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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.

Danielle Dorner, AuD  
Executive Officer

Kansas Board of Hearing Aid Examiners  
September 13, 2024

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

Tim Stanton  
2818 Vine St.  
Hays, KS 67601

Erica Mears  
4020 S. Meridian  
Wichita, KS 67217

Jeanette Graue  
18104 Quaker Rd  
Parsons, KS 67357

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 \$23,605.

Contractual Services Requested amount is \$12,565.

Commodities Requested amount is \$300.

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 her same pay of \$20/hr.

FY 24 Actuals --- Board spent \$22,934.  
FY 25 ---Board requests \$22,934.  
FY 26; FY27 – Board requests \$22.934

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

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

FY 24 Actuals \$12,604  
FY 25---Board requests \$12,565  
FY 26; FY27– Board requests \$12,832

The increase in requested amount for Contractual Services, from FY24 to FY25 and FY26, reflects the 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 application and renewal process. Update the statutes and regulations to reflect changes in hearing aid dispensing practice and better enable the board to protect the Kansas consumer who is deaf or hard-of-hearing.

**Objective #1:**

Transition our current license verification process to Excella (ELP). This would also facilitate our renewal process by allowing licensees to digitally upload CEUs and print digital license cards. 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 percentage of CEUs to avoid reviewing all licensees CEUs annually to reduce time constraints.

**GOAL #2:**

Transition our website from a .com to a .gov to satisfy Kansas requirements

**Objective #1:**

Work with web services migration to transition our website including making it more consumer and licensee friendly.