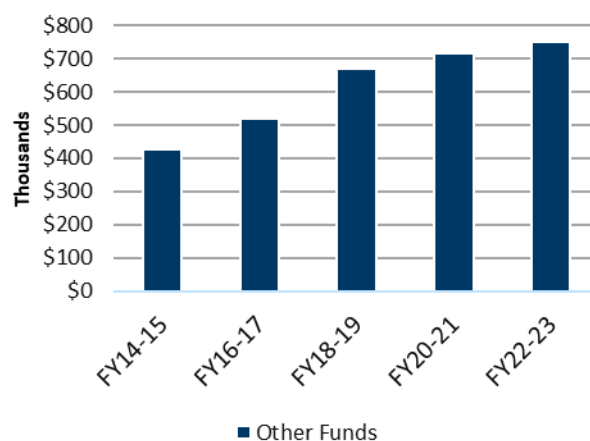
### BUDGET

**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 collected from applicants, licensees, and continuing education sponsors; the Board receives no general fund dollars. Minnesota Statutes section 214.06, subdivision 1(a) compels the Board to collect fees 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. It also pays statewide indirect costs through an open appropriation.

In addition to Board operations, fees collected fund legal services provided by the MN Office of the Attorney General and joint health professional regulatory board entities, including the Administrative Services Unit, the Small Agency Resources Team (SmART) at MN Department of Administration, the Health Professionals Services

Program, and the Criminal Background Check Program Office, which serve the state’s health professional regulatory boards as part of a collaborative, cost-effective system.

Initial license and license renewal fees are over 85% of collected revenue with application filings (10%) and continuing education program applications (4%) accounting for the remainder of other revenue received.

## STRATEGIES

### To accomplish the Board’s mission, we:

- Set standards for initial licensure, including a review of each applicant’s education and training.
- Administer an examination of each applicant’s knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota prior to issuing a marriage and family therapy license.
- Annually review qualifications and renew licenses of current, qualified licensees.
- Investigate complaints made against licensees and applicants and allegations of unlicensed practice of marriage and family therapy.
- Take disciplinary or corrective action against a licensee or applicant when warranted by conduct and necessary to protect the public.
- Review and approve all continuing education programs used by licensees to meet continuing education requirements for license renewal.
- Monitor and enforce continuing education requirements for license renewal.
- Maintain mandated and educational information on a public website.
- Work collaboratively with academic institutions and national and state marriage and family therapy professional associations to identify, discuss, and address issues involving the education, licensure, and practice of marriage and family therapists.
- Provide information about licensure and standards of practice to citizens and other business entities.
- Collaborate with and assist other governmental entities and interested stakeholders on matters involving the practice of marriage and family therapy in Minnesota.

## RESULTS

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Number of regulated licensees (LAMFT and LMFT)	Quantity	Board licensing database*	Number of licensees regulated continues to increase annually with rate of increase slowing over the most recent five-year period. FY24 reflects 5% increase from 3,041 licensees in FY22.	3,213 licensees (FY24)
Continuing Education applications (program sponsor and LMFT applications)	Quantity	Applications are logged and tracked by Board staff	Program sponsor and LMFT continuing education program applications increase annually. Calendar year 2023 saw an 8% increase over 2021 applications (371 program sponsor; 3,541 LMFT = 3,912 applications).	Calendar Year 2023 - 523 program sponsor; 3,723 LMFT applications = 4,246 applications

Measure name	Measure type	Measure data source	Historical trend	Most recent data
Response to stakeholder inquiries (email, voicemail, US Mail)	Quality	Timeliness response standard implemented FY2019. Formal statistics not maintained. Board staff provide verbal updates as to response times.	On average, upwards of 90% of inquiries receive an initial response from Board staff within 3 business days.	N/A
Complaints received	Quantity	Board licensing database*	Complaints filed with the Board continue to trend higher over the most recent five-year period, with over 80 complaints filed annually in three of the last four years.	Calendar Year 2023 – 88 complaints filed; Calendar year 2022 – 90 complaints filed.

\*Source: ALIMIS licensing database system.

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The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy is authorized by M.S. 148B.29-.392 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148B>) and operates pursuant to Administrative Rule 5300 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=5300>). The Board is also governed by provisions found in various Minnesota Statutes, including chapters 13, 13D, 14, 15 and 214.

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base FY26 FY27		Governor's Recommendation FY26 FY27	
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**Expenditures by Fund**

1201 - Health Related Boards	357	382	404	513	457	457	457	457
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue	6	7	7	8	6	6	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>
Biennial Change				179		(6)		(6)
Biennial % Change				24		(1)		(1)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

**Expenditures by Program**

Marriage & Family Therapy Bd	363	389	411	521	463	463	463	463
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation	305	312	326	344	364	369	364	369
Operating Expenses	57	77	84	177	99	94	99	94
Other Financial Transaction	0	0	0					
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>463</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

<b>3.01</b>	<b>3.12</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
1201 - Health Related Boards								
Balance Forward In		66		39				
Direct Appropriation	413	410	443	474	457	457	457	457
Transfers Out		15						
Cancellations		79						
Balance Forward Out	56		39					
Expenditures	357	382	404	513	457	457	457	457
Biennial Change in Expenditures				178		(3)		(3)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				24		(0)		(0)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0
Full-Time Equivalents	3.01	3.12	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

**2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue**

Balance Forward In	2	2	2	2				
Receipts	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	6
Balance Forward Out	2	1	2					
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				2		(3)		(3)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				14		(20)		(20)
Governor's Change from Base								0
Governor's % Change from Base								0

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b><i>Direct</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	474	474	474	948
Base Adjustments				
Current Law Base Change		(17)	(17)	(34)
Forecast Base	474	457	457	914
Total Governor's Recommendations	474	457	457	914
<b><i>Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Planned Spending	8	6	6	12
Forecast Base	8	6	6	12
Total Governor's Recommendations	8	6	6	12
<b><i>Revenue Change Summary</i></b>				
<b><i>Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue</b>				
Forecast Revenues	6	6	6	12
Total Governor's Recommendations	6	6	6	12
<b><i>Non-Dedicated</i></b>				
<b>Fund: 1201 - Health Related Boards</b>				
Forecast Revenues	630	630	630	1,260
Total Governor's Recommendations	630	630	630	1,260