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Agency name: **Bond Review Board**

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1 IT-BRB Database Conversion

Item Comment: The Bond Review Board requests that \$5,000 be added back in FY2010 and \$5,000 for FY2011. These costs are split between the agency's 1.1.1 Review Bond Issues (FY10 -\$1,250 – FY11-\$1,250), 1.1.2 State Bond Debt (FY10-\$1,250 – FY11-\$1,250), 2.1.1 Analyze Local Bond Debt (FY10-\$1,250 – FY11-\$1,250), and (3.1.1) Administer Private Activity Bond (FY10-\$1,250 – FY11-\$1,250).

Project: Update databases for all three functions of the BRB in a separate phase for each function: State, PAB and Local Government. The agency's internal databases and web databases were originally designed by in-house staff at the time the agency was established in 1987. They have since been updated in a piecemeal process over the years rather than as one cohesive project. This has led to inefficiencies in data collection, verification, management and reporting.

Project Advantages: The BRB databases need to be updated to Microsoft Access 2007 with its enhanced features that include: 1) the use of value lists at the time of data entry allowing users to make specific selections for repetitive information; 2) the ability to capture data received electronically from issuers (by e-mail or online web forms) thus reducing the potential for errors and improving staff efficiency; and 3) the ability to have a consolidated database that holds all data necessary for data collection, analysis and reporting so that database queries can be run, stored and rerun as needed without the inefficiencies of recreating a new run for repeated queries.

Project Goal: Improved overall database design to ensure data integrity and improve staff efficiency and response time for information requests from BRBs customers, Board members and State officials.

The impact of not restoring the agency's budget would compromise agency efficiency of data collection, analysis and reporting as required by statute.

GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS

1 General Revenue Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	
General Revenue Funds Total	\$5,000	\$5,000	
Item Total	\$5,000	\$5,000	

2 Staff Merit Increases

* - Indicates amount does not meet target requirements.

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<p>Item Comment: The Bond Review Board meets or exceeds performance measures and receives positive reviews in audits and external customer surveys For the agency to maintain its high level of service to state leadership, state issuers and the financial community, the Bond Review Board requests that \$19,501.62 be added back in FY2010 and \$31,752.43 for FY2011. These costs are split between the agency's three strategies: 1.1.1 Review Bond Issues (FY10 - \$5,460.46 - FY11-\$9,170.68), 1.1.2 State Bond Debt (FY10 -\$4,290.36 - FY11-\$7,205.54), 2.1.1 Analyze Local Bond Debt (FY10-\$4,875.41 - FY11-\$8,188.11) and 3.1.1 Administer Private Activity Bonds (FY10-\$4,875.39 - FY11-\$7,188.10).</p> <p>The BRB remains focused on its most important assets, its employees. The agency realizes the need for a highly skilled and versatile workforce to provide continued quality service to its customers. Awarding merits to employees for high productivity and exemplary job performance is integral to retaining a professional and highly qualified staff. Based on historical trends, the BRB expects to continue to experience a turnover rate in key staff of 30-35 percent over the next four years. Turnover is costly and results in significant work flow inefficiencies, particularly in a small agency with limited opportunities for crosstraining. Without experienced backup for key positions, turnover results in a significant investment of managerial time for recruiting and subsequent training for key staff, a process that requires a minimum of two years</p> <p>The impact of not restoring the agency's budget would 1) compromise agency efficiency;2), the quality of its analysis and reports; 3) its ability to maintain exemplary customer service and 4) its ability to retain a tenured staff that has specialized public finance knowledge and analytical skills</p>				
GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS				
1 General Revenue Fund	\$19,502	\$31,752		
General Revenue Funds Total	\$19,502	\$31,752		
Item Total	\$19,502	\$31,752		
Agency General Revenue Total	\$24,502	\$36,752		
Agency GR Dedicated Total				
Agency Grand Total	\$24,502	\$36,752	\$61,254	\$61,254

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