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Examining Board of Plumbers

Funding Sources

Fee amounts are established annually for the purpose of covering the direct and indirect costs incurred by the Board for licensing, inspections and enforcement.

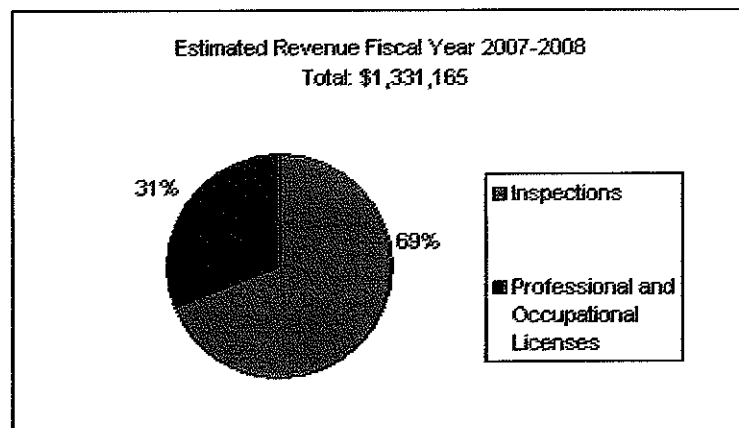
The Examining Board of Plumbers is cash-funded from fees pursuant to Colorado statute. Fees are paid for registration and licensing of plumbers and for plumbing permits.

Expenditures and revenues are not always equal. Revenue needs and fee amounts are based on estimated expenses and numbers of revenue payers. These estimates may vary from actual expenses and numbers of payers. Revenue collected that exceeds expenditures remains with the agency and is considered when calculating total revenue needed for the following year.

The following table displays the amount of revenue generated and the amount of expenditures for the Examining Board of Plumbers for fiscal years 05-06 and 06-07, and an estimate for fiscal year 07-08.

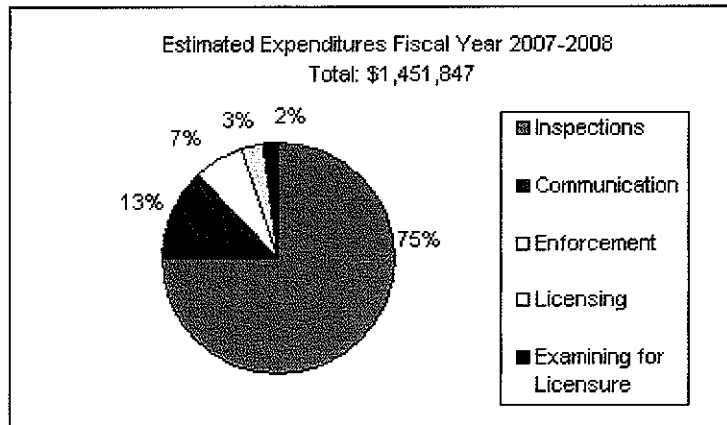
	Revenue	Expenditures
FY 05-06 Actual	\$1,429,302	\$1,215,176
FY 06-07 Actual	\$1,028,775	\$1,295,027
FY 07-08 Estimate	\$1,331,165	\$1,451,847

The following pie chart shows the source of revenue for fiscal year 07-08.



(75% Inspections; 25% Professional and Occupational Licenses)

The following pie chart shows the expenditures for fiscal year 07-08.



(75% Inspections; 13% Communication; 7% Enforcement; 3% Licensing; 2% Examining for Licensure)

Trends

Strong economic growth continues to impact the construction industry in Colorado by creating additional demands on plumbers and the Plumbing Board. In an effort to keep pace with the increasing number of inspections, permits, and licenses, the Examining Board of Plumbers has implemented an online permit and inspection program. This online system is designed to allow homeowners and contractors to order plumbing permits, pay for them using a credit card, and request inspections.

In addition, Plumbers may now renew their professional licenses online, as well as change their address. These automated processes reduce the manual data entry once required, giving the Board additional flexibility in using limited resources for other tasks.

The Board has also upgraded its computer systems for state inspectors to accommodate the inspection requests that are submitted online. State plumbing inspectors are now using laptops to download permit information and inspection requests from the Denver office and upload each day's inspections from across the state. As the availability of qualified manpower decreases, the trend is toward more advanced technology to help create efficiencies in handling workload.

