

**FY 2026 Budget Performance Review**  
**35300 Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission**

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**Agency Mission**

The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission encourages agriculture, the breeding of horses, the growth, sustenance and development of live racing, and generates public revenue through the forceful control, regulation, implementation and enforcement of Commission-licensed horse racing and gaming.

**Division and Program Descriptions**

*Note: Please define any acronyms used in program descriptions.*

**General Operations**

A division of the agency that includes the costs of administrative staff and general operation of the Commission. Within this activity of the agency, the following duties are performed by 10 FTE, including but not limited to:

- A. Issuance of Gaming/Racing Organizational and Occupational Licenses
- B. Development, revision and implementation of administrative and Commission Rules of Racing, Regulations and Directives.
- C. Communicating and corresponding with the Governor's office, Legislature and Courts on behalf of the Commission.
- D. Finance, accounting, budget and statistics for agency activities.
- E. Supervision of agency personnel.
- F. Payroll, benefits and record management.
- G. Public relations

**Race Day Expenses**

A division of the agency that encompasses all Commission activities that incur at Commission-Licensed racing facilities. Within this agency activity, the following duties are performed by 17 FTE:

- License Clerks-**
  - A. Perform the actual licensing, fingerprinting, screening of racing rulings through a national computer system database, and digital badge processing of all
  - B. Proof all official races for licensure verification of owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, etc., prior to race participation.
  - C. Process daily deposits, daily and monthly reports of occupation licensing activity.
  - D. Administer the written portion of the trainers test.
  - E. Complete required verifications through the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Naturalization Program (SAV)
- Stewards-**
  - A. Approve certain occupation licenses such as trainers, blacksmiths, etc.
  - B. Administer the written portion of the trainers test.
  - C. Officiate over all commission-licensed racing facilities for live, simulcast and schooling/training races.
  - D. Act as Hearing Officers during Stewards' administrative hearings regarding alleged violations of Commission rules of Racing.
  - E. Function as liaison between the Commission, racetrack management, horsemen, and the wagering public.
  - F. File daily and end of meet reports with the Commission regarding racing activities at a racetrack.
  - G. Hearing Officers regarding gaming licensees applications.
- Official Veterinarian**
  - A. Provides direct Commission administration and supervision over Commission-licensed practicing Veterinarians and veterinary practices within the racetrack enclosure.
  - B. Supervises the administration of all injectables and authorized drugs within the enclosure.
  - C. Supervises and administers the Commissions equine drug testing program in the Test Barn.
  - D. In cooperation with the Racing Veterinarian, determines the soundness and health of horses prior to racing.
  - E. Supervises the health and well-being of all equines within the racetrack enclosure and those horses entering the enclosure.
- Race Identifier-**
  - A. Provides direct Commission administration and supervision of horses entered into a race.
  - B. Identifies and verifies horses papers as entered into the race.
  - C. Identifies and verifies horses as they are brought to the paddock.
  - D. Reviews soundness and health of horses just prior to being saddled and taken to the gate.
  - E. Provides expert identification of horses in criminal cases.
  - F. Identifies and tattoos horses prior to racing careers.

**Law Enforcement**

A division of the agency relating to the activities by the Commission for the operation of such a division within the Commission as mandated by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act. Within the division, Special Law Enforcements duties are performed by 4 FTE that include:

- A. Investigating organization and occupation license applicants.
- B. Reviewing OSBI and FBI fingerprint reports for criminal records as they may pertain to Commission mandates.
- C. Overseeing and regulating the human and equine drug testing programs.
- D. Maintaining confidential investigation information.
- E. Acting as liaison for the Commission with all local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- F. Investigating and monitoring of off-track betting facilities operated by Commission-licensed racetracks.
- H. Investigate illegal pari-mutuel horse racing and gambling operations.

**Oklahoma Bred (OBDSFA)**

The Oklahoma Breeding Development program is administered by the agency pursuant to a direct mandate from the Oklahoma Horse Racing Act (Title 3A O.S. Section 208.3) Oklahoma Breeding Development activity relates to expenses incurred by the Oklahoma-Bred Official Registering Agency (Registry) and Oklahoma-Bred Claims

- Registry-**
  - A. Registers eligible Oklahoma-Bred racing stock, broodmares, and stallions.
  - B. Transfers ownership of accredited Oklahoma-Bred horses as it pertains to the Program and eligibility.
  - C. Charts and verifies ownership of accredited Oklahoma-Bred winning/qualifying owners and breeders of accredited Oklahoma-Bred races for payment of purse supplements, stallion and broodmare awards by the Claims Department.
  - D. Co-chairs the Oklahoma-Bred Advisory Council.
- Claims-**
  - A. Records and maintains racing information on all accredited Oklahoma-Bred races.
  - B. Proofs and verifies proper ownership of accredited Oklahoma-Bred winners, owners and breeders of accredited Oklahoma-Bred horses participating in Oklahoma-Bred races.
  - C. Requests and processes affidavits and W-9 forms for all accredited Oklahoma-Bred winning/qualifying owners and breeders.
  - D. Processes and mails all purse supplements and breeders awards.







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**Is the agency seeking any fee increases for FY '26?**

| Description of requested increase in order of priority | Fee Increase Request (\$) | Statutory change required? (Yes/No) |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Increase 1 N/A   |                           |                                     |
| Increase 2   |                           |                                     |
| Increase 3   |                           |                                     |

**Federal Funds**

| CFDA   | Federal Program Name | Agency Dept. # | FY 25 budget (\$) | FY 24 actuals (\$) | FY 23 actuals (\$) | FY 22 actuals (\$) | FY 24 budgeted FTE (#) |
|--|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| N/A THIS AGENCY DOES NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING |                      |                |                   |                    |                    |                    |                        |

**Federal Government Impact**

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| <b>1.) How much federal money received by the agency is tied to a mandate by the Federal Government?</b> |
| N/A THIS AGENCY DOES NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING   |
| <b>2.) Are any of those funds inadequate to pay for the federal mandate?</b>                             |
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**3.) What would the consequences be of ending all of the federal funded programs for your agency?**

N/A THIS AGENCY DOES NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING

**4.) How will your agency be affected by federal budget cuts in the coming fiscal year?**

N/A THIS AGENCY DOES NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING

**5.) Has the agency requested any additional federal earmarks or increases?**

N/A THIS AGENCY DOES NOT RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDING

| FY 2025 Budgeted FTE |                    |             |                 |              |                 |                 |          |
|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| Division #           | Division Name      | Supervisors | Non-Supervisors | \$0 - \$35 K | \$35 K - \$70 K | \$70 K - \$100K | \$100K+  |
| 1000001              | General Operations | 3           | 7.5             | 4.5          | 3               | 1               | 2        |
| 2000001              | Race Day Expenses  |             | 16.5            | 0.5          | 7               | 9               |          |
| 3000001              | Law Enforcement    | 1           | 3               |              | 4               |                 |          |
| 4000001              | Oklahoma Bred      |             | 4               |              | 4               |                 |          |
| 5000001              | Gaming Regulation  |             | 2               |              | 1               | 1               |          |
| <b>Total</b>         |                    | <b>4</b>    | <b>33</b>       | <b>5</b>     | <b>19</b>       | <b>11</b>       | <b>2</b> |

| FTE History by Fiscal Year |                    |                  |             |             |             |             |             |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Division #                 | Division Name      | FY 2025 Budgeted | FY 2025 YTD | FY 2024     | FY 2023     | FY 2022     | FY 2016     |
| 1000001                    | General Operations | 10.5             | 9.5         | 10.0        | 10.0        | 10.0        | 8.0         |
| 2000001                    | Race Day Expenses  | 16.5             | 12.5        | 12.0        | 12.0        | 12.0        | 14.0        |
| 3000001                    | Law Enforcement    | 4.0              | 2.0         | 4.0         | 4.0         | 4.0         | 4.0         |
| 4000001                    | Oklahoma Bred      | 4.0              | 1.0         | 4.0         | 4.0         | 3.0         | 4.0         |
| 5000001                    | Gaming Regulation  | 2.0              | 2.0         | 2.0         | 3.0         | 3.0         | 2.0         |
| <b>Total</b>               |                    | <b>37.0</b>      | <b>27.0</b> | <b>32.0</b> | <b>33.0</b> | <b>32.0</b> | <b>32.0</b> |

| Performance Measure Review                    |         |                  |                  |                  |                  |
|---|---------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   | FY 2024 | FY 2023          | FY 2022          | FY 2021          | FY 2020          |
| <b>Gaming Revenue Generated for Education</b> |         | \$ 27,940,842.00 | \$ 27,130,987.00 | \$ 22,555,303.00 | \$ 24,317,573.00 |
| <b>OK Bred Funds paid to Public</b>           |         | \$ 7,804,331.00  | \$ 7,691,277.00  | \$ 7,540,937.00  | \$ 8,295,512.00  |
| <b>Number of Occupation Licenses Issued</b>   |         | 7591             | 8108             | 8181             | 7102             |
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