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All statements and explanations contained in the requests submitted herewith are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Mark Shaver, PhD  
Executive Officer

Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners  
October 10, 2023

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The Board of Hearing Aid Examiners is appointed by the Governor and is composed of five members; three licensed hearing instrument dispensers and two who are representatives of the general public. The three hearing instrument dispensers must have been licensed by the State of Kansas for at least five years. One seat is currently vacant. Those presently serving are:

Tim Stanton  
2818 Vine St.  
Hays, KS 67601

Jeanette Graue  
18104 Quaker Rd.  
Parsons, KS 67357

Erica Mears, AuD  
9810 Bella Vista  
Wichita, KS 67212

Dana Jacobson, Au.D.  
13822 Mackey St.  
Overland Park, KS 66223

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**PROGRAM MISSION:**

The mission of the Board of Hearing Aid Examiners is to establish and enforce standards to ensure that the people of Kansas receive competent and ethical hearing aid care.

**AGENCY PHILOSOPHY:**

The Board of Hearing Aid Examiners will act in accordance with a standard of conduct that will ensure efficient, productive, ethical and accountable actions. It is our obligation to approach this responsibility in a fair and logical manner.

**STATUTORY HISTORY:**

K.S.A. 74-5801 establishes the Board of Hearing Aid Examiners for the purpose of regulating the practice of hearing aid dispensing in the State of Kansas.

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**OVERVIEW OF AGENCY BUDGET AT EACH REQUEST LEVEL**

**CURRENT YEAR (FY24):**

Salaries and Wages Requested amount is \$24,360.

Contractual Services Requested amount is \$18,335.

Commodities Requested amount is \$0.

Capital Outlay No anticipated supplemental requests for FY 24.

**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUESTS:**

Contractual Services Board does not anticipate supplemental requests for FY 24.

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**EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION:**

**OBJECT CODE 100: SALARIES & WAGES**

The agency has one part-time executive officer (.5 FTE). Statutorily there are five board members. At present, two additional licensees are employed as examiners for the purposes of conducting practical examinations. Funding for Salaries and Wages includes per diem for board members and examiners at regularly scheduled board meetings and examinations. The executive officer is remaining at his same pay of \$20/hr. This is the primary reason for the increase in FY2024 salaries relative to the previously approved amount.

FY 23 Actuals --- Board spent \$22,886.

FY 24 ---Board requests \$24,360.

FY 25 --- Board requests \$24,511

**OBJECT CODES 200-290: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.**

Communication, printing, duplicating, space rental, and travel account for the major portion of the contractual services expenditures.

FY 23 Actuals --- Board spent \$11,774.

FY 24---Board requests \$18,335

FY 25 --- Board requests \$18,184

The increase in requested amount for Contractual Services, from FY23 to FY24 and FY25, reflects the increased website development costs as we transition our agency’s application and renewal process to fully online. Additionally, inflationary increases for the costs of printing, space rentals for practical examinations, and travel are also contributing factors.

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**GOAL #1:**

Continue transitioning to a fully online licensure renewal process.

**Objective #1:**

Continue to work with contracted web developer to improve our online license renewal system and implement digital license issuance. The intent is to reduce printing and postage costs as well as move towards a fully digital infrastructure for the board.

**Objective #2:**

Audit a fixed percentage of licensee CEUs to avoid reviewing all licensee CEUs annually. This will free up time for the Executive Officer to engage more productive activities that further the board’s mission.