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Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents

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AT A GLANCE

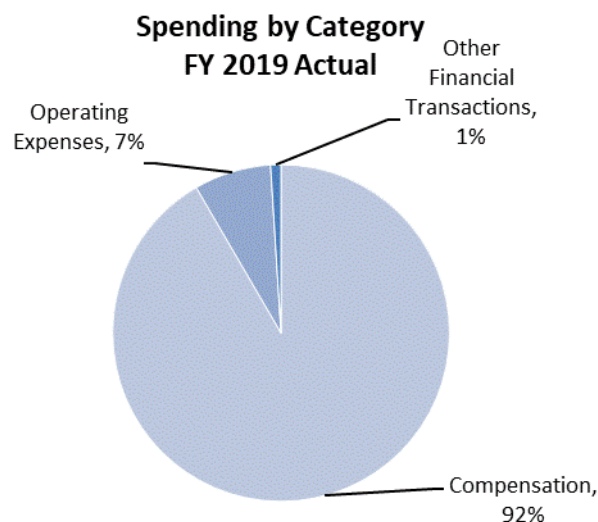
- The Minnesota Board of Private Detective and Protective Agents (MNPDB) currently regulates 352 individual and corporate Private Detective and Protective Agent licensees
- There are approximately 11,600 security personnel in the State of Minnesota
- The agency's current budget is \$277,000 annually, which allows for 3 FTE's: the Executive Director, an Investigative Analyst, and an Administrative Assistant
- MNPDB certifies 1,472 training courses and 201 instructors
- MNPDB's shareholders include legislators, law enforcement, other state agencies, associations, media, license holders, and the general public

PURPOSE

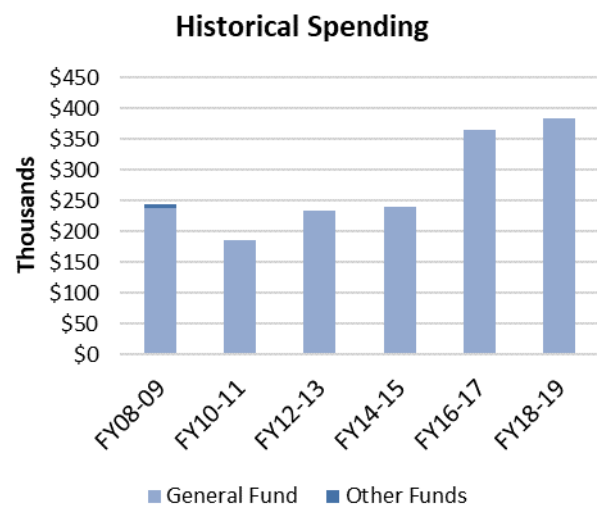
The mission of the Private Detective and Protective Agent Board (MNPDB) is to ensure investigative and security service license holders meet and maintain statutory qualifications and standards. This includes, but is not limited to, meeting criteria in criminal background checks, educational requirements, proof of financial responsibility, and ensuring license holders are acting responsibly and in the best interest of their clients.

With public safety and consumer protection as MNPDB's main guidelines, the agency investigates complaints against license holders, violations of statutes, provides support to law enforcement and the courts in regard to unlicensed activity, police impersonation, and works towards increasing the quality of the industry.

BUDGET



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

STRATEGIES

The objectives of the Private Detective and Protective Agent Board is to ensure investigative and security service license holders meet and maintain statutory qualifications and ensuring license holders are acting responsibly and for the best interest of their clients. With public safety and consumer protection as our main guidelines the Board achieves these objectives by:

Regulation

- Collaborating with multiple state and national associations to compare and improve the effectiveness and efficiency of industry standards and the processes by which they are regulated
- Evaluating applications to ensure that those entering a professional practice have the required experience, and have successfully completed a BCA and FBI criminal background check and a thorough open source investigation
- Evaluating license renewals every two years to ensure those already in the professional practice have upheld the industry standards and continue to abide by the Board's statutes and rules
- Evaluating training instructors and course applications to ensure they meet the guidelines and requirements put forth in the Board's statutes and rules, as well as regular audits to ensure continued compliance

Enforcement

- Investigating complaints and taking action against licensees and unlicensed individuals who violate the Board's statutes and rules which reflect the minimum standards to protect the public
- Removing individuals from practice and issuing penalties when necessary
- Providing public access to license status, discipline history, and the complaint process

Communication

- Listening to all stakeholders within the industry to formulate language for statutes and rules to ensure they are up-to-date, easily understood by all industry professionals, and remove any unnecessary barriers to licensure

Equity

- The Board's processes provide equitable opportunities for all applicants, trainers and license holders, and constant review of statutes, rules and procedures are part of the Boards internal controls that ensure all are involved in a standardized consistent process

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Applications Processed	31	33	FY 2019 & FY 2020
Quantity	Renewal Applications Processed	151	137	FY 2019& FY 2020
Quantity	Training Courses Approved	61	54	FY 2019 & FY 2020
Quantity	Disciplinary Actions	27	37	FY 2019 & FY 2020

M.S. 326.32 to 326.339 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/326.32>) provides the legal authority for MNPDB

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23

Expenditures by Fund

1000 - General	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288
Total	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288
Biennial Change				171		0		16
Biennial % Change				45		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								16
Governor's % Change from Base								3

Expenditures by Program

Private Detectives and Protective Agents Bd	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288
Total	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	154	198	221	262	263	264	268	275
Operating Expenses	13	16	20	51	14	13	14	13
Other Financial Transaction		1						
Total	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288

Full-Time Equivalents

1.80	2.62	2.99	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base FY22 FY23		Governor's Recommendation FY22 FY23	
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		24		36				
Direct Appropriation	191	192	277	277	277	277	282	288
Cancellations		0						
Balance Forward Out	24		36					
Expenditures	167	216	241	313	277	277	282	288
Biennial Change in Expenditures				171		0		16
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				45		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								16
Governor's % Change from Base								3
Full-Time Equivalents	1.80	2.62	2.99	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	277	277	277	554
Forecast Base	277	277	277	554
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		5	11	16
Total Governor's Recommendations	277	282	288	570
Revenue Change Summary				
Non-Dedicated				
Fund: 1000 - General				
Forecast Revenues	200	200	200	400
Total Governor's Recommendations	200	200	200	400

Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents

FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	5	11	11	11
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Other Funds					
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	5	11	11	11
FTEs	0	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$5,000 in FY 2022 and \$11,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents.

This represents a 2.9% increase over the Board's FY 2022-23 general fund base budget of \$544,000.

Rationale/Background:

The operating increases recommended in FY 2022 and FY 2023 fund a portion of the projected cost increases in the upcoming biennium. Each year, the cost of doing business rises—including growing costs for employer-paid health care contributions and other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on agency operating budgets that remain flat from year to year without enacted increases.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing agency operating budgets to support the delivery of current services. This funding will cover anticipated employee compensation growth.

Results:

This proposal is intended to allow the Board of Private Detectives and Protective Agents to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.