

**BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS
FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET TESTIMONY**

DEPARTMENT MISSION & PLANS

Mission: The Board of Building Standards is an advisory board that reviews appeals related to building safety and the application of Philadelphia’s Building Code, makes recommendations on regulations and standards to the Commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, and reviews new building products for compliance with City safety standards.

Plans for Fiscal Year 2018: The Board of Building Standards (BBS) will continue to focus on matters affecting building safety and is faced with interpreting technical issues involving the application of the Building Code. The BBS offers advice to the Commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections, who may then grant a variance based on this advice. Denials can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas within 30 days of notice of decision.

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BUDGET SUMMARY & OTHER BUDGET DRIVERS

Staff Demographics Summary (as of December 2016)				
	Total	Minority	White	Female
Number of Full-Time Staff	1	1	0	1
Number of Civil Service-Exempt Staff	0	0	0	0
Number of Executive Staff (deputy level and above)	0	0	0	0
Average Salary, Full-Time Staff	\$57,784	\$57,784	\$0	\$57,784
Average Salary, Civil Service-Exempt Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average Salary, Executive Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Median Salary, Full-Time Staff	\$57,784	\$57,784	\$0	\$57,784
Median Salary, Civil Service-Exempt Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Median Salary, Executive Staff	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Employment Levels (as of December 2016)		
	Budgeted	Filled
Number of Full-Time Positions	1	1
Number of Part-Time Positions	0	0
Number of Civil-Service Exempt Positions	0	0
Number of Executive Positions (deputy level and above)	0	0
Average Salary of All Full-Time Positions	\$57,784	\$57,784
Median Salary of All Full-Time Positions	\$57,784	\$57,784

General Fund Financial Summary by Class						
	FY16 Original Appropriations	FY16 Actual Obligations	FY17 Original Appropriations	FY17 Estimated Obligations	FY18 Proposed Appropriations	Difference: FY18-FY17
Class 100 - Employee Compensation	\$73,970	\$67,890	\$75,419	\$75,419	\$75,419	\$0
Class 200 - Purchase of Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 300 - Materials and Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 400 - Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 500 - Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 700 - Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 800 - Payment to Other Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Class 900 - Advances/Misc. Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$73,970	\$67,890	\$75,419	\$75,419	\$75,419	\$0

Note: The Board of Building Standards has no professional services contracts.

PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW

Proposed Funding Request:

The proposed Fiscal Year 2018 General Fund budget totals \$75,419, which represents no increase over Fiscal Year 2017 estimated obligation levels.

The proposed budget includes:

- \$75,419 in Class 100, level with FY17.

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STAFFING LEVELS

The department is requesting one budgeted position for FY18, which represents no increase over FY17.

NEW HIRES

BBS has no new hires to report.

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PERFORMANCE, CHALLENGES, AND INITIATIVES

N/A

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OTHER BUDGETARY IMPACTS

Federal and State (Where Applicable)

N/A

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CONTRACTING EXPERIENCE

Note: The Board of Building Standards has no professional services contracts.

EMPLOYEE DATA

Staff Demographics (as of December 2016)					
Full-Time Staff			Executive Staff		
	Male	Female		Male	Female
	African-American	African-American		African-American	African-American
<i>Total</i>	0	1	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	100%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$57,784	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$57,784	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	White	White		White	White
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	Hispanic	Hispanic		Hispanic	Hispanic
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	Asian	Asian		Asian	Asian
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	Other	Other		Other	Other
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	Bilingual	Bilingual		Bilingual	Bilingual
<i>Total</i>	0	0	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
	Male	Female		Male	Female
<i>Total</i>	0	1	<i>Total</i>	0	0
<i>% of Total</i>	0%	100%	<i>% of Total</i>	0%	0%
<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$57,784	<i>Average Salary</i>	\$0	\$0
<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$57,784	<i>Median Salary</i>	\$0	\$0

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NUMBER OF BILINGUAL EMPLOYEES

The Board of Building Standards does not have any bilingual staff. However, language Access Services including the Language Line and in-person interpreters (if requested in advance) are made available. We are working with the City's Office of Immigrant Affairs to roll out the Department's new Language Access Policy, which includes enhanced signage and translation services.