



## **DELAWARE COUNTY GUARDIANSHIP SERVICES BOARD ANNUAL REPORT—2024**

### **Our Mission Statement**

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code § 2111.52, the Delaware County Guardianship Services Board was created in 2022 to administer a guardianship program serving mentally incompetent wards of Delaware County through appointments by the Probate Judge. It is the goal and vision of the DCGSB to have the greatest amount of impact with the least amount of involvement for the folks we serve.

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## Letter From the Executive Director

Dear Community Partners,

Thank you very much for your support—our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each and every one of you that have allowed the GSB to grow and help the most vulnerable populations of Delaware County. As we close out another year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey the GSB has shared throughout 2024 and the tremendous growth we have experienced.

This year has been one of collaboration and meaningful impact, and we could not have achieved it without your dedication and commitment to our shared mission of providing guardianship services to the folks of Delaware County—and importantly, having the greatest positive impact with the least amount of involvement for the folks that we serve. Whether through your generous contributions, active participation, or collaboration on key initiative, your efforts have made a lasting impact.

Over the course of 12 months, we have more than doubled the number of folks to whom we provide services as guardian of last resort. As the numbers below reflect, our staff is in the community and is making strides in helping give voice to many folks that may have never had someone fighting for them in their corner. As of January 2025, the GSB consists of the Executive Director, three (3) Social Workers, and an Operations Coordinator. Each challenge that has faced us continues to be met with grace and compassion with the guiding principle being doing what is in the best interest of the folks that we serve.

We are extremely grateful to our community partners who have supported us without hesitation: The Delaware County Probate Court, Delaware-Morrow County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board, Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Delaware County Board of Commissioners, Delaware County Job and Family Services, SourcePoint, and Ohio Health.

Within each of these organizations is a stalwart of dedicated public servants that make Delaware County the finest place to live in this State. Every Delaware County resident should feel blessed to have such dedicated folks helping make their lives better, easier, and safer. It would take a lifetime to thank all of the individuals individually that help us meet our goals—so, we will just say thank you and look forward to continuing our great relationships in 2025.

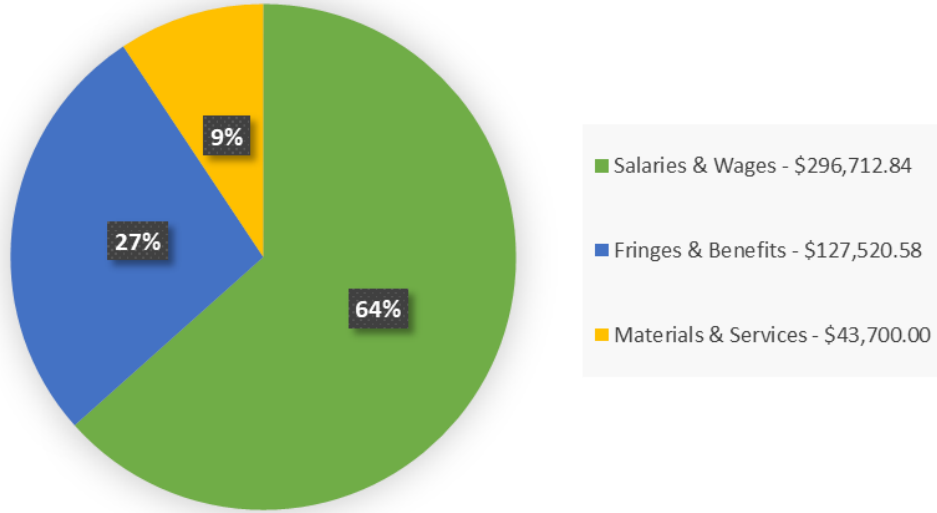
Visit us on our website: <https://gsb.co.delaware.oh.us/>.

Sincerely,

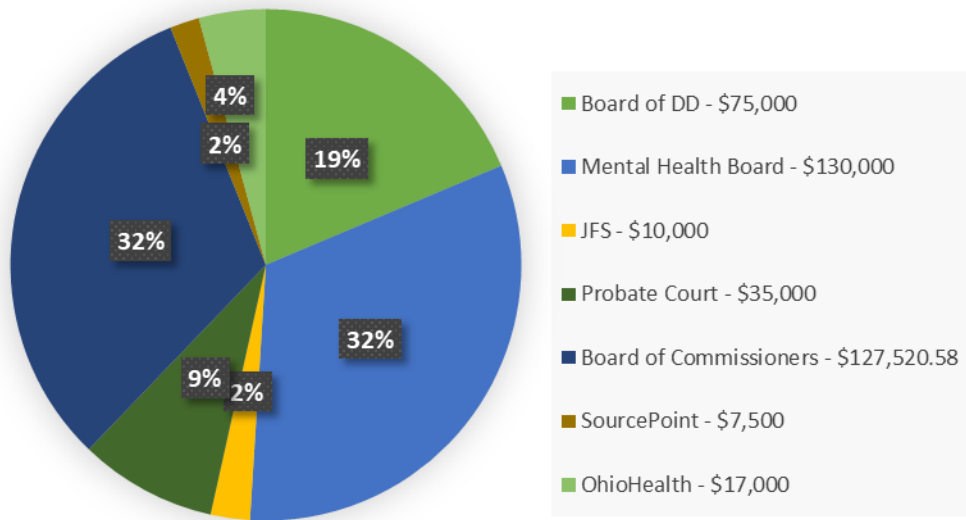
Eric C. Penkal  
Executive Director

# GSB Budget and Contributions for 2024

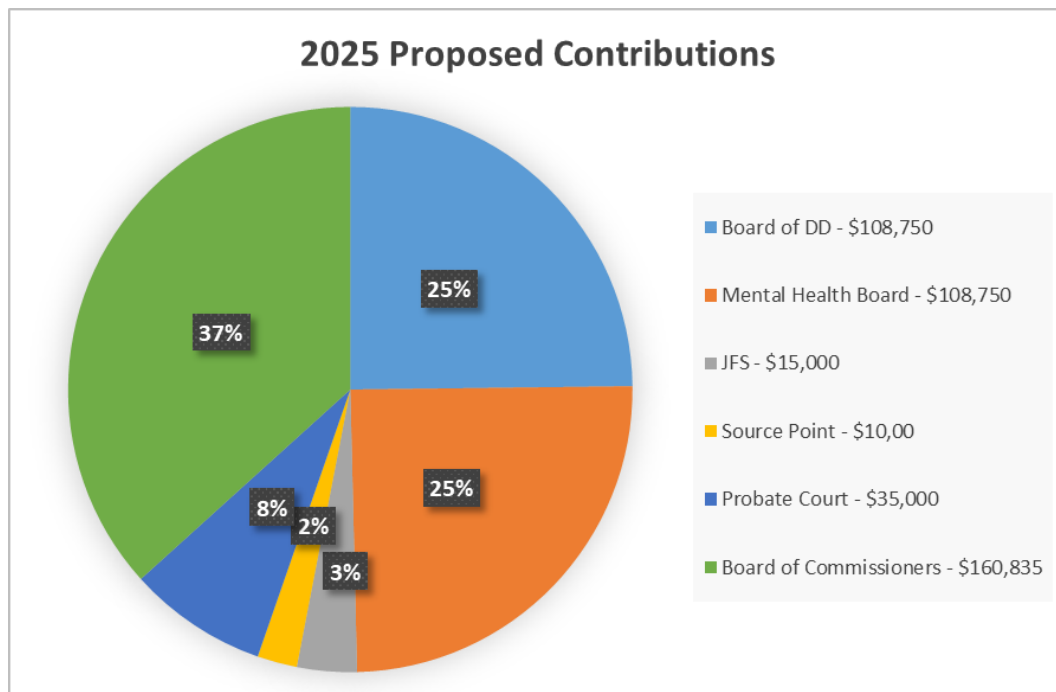
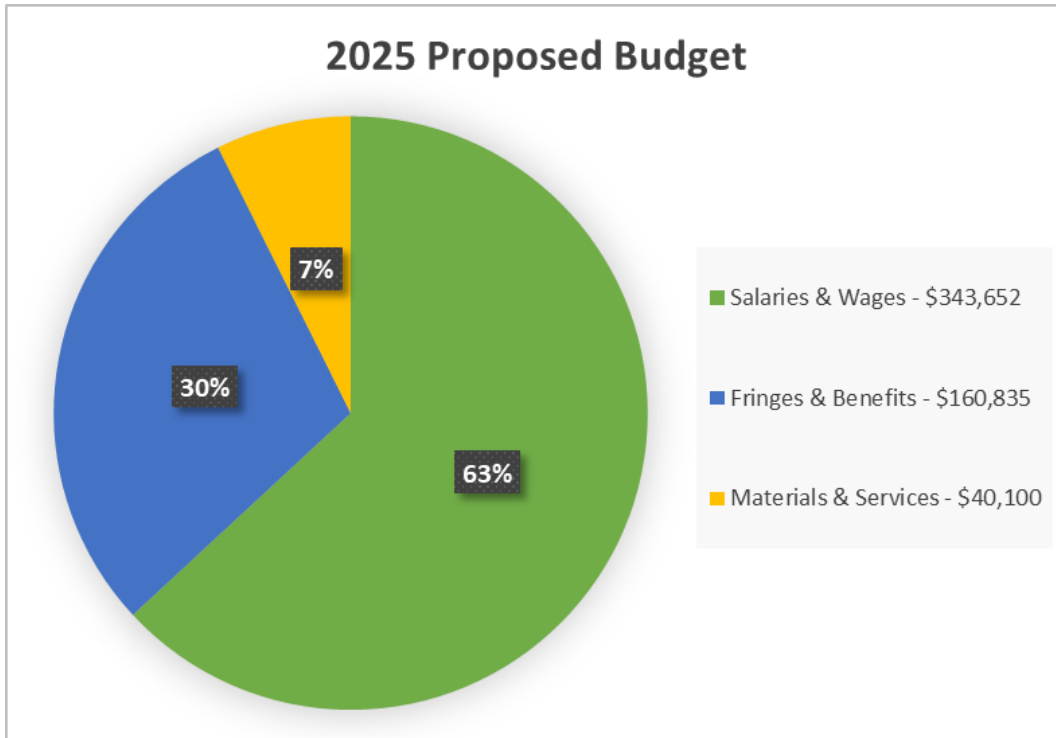
## 2024 Budget



## 2024 Contributions



## GSB Proposed Budget & Contributions for 2025





## 2024 GSB YEAR IN REVIEW



579 face-to-face meetings with clients



455 After hours contacts  
23 After hours medical consents



### Cases by Referral Source

- Probate Court: 16
- JFS/APS: 7
- Mental Health Board: 8
- Board of DD: 7
- Hospital Systems: 3
- Other: 7



Clients involved in the legal system - 5



Adults aged 18-93  
59 and below - 24  
60 and up - 18



### Clients by county

- Delaware - 33
- Franklin - 2
- Holmes - 3
- Knox - 2
- Marion - 2

### Clients by type of housing

- Assisted/Supportive living - 2
- DD Group home - 13
- Community - 14
- MH Group home - 5
- Nursing home - 8



## Community Partners

The Delaware County Probate Court  
Visit: [probate.co.delaware.oh.us](http://probate.co.delaware.oh.us)  
(740) 833-2680

Delaware-Morrow County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board  
Visit: [dmmhrsb.org](http://dmmhrsb.org)  
(740) 368-1740

Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Visit: [www.dcbdd.org](http://www.dcbdd.org)  
(740) 201-3600

Delaware County Board of Commissioners  
Visit: [co.delaware.oh.us/commissioners](http://co.delaware.oh.us/commissioners)  
(740) 833-2000

Delaware County Job and Family Services  
Visit: [jfs.co.delaware.oh.us](http://jfs.co.delaware.oh.us)  
(740) 833-2300

SourcePoint  
Visit: [mysourcepoint.org](http://mysourcepoint.org)  
(740) 363-6677

OhioHealth  
Visit: [ohiohealth.com](http://ohiohealth.com)  
(800) 487-1115

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