

Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget Instructions

ABEST Data Entry for Institutions of Higher Education



Document Conventions

This document may use the following symbolic conventions:



Caution: This symbol warns you of the possible loss of data.



Important: This symbol indicates information you need to know.



Tip: This symbol indicates information that may be useful.

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Getting Started

The agency submissions portion of the Automated Budget and Evaluation System of Texas (ABEST) is a web-based application. It is the application used by the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to track agency requests for appropriations through the stages of the legislative appropriations process and agency performance through the biennial budget cycle.

This document contains instructions for institutions of higher education to enter operating budget data into ABEST for the 2016–17 biennium. You will be entering expended data for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 and budgeted data for fiscal 2016.

The data entry process for post-session operating budgets is similar to the data entry for pre-session legislative appropriation requests (LARs), but less extensive. You will enter supporting information for homeland security and health care reform as applicable to your institution.

The recommended process for entering your operating budget data is:

- Read this manual, which has been updated for session 84R.
- Change your budget status in ABEST from Empty to Incomplete.
- Check, add, revise, and delete data as needed. Enter your data in the order given in this manual.
- Read Operating Budget Instructions for Executive and Administrative Agencies, Appellate Courts, and Judicial Branch Agencies for Fiscal Year 2016 (hereinafter called Detailed Instructions) for information about operating budget data and submission requirements, including deadlines. It is available at www.lbb.state.tx.us under Agencies Portal/Instructions/Operating Budget Instructions.
- Clear any closing edits (usually imbalances), change your status to complete, print and submit reports as required in the Detailed Instructions.
- Submit your operating budget in the Document Submissions application. For more information, see <u>Submitting and Posting Your Operating</u> Budget on page 42.
- Post your operating budget in PDF format on your agency's website.



Important: If your institution has no homeland security or health care reform funding to report, change your budget status from **Empty** to **Incomplete** and click **Save**. Then change your budget status from **Incomplete** to **Complete** and click **Save** again. See the <u>Changing your Status to</u> Complete section on page 37 for more information.

Data Guidelines

Review the Data Guidelines below to ensure that your data is entered correctly.

• Include all funding sources expended by your institution for homeland security programs.

- Federal funds that pass through your institution need to be reported only by the expending institution.
- Report funding your institution receives for homeland security goods or services via procurement contracts as interagency contracts, not federal funds. The institution originally receiving them should report them as federal funds.
- If your institution is the original recipient of any federal funds that you pass through to a non-state (i.e., local or regional) entity, report them as federal funds.
- Agencies affected by the federal healthcare reform legislation are required to submit this information. If you are unsure whether your agency should complete the schedule, contact your LBB analyst.

If you have questions about the operating budget data, read the Detailed Instructions first. If you cannot find the answer, contact your LBB budget analyst. To determine which analyst is assigned to your agency, visit the LBB website at www.lbb.state.tx.us. Select **About the LBB** and **Staff**, then, click **Analyst Assignments**.

If you have a problem with the application that you cannot resolve using these procedures, call the ABEST Help Desk at 512-463-3167.

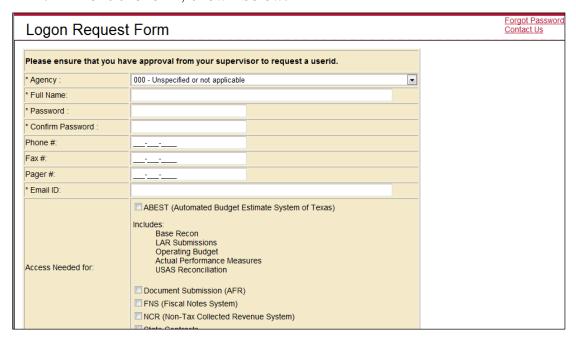
Accessing ABEST

Follow the steps below to request a user ID and password. If you have forgotten your user ID or password, see the Logging In section below.

1. To request a user ID, click **Agencies Portal** from the LBB website (www.lbb.state.tx.us). Under Logon Information, click **Agency Logon Request Form**.



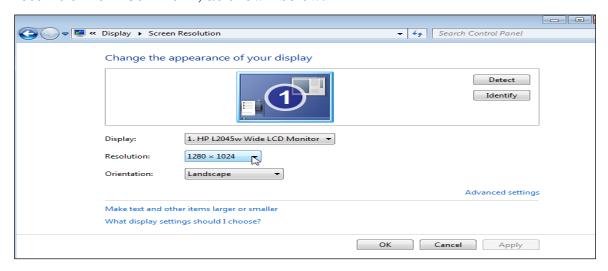
2. Fill out the form, shown below.



3. When complete, scroll down and click Submit. You should receive an email asking you to confirm the logon request. You must respond to this email; otherwise, your request will not be processed. If you do not receive a confirmation email, call the ABEST Help Desk at 512-463-3167. The LBB will email you a user ID and password for ABEST within one business day.

Logging In

You <u>must</u> use Internet Explorer for ABEST data entry. Other browsers (i.e., Firefox and Google Chrome) will not work consistently and can create problems in the application. The suggested version for Internet Explorer is version 10. Version 11 will not work consistently in the ABEST application. The recommended screen resolution is 1280 x 1024, as shown below.



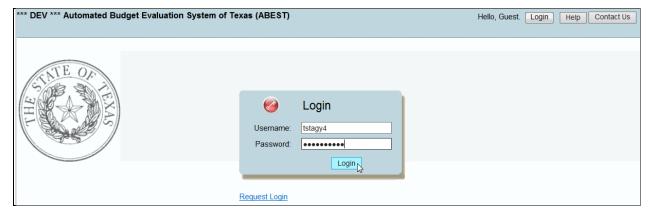
1. From the LBB website (<u>www.lbb.state.tx.us</u>), click **Agencies Portal**. Under Data Entry Applications, click **Operating Budget** as shown below.





Important: Refer to the options below if you already have a user ID and have forgotten your user ID and/or password.

- From the LBB website, click Agencies Portal. Under Logon Information, click
 Agency Logon Help. Enter your user ID or email address and click Remember Me.
- Call the Help Desk at 512-463-3167.
- 2. Enter your username and password and click **Login**.





Tip: You can also access the Logon Request Form mentioned earlier by clicking **Request Login**.

Profile Selection

The profile screen appears upon successfully logging into ABEST. Options selected on this screen determine the menu layout for a particular business process in

ABEST (i.e., Operating Budget, Base Reconciliation, Legislative Appropriations Request, etc.).

1. From the available drop-down boxes, select 84th Legislative Regular Session, Operating Budget, S60 – Operating Budget, and your agency.



2. Click **Save Selections** to update your profile.

The options selected will display on the profile settings bar, which is at the top of each screen. The agency status associated with these settings is also included.





Important: Before you enter data, verify that you are in the correct session, business process, and agency. Note that you will not be able to access the menus if your status is set to restricted or locked (status is located at the right top portion of the profile screen). The LBB uses these specific statuses to indicate that work is in progress. Other agencies will appear in your agency drop-down box when their status is set to complete in ABEST.

If the Current Profile/Settings are not correct, click in the drop-down boxes to select the appropriate settings and click **Save Selections**.

News Screen

The News screen provides important information and often conveys details about upcoming deadlines. ABEST may direct you to this screen if this is your first time to log in or if the News screen has been updated.

Help

You can view this manual online or get help based on your screen location.

1. Click the **Help** button to view the entire user manual, as shown below.



2. Click the **Help icon** to get detailed information about the screen you are using. The user manual opens and links to the information based on your screen location.

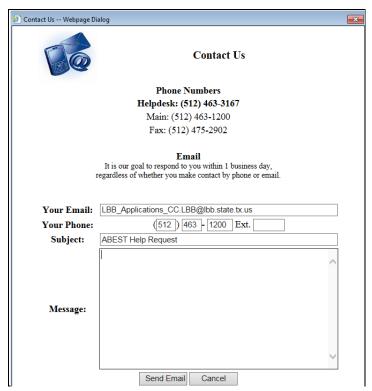


Contact Information

Contact the LBB Help Desk by clicking on **Contact Us**, as shown below.

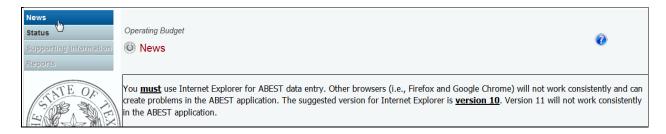


You can also contact the LBB by calling the help desk at 512-463-3167. Be prepared to leave a message when calling the help desk. Your call goes directly to voicemail at all times. A typical call back response from the help desk is within 30 minutes. We will respond to email inquires as soon as possible; however, it can take as long as the end of the next business day in some cases.



Changing Your Status to Incomplete

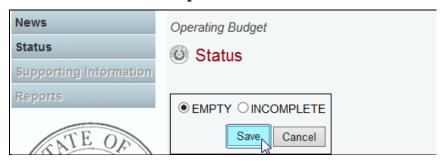
1. Click the **Status** menu, as shown below.





Important: ABEST will not allow you to enter data until you set the status to Incomplete.

2. Select the **Incomplete** radio button and click **Save**.





Important: As you enter data, closing edits will appear on the status screen. You must clear the edits before you can submit your operating budget.

You must set your status to complete when you have completed your data entry. See <u>Changing Budget Status to Complete</u>.

Cautions and Important Information



Caution: You will lose data if ABEST is inactive for 30 minutes or more. Always click Save if you leave your computer for more than a few minutes. If ABEST becomes inactive, you must close and reopen your browser and log back in. Any unsaved data must be re-entered.

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Caution: You will lose data if you move to another grid without saving first. Save your work frequently by clicking Save. Any unsaved data must be re-entered.

Important: Read the News screen when ABEST directs you to it. It often conveys important information regarding changes and upcoming deadlines.

Data Entry Considerations

Refer to the following table for information regarding data entry.

DATA ENTRY REFERENCE

TEXT LIMITATIONS

You may copy text from a word processing application and paste it into ABEST, but you should review it and correct formatting problems if necessary. Bulleted lists may not copy properly. Avoid outline styles that combine numbers and bullets.

- Numeric fields allow 12 digits maximum. Enter only whole dollar amounts, not decimal places. You do not need to enter commas in numeric fields.
- Use the steps below to activate the character count in Internet Explorer 10.
 - o Open IE10
 - Press the Alt key to display a menu at the top of the screen.
 - Click View/Toolbar. Verify that the status bar is checked. If it is not checked, click on the status bar to activate the counter.

The character counter will display in the bottom left portion of the screen when you enter data into a text field.

ENTERING DATA

- Click in the data cell and enter the data.
- Press Tab to move across to the next cell.
- At the end of a row, manually click the cursor in a cell on a new row to enter more data.
- You can expand some multiline text fields by double clicking in the field. Use the Enter key to start a new line of text in a multi-line text field. Click the cursor outside the field or press Tab to move out of the field. Save your work by clicking Save.
- Use the built-in calculator by double-clicking in any active data entry cell. After making the calculation and clicking the = button, click Send to Grid. The number you calculated transfers to the cell in which the cursor appears.

SAVING DATA

- Save data by pressing Enter on your keyboard or by clicking **Save** on the screen.
- Use the gray section to add new information to a corresponding grid and click Save.

Character Count = 40; MAX = 22000

COLOR CONVENTIONS

- Unsaved numbers appear blue in color. Saved numbers are black.
- Grayed out data cells are "read only" and may not be changed.
 Contact your analyst to request any changes.

IF THE EXPLORER STATUS BAR DOES NOT APPEAR

 Open the Tools menu in Internet Explorer and choose Internet Options. Click the Security tab and select Trusted Sites. Click the Sites button and enter
 *.lbb.state.tx.us.

NAVIGATION

- To move to the top of a long screen, click the Top hyperlink at the bottom of the screen.
- To move to the bottom of the screen, click the Bottom hyperlink at the top of the screen.

Supporting Information

Institutions may be required to enter supporting information for their operating budgets if they receive homeland security funds or are affected by the federal healthcare reform legislation.

If you are unsure whether your agency should complete these schedules, contact your LBB analyst.

Homeland Security

By state statute, all state agencies, including institutions of higher education, that receive funding from the federal government for homeland security purposes must report it in their operating budget.

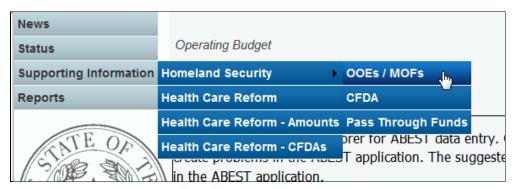
Some federal homeland security funds pass through state agencies that disburse them to other state agencies, institutions, and local entities. Each state agency and institution that receives homeland security funding from the federal government and either spends or passes them through to local or state entities is responsible for reporting them in ABEST.

Homeland security funding falls into two categories, Part A—Terrorism and Part B—Natural or Man-made Disasters. You will enter OOEs, MOFs (including CFDAs), and Pass Thru Funds for Parts A and B. The steps are the same for both categories. These instructions will use Part A—Terrorism as an example.

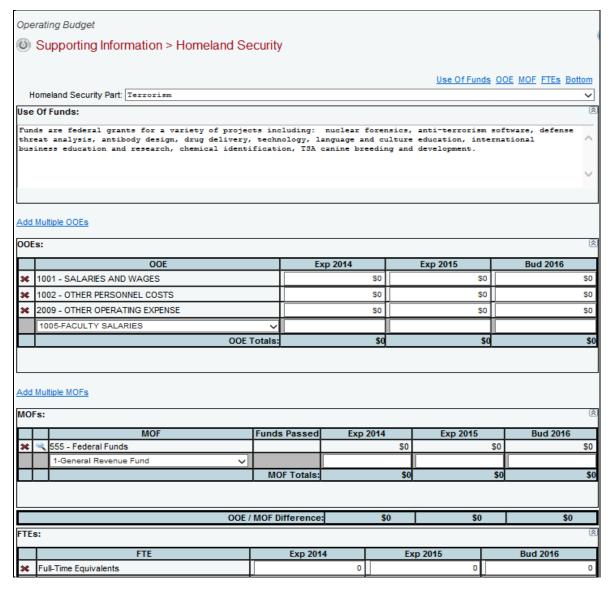
The submenus default to the Part A-Terrorism. To view Part B, click in the **Homeland Security Part** drop-down box and select **Natural or Man-made Disasters**, as shown below.



Click the **Supporting Information** menu, **Homeland Security** and **OOEs/MOFs** submenus.

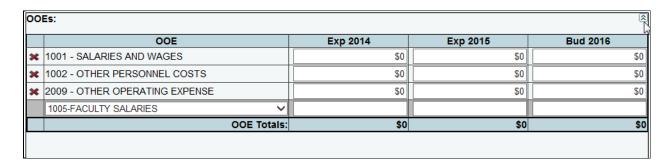


Part A—Terrorism loads on the screen, as shown below. The OOE and MOF codes previously used for your agency display on the screen.



Refer to the navigation options in the following table for reference.

NAVIGATION OPTIO	NAVIGATION OPTIONS REFERENCE					
White Arrow (top right)	Use this toggle switch to collapse/expand a particular grid. It will enable you to view the details above/below a particular grid (shown below).					
Use of Funds	Hyperlink directs you to the first grid on the screen and displays the u of funds. Character limit is 2,000.					
OOE	Hyperlink directs you to the second grid on the screen and displays the OOE detail.					
MOF	Hyperlink directs you to the third grid on the screen and displays the MOF detail.					
FTE	Hyperlink directs you to the fourth grid on the screen and displays the FTE detail.					
Top and Bottom	Hyperlink positions the cursor at the top or bottom of the screen.					



The use of funds data previously entered has been copied to the operating budget. Review the data copied forward and make changes as needed. Click **Save** to retain your changes.



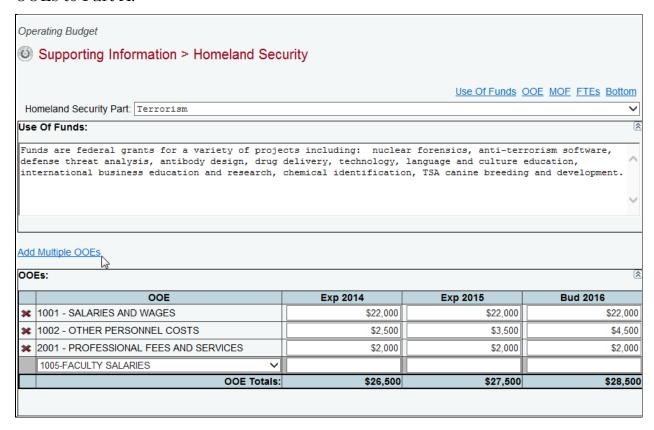
List the strategies from which the funds are expended and describe the type of activities or expenses included in the amounts (for example, surveillance,

equipment purchases, and so forth). If relevant, also describe the methodology used for allocating costs to Homeland Security.

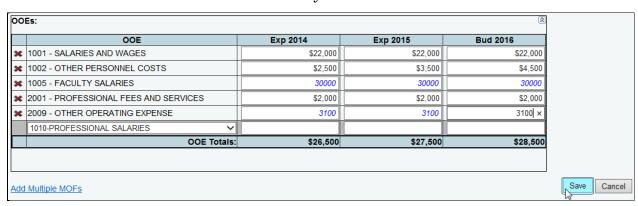
Object of Expense (OOEs)

Click in the OOEs grid and enter amounts for each OOE displayed and click **Save**. See the details below to add additional OOEs.

<u>Adding Multiple OOEs</u> — Click the **Add Multiple OOEs** hyperlink to add multiple OOEs to Part A.



Select the appropriate OOEs and click **Save**. The OOEs load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.



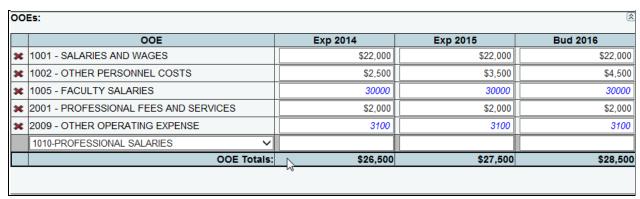
<u>Adding a Single OOE</u> — Use the gray section to add a single OOE. Select an **OOE** from the drop-down box, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The system will not save the data unless you have entered at least one amount for the OOE.

00	OOEs:								
	OOE	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016					
×	1001 - SALARIES AND WAGES	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,00					
*	1002 - OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,50					
*	1005 - FACULTY SALARIES	30000	30000	3000					
×	2001 - PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,00					
*	1010-PROFESSIONAL SALARIES 1015-PROFESSIONAL SALARIES 2002-FUELS AND LUBRICANTS	3100	3100	310					
	2003-CONSUMABLE SUPPLIES 2004-UTILITIES 2005-TRAVEL 2006-RENT - BUILDING 2007-RENT - MACHINE AND OTHER	\$26,500	\$27,500	\$28,50					



Important: You *cannot* modify the OOE code once the item has been saved. To change the OOE code, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

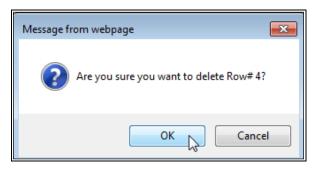
As you save the data, notice that the OOE Summary Totals at the bottom of the grid updates.



<u>Deleting OOE Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the red '**x**' to the left of the OOE, as shown below.

001	00Es:							
	OOE	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016				
*	1001 - SALARIES AND WAGES	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000				
*	1002 - OTHER PERSONNEL COSTS	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$4,500				
*	1005 - FACULTY SALARIES	30000	30000	30000				
*	2001 - PROFESSIONAL FEES AND SERVICES	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000				
*	2009 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE	3100	3100	3100				
7	1010-PROFESSIONAL SALARIES							
	OOE Totals:	\$26,500	\$27,500	\$28,500				

Click **OK** to confirm your request.



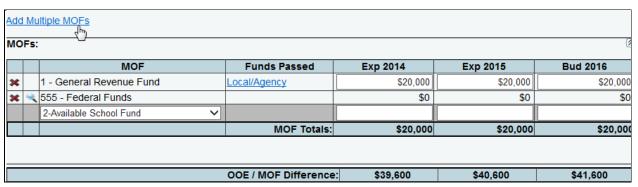
Method of Financing (MOFs)

Scroll down to the MOF grid or click the **MOF** hyperlink, as shown below.



Enter amounts for each MOF displayed and click **Save**. See the details below to add additional MOFs.

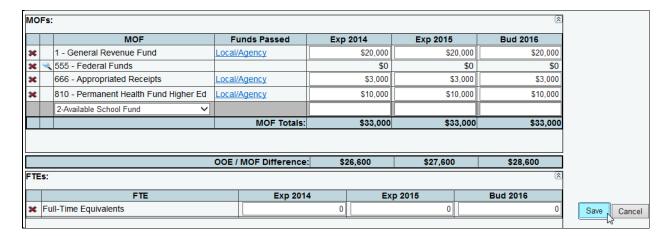
<u>Adding Multiple MOFs</u> — Click the **Add Multiple MOFs** hyperlink to add multiple MOFs to Part A.





Important: The OOE/MOF Difference Totals must equal zero to avoid closing edits.

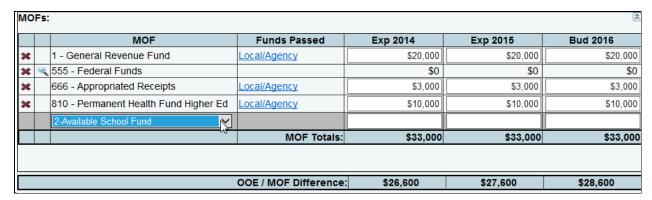
Select the appropriate **MOFs** and click **Save**. The MOFs load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.





Important: Federally funded MOFs are defined at the CFDA level. Select the federally funded **MOF** from the list and click **Save**. ABEST will save the MOF and add zero dollar amounts for each year. Click the **magnifying glass** to enter dollar amounts by CFDA. See the <u>CFDAs</u> section below for more details.

<u>Adding a Single MOF</u> — Use the gray section to add a single MOF. Select an **MOF** from the drop-down box, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The system will not save the data unless you have entered at least one amount for the MOF.





Important: You cannot modify the MOF code once the item is saved. To change the MOF code, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

The MOF grid displays a Local/Agency hyperlink when MOF amounts are added to the grid. The Local/Agency link directs you to the pass thru funds. See the <u>Pass</u> <u>Thru Funds</u> section on page 23 for more details.

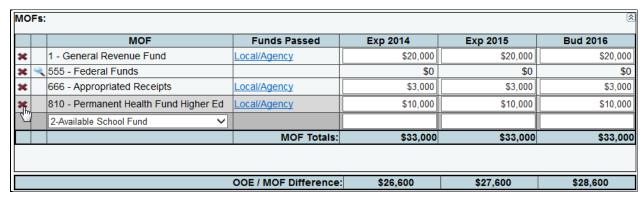
МО	MOFs:								
		MOF	Funds Passed	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016			
*		1 - General Revenue Fund	Local/Agency	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000			
*	9	555 - Federal Funds	4)	\$0	\$0	\$0			



Tip: You can access pass thru funds (Parts A and B) by clicking the Local/Agency hyperlink or you can click the Supporting Information menu, Homeland Security and Pass Thru Funds submenus.

The Local/Agency hyperlink for an MOF appears only after the MOF data is saved.

<u>Deleting MOF Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the red '**x**' to the left of the MOF, as shown below.



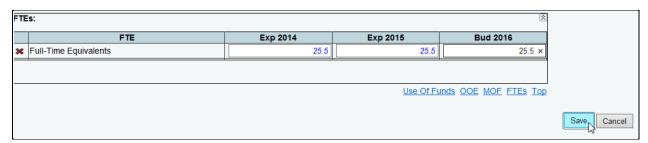
Click **OK** to confirm your request.



Important: Review the OOE/MOF Difference. This total should be zero for each year listed. You cannot set your status to complete until MOFs and OOEs are in balance.

Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)

Click in the FTEs grid, enter the FTEs for each year and click **Save**, as shown below.



CFDAs

You can access the CFDA screen from the OOEs/MOFs submenu or from the CFDA submenu. Select the option that works best for you.

• Use the OOEs/MOFs submenu if you want to add federally funded MOFs along with your other MOFs. See <u>Method of Financing (MOFs)</u> section above.

• Use the CFDA submenu if you want to navigate directly to the CFDA data entry screen to add CFDAs. Federally funded MOFs must be added on the OOEs/MOFs submenu before they are available on the CFDA submenu.



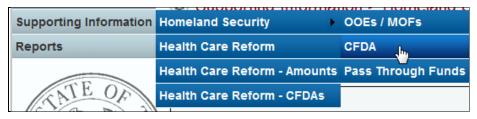
Tip: You can navigate to the CFDA data entry screen by clicking the **Supporting**Information→Homeland Security→OOEs/MOFs menu and then the magnifying glass displayed to the left of a federally funded MOF or you can go directly to the CFDA data entry screen by clicking the Supporting Information→Homeland Security →CFDA menu.



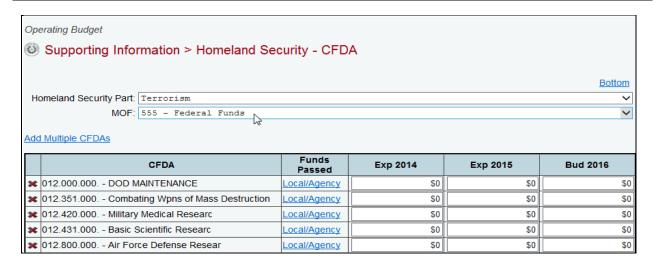
Important: If a CFDA number cannot be found in ABEST, send an email to CFDA@lbb.state.tx.us and provide the following information:

- Contact Information (name and phone number of requestor)
- · Agency code and agency name
- CFDA number
- Program name for the CFDA number you are requesting; and
- Notice of grant award or other documentation that demonstrates you have received Federal Funds along with its intended use. For example, a sub-recipient who is under contract with a primary recipient of a grant award will need to provide a copy of the contract or agreement that they received from the primary recipient.

Click the **Supporting Information** menu, **Homeland Security** and **CFDA** submenus to navigate directly to the CFDA data entry screen.



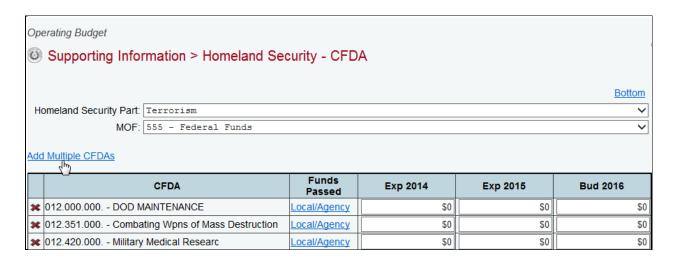
Part A and the first federally funded MOF (added on the OOEs/MOFs submenu) load in the drop-down boxes. Enter amounts for each CFDA displayed and click **Save**. See the details below to add additional CFDAs.



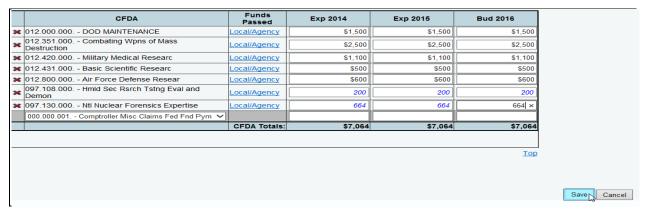
<u>Adding Multiple CFDAs</u> — Click the **Add Multiple CFDAs** hyperlink to add multiple CFDAs.



Tip: The nine-digit CFDA codes display leading zeroes. To add CFDA 16-555, select 016-555-000 from the CFDA listing.



Select the appropriate **CFDAs** and click **Save**. The CFDAs load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.



<u>Adding a Single CFDA</u> — Use the gray section to add a CFDA. Select the **CFDA** from the drop-down list, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The system will not save the data unless you have entered at least one amount for the CFDA.

	CFDA	CFDA Funds Exp		Exp 2015	Bud 2016	
×	012.000.000 DOD MAINTENANCE	Local/Agency	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
	012.351.000 Combating Wpns of Mass Destruction	Local/Agency	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	
×	012.420.000 Military Medical Researc	Local/Agency	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100	
×	012.431.000 Basic Scientific Researc	Local/Agency	\$500	\$500	\$500	
×	012.800.000 Air Force Defense Resear	Local/Agency	\$600	\$600	\$600	
	097.108.000 Hmld Sec Rsrch Tstng Eval and Demon	Local/Agency	\$200	\$200	\$200	
×	097.130.000 Ntl Nuclear Forensics Expertise	Local/Agency	\$664	\$664	\$664	
	000.301.001 Information and Referral					
	ν.	CFDA Totals:	\$7,064	\$7,064	\$7,064	



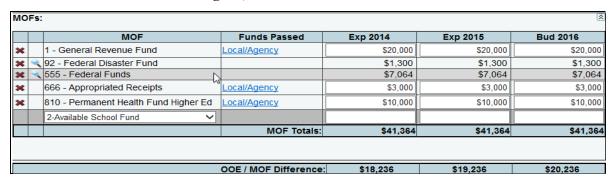
Tip: Click in the drop-down box and hover the cursor over the names to show the items listed in the drop-down box.

If necessary, select another MOF from the dropdown box and repeat the steps above.



Click the **Supporting Information**→**Homeland Security**→**OOEs/MOFs** menu to review the OOE and MOF detail.

The CFDA detail rolls up for the corresponding MOF and the CFDA amounts are not editable from the MOF grid, as shown below.



<u>Revising CFDA Data</u> — Click the **magnifying glass** $\stackrel{\frown}{\searrow}$ to update the CFDA entries for the corresponding MOF.

Select the appropriate **CFDA**, revise any dollar amounts associated with the CFDA and click **Save**.



Important: You *cannot* modify the CFDA code once the item is saved. To modify this field, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

<u>Deleting CFDA Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the **magnifying glass** ¬ next to the federally funded MOF. Click the red 'x' to the left of the CFDA, as shown below.

Add	Add Multiple CFDAs								
	CFDA	Funds Passed	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016				
*	012.000.000 DOD MAINTENANCE	Local/Agency	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500				
	012.351.000 Combating Wpns of Mass Destruction	Local/Agency	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500				
*	012.420.000 Military Medical Researc	Local/Agency	\$1,100	\$1,100	\$1,100				
*	012.431.000 Basic Scientific Researc	Local/Agency	\$500	\$500	\$500				
*	012.800.000 Air Force Defense Resear	Local/Agency	\$600	\$600	\$600				
	097.108.000 Hmld Sec Rsrch Tstng Eval and Demon	Local/Agency	\$200	\$200	\$200				
*	097.130.000 Ntl Nuclear Forensics Expertise	Local/Agency	\$664	\$664	\$664				
U	000.000.001 Comptroller Misc Claims Fed Fnd Pym 🗸								
		CFDA Totals:	\$7,064	\$7,064	\$7,064				

Click **OK** to confirm your request.

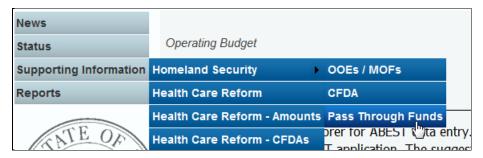


Important: Note the imbalance for the OOE/MOF Difference, as shown below. Any differences will appear as a closing edit and will prevent you from submitting your operating budget.

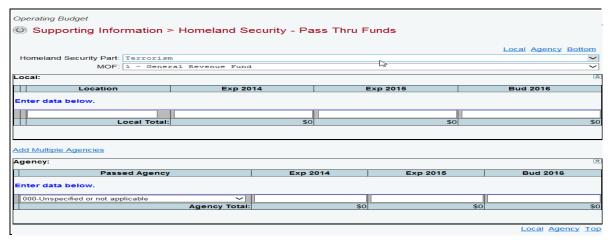
МО	MOFs:										
		MOF	Funds Passed	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016					
×		1 - General Revenue Fund	Local/Agency	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000					
×	9	555 - Federal Funds		\$7,064	\$7,064	\$7,064					
×		666 - Appropriated Receipts	Local/Agency	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000					
*		810 - Permanent Health Fund Higher Ed	Local/Agency	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000					
		2-Available School Fund									
			MOF Totals:	\$40,064	\$40,064	\$40,064					
			OOE / MOF Difference	\$19,536	\$20,536	\$21,536					

Homeland Security-Pass thru Funds

Click the **Supporting Information** menu, the **Homeland Security** and the **Pass Thru Funds** submenus to enter funding passed through your agency to local/regional governments and to other state agencies.

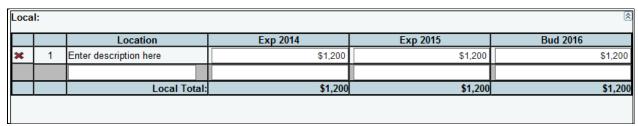


Two grids display on the Homeland Security Pass Thru Funds screen, as shown below. Terrorism (Part A) displays in the first drop-down box and the first MOF code displays in the second drop-down box. To change these items, click in the drop-down boxes at the top of the screen.



Local Funds

Enter the data in the Local grid if your agency passes homeland security funds through to local and or regional governments, as shown below. Enter a location/description along with the dollar amounts and click **Save**.

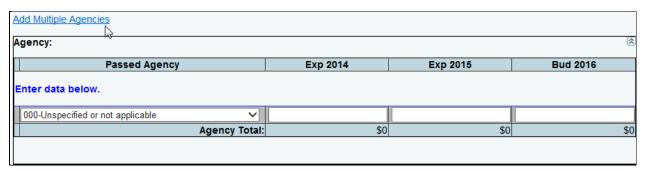


Agency Funds

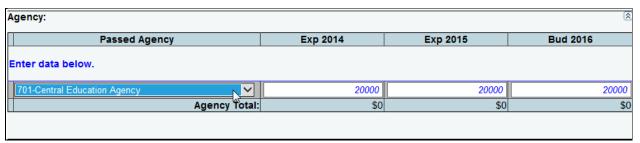
Enter data in the Agency grid if your agency passes homeland security funds through to other state agencies, including institutions of higher education.

<u>Adding Multiple Agencies</u> — Click the **Add Multiple Agencies**, as shown below. Select the appropriate **Agencies** and click **Save**.

The agencies load into the grid. Enter the dollar amounts for each agency and click **Save**.



<u>Adding a Single Agency</u> — Use the gray section to add a single agency. Select the **Passed Agency** from the drop-down box, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The data will not save unless you have entered at least one amount for the Agency.



Enter **Part B – Natural or Man-made Disasters**, just as you did earlier for Part A – Terrorism. See pages 11-24 for data entry details.

Health Care Reform

This screen applies to all agencies and institutions affected by the federal health care reform legislation enacted in March 2010 in H.R. 3590 and H.R. 4872.

Read the *Detailed Instructions* for information about the data required on this screen. The data you enter on this screen produces two reports: Schedule 4.F.A and Schedule 4.F.B.

Click the **Supporting Information** menu and the **Health Care Reform** submenu, as shown below.



<u>Adding Health Care Reform Detail</u> — Use the gray section to add the **Short Name**, **Full Name**, **Legal Authority**, **Description/Assumptions**, **Concerns** and click **Save**. The system will automatically add a sequence number upon clicking save.





Tip: You can expand some multi-line text fields by double clicking in the field. Use the enter key to start a new line of text in a multi-line text field. Click the cursor outside the field or press Tab to move out of the field. Save your work by clicking **Save**.

Click in the drop-down box and hover the cursor over the names to show the items listed in the drop-down box.

Enter the detail based on the criteria listed in the following table.

HEALTH CARE REFORM DETAIL CRITERIA							
Magnifying glass 🔍	Directs you to the CFDA amounts screen.						
Seq (Sequence)	The system automatically adds a sequence number. Use the up/down arrows to re-sequence if necessary (shown below).						
Short Name	Double click in the field to enter the short name. The character limit is 35; use the character counter (described on page 10) if needed.						
Full Name	Double click in the field to enter the full name. The character limit is 210.						
Legal Authority	Double click in the field to enter the legal authority. The character limit is 100						
Description/Assumptions	Double click in the field to enter the description and or assumption. The character limit is 2,000.						
Concerns	Double click in the field to enter any concerns The character limit is 2,000.						

		Seq	Short Name	Full Name		Le	gal Authority	1	Description/Assumption	15	Concerns
_	 1	1	Expanded	Expanded	^	H.R.	3590	^	Budgetary impact	^	^
	•		Insurance	Insurance	\vee	Sec.	10203 (d)	\vee	shown in this	V	~
	 4	2	Provide /	Provide	^	H.R.	3590,	^	Assumes an	\wedge	^
~			coverage to 25 🔪	coverage to 25	\vee	Sec.	1001	\vee	additional 5000	V	~
	W		/	\	^			^		\wedge	^
			_	/	V			\vee		\vee	~



Important: To modify the Seq field, use the up/down arrows to re-sequence.

<u>Revising Health Care Reform Detail</u> — Click in the appropriate fields to modify the details and click **Save**.

<u>Deleting Health Care Reform Detail</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the red 'x' to the left of the magnifying glass \(\bigcirc\). Click **OK** to confirm.



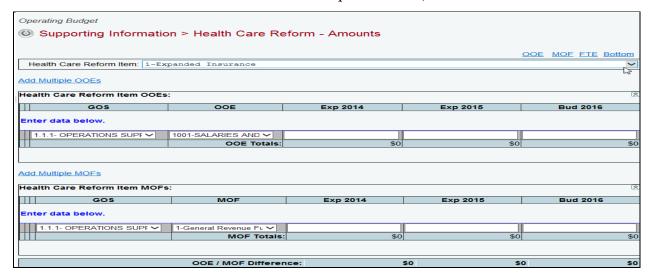
Important: Any dollar amounts associated with the detail will be deleted.

Health Care Reform - Amounts

Click the **Supporting Information** menu and the **Health Care Reform** – **Amounts** submenu. You can also click the **magnifying glass** $\stackrel{\triangleleft}{\sim}$ on the Health Care Reform grid, mentioned above.

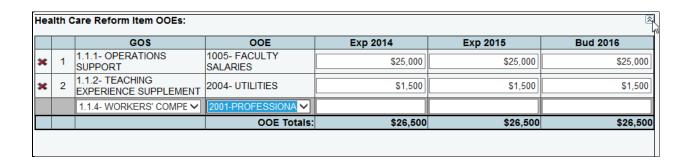


The screen loads the first sequenced Item in the drop-down box. To change the item, click in the **Health Care Reform Item** drop-down box, as shown below.



Review the navigation options below.

NAVIGATION OPTIC	NAVIGATION OPTIONS REFERENCE						
White Arrow (top right)	Use this toggle switch to collapse/expand a particular grid. It will enable you to view the details above/below a particular grid (shown below).						
OOE	Hyperlink directs you to the top portion of the screen and displays the OOEs you have entered for the selected strategy.						
MOF	Hyperlink directs you to the bottom portion of the screen and displays the MOFs you have entered for the selected strategy.						
Top and Bottom	Hyperlink positions the cursor at the top or bottom of the screen.						



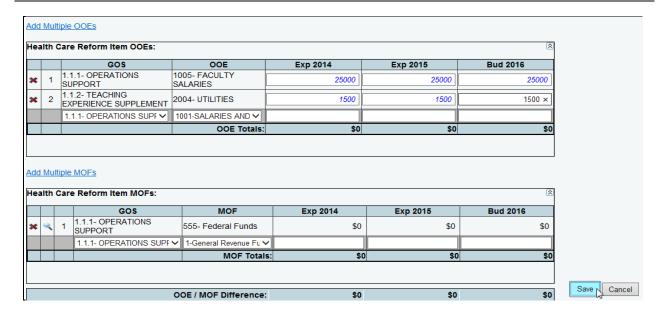
Objects of Expense (OOEs)

Scroll down to the Health Care Reform OOEs grid. See the details below to add multiple strategies and OOEs or to make a single entry.

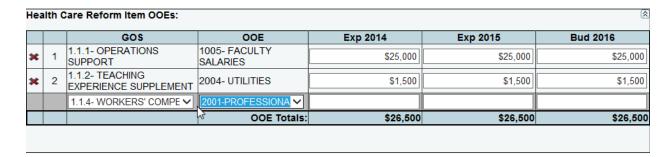
<u>Adding Multiple Entries</u> — Click the **Add Multiple OOEs** hyperlink to add multiple Goals/Objectives/Strategies (GOSs) and OOEs.



Select the appropriate GOS/OOEs and click **Save**. The entries load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.

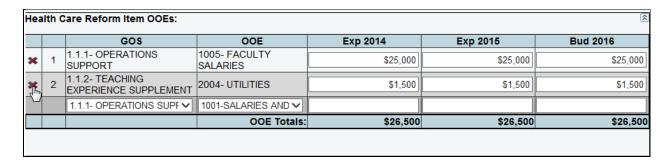


<u>Adding a Single Entry</u> — Use the gray section to add a single GOS and OOE. Select items from the drop-down boxes, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The system will not save the entry unless you have entered at least one amount.



<u>Revising Data</u> — You cannot modify the GOS/OOE codes once the item has been saved. To change these codes, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

<u>Deleting Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the red '**x**' to the left of the OOE, as shown below.



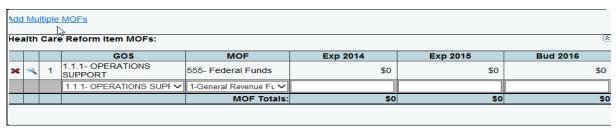
Click **OK** to confirm your request.

Method of Financing (MOFs)

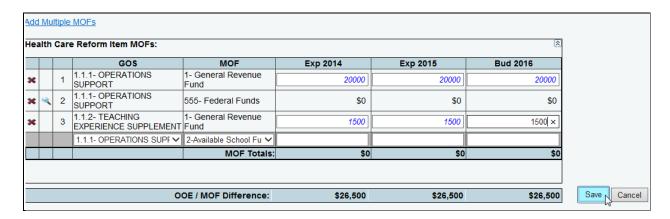
Scroll down to the MOF grid or click the **MOF** hyperlink, as shown below. See the details below to add multiple strategies and OOEs or a single entry.



<u>Adding Multiple Entries</u> — Click the **Add Multiple MOFs** hyperlink to add multiple GOSs and OOEs.



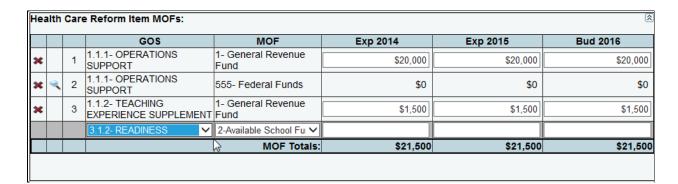
Select the appropriate GOS/MOFs and click **Save**. The entries load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.





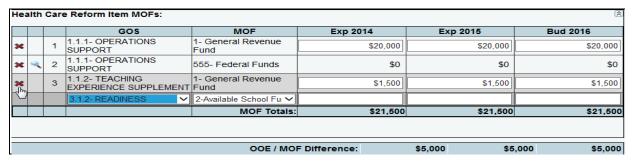
Important: Federally funded MOFs are defined at the CFDA level. Select the federally funded MOF from the list and click Save. ABEST will save the MOF and add zero dollar amounts for each year. See the CFDAs section below to enter dollar amounts by CFDA.

<u>Adding a Single Entry</u> — Use the gray section to add a single GOS and MOF. Select items from the drop-down boxes, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click **Save**. The system will not save the entry unless you have entered at least one amount.



<u>Revising Data</u> — You cannot modify the GOS/MOF codes once the item has been saved. To change these codes, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

<u>Deleting Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the red 'x' to the left of the OOE, as shown below. Click OK to confirm your request.





Important: Review the OOE/MOF Difference for each strategy. This total should be zero for each year listed. You cannot set your status to complete until each strategy has its financing (MOFs) and expenditures (OOEs) in balance.

CFDAs

You can add federally funded MOFs from the Health Care Reform - Amounts submenu or from the Health Care Reform - CFDA submenu. Select the option that works best for you.

- Use the amounts submenu if you want to add federally funded MOFs along with your other MOFs. See <u>Amounts Submenu</u> section below.
- Use the CFDA submenu if you want to navigate directly to the CFDA data entry screen to add your federally funded MOFs and CFDAs. See CFDA Submenu section below.



Tip: You can navigate to the CFDA data entry screen by clicking the **Supporting**Information→Health Care Reform - Amounts menu and then the magnifying glass displayed to the left of a federally funded MOF or you can go directly to the CFDA data entry screen by clicking the **Supporting Information→Health Care Reform - CFDA** menu.



Important: If a CFDA number cannot be found in ABEST, send an email to CFDA@lbb.state.tx.us and provide the following information:

- Contact Information (name and phone number of requestor)
- · Agency code and agency name
- CFDA number
- Program name for the CFDA number you are requesting; and
- Notice of grant award or other documentation that demonstrates you have received Federal Funds along with its intended use. For example, a sub-recipient who is under contract with a primary recipient of a grant award will need to provide a copy of the contract or agreement that they received from the primary recipient.

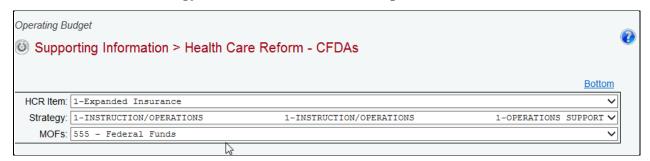
Amounts Submenu

Add your federally funded MOFs as mentioned earlier in the <u>Method of Financing</u> (MOFs) section above.

To enter amounts at the CFDA level, click the **magnifying glass** \(\sqrt{located} \) located to the left of the federally funded MOF code, as shown below.

Hea	Health Care Reform Item MOFs:							
			GOS	MOF	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016	
×		1	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	
*	15	2	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	555- Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	
×	Γ	3	1.1.2- TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	
			3.1.2- READINESS ✓	2-Available School Fu				
				MOF Totals:	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$21,500	

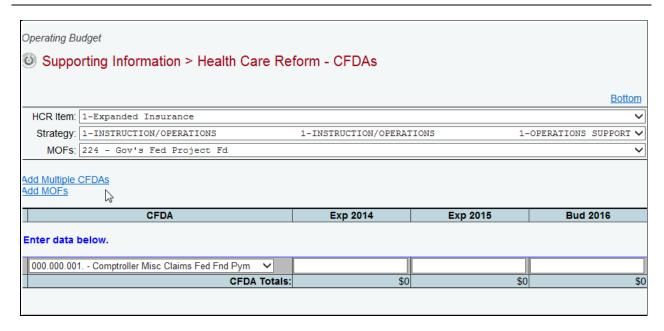
The HRC Item, Strategy, and MOF load in the drop-down boxes, as shown below.



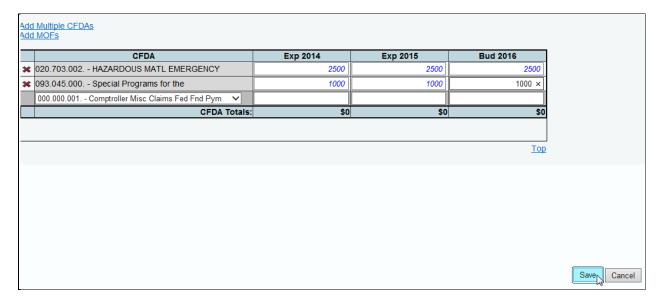
<u>Adding Multiple CFDAs</u> — Click the **Add Multiple CFDAs** hyperlink to add multiple CFDAs for the selected item, strategy and MOF.



Tip: The nine-digit CFDA codes display leading zeroes. To add CFDA 16-555, select 016-555-000 from the CFDA listing.



Select the appropriate **CFDAs** and click **Save**. The CFDAs load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.



<u>Adding a Single CFDA</u> — Use the gray section to add a CFDA for the item, strategy and MOF listed. Select the **CFDA** from the drop-down list, enter the dollar amounts associated with each year and click Save. The system will not save the data unless you have entered at least one amount for the CFDA.

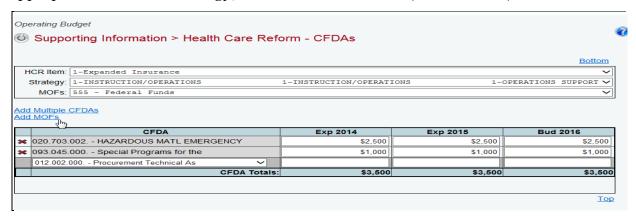
	CFDA	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
*	020.703.002 HAZARDOUS MATL EMERGENCY	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
*	093.045.000 Special Programs for the	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	012.002.000 Procurement Technical As			
	CFDA Totals:	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500



Tip: Click in the drop-down box and hover the cursor over the names to show the items listed in the drop-down box.

Repeat the steps above to add as many CFDAs as needed.

To add additional federally funded MOFs from the CFDA screen, select the appropriate item and strategy, then click **Add MOFs** (shown below).



Select the appropriate **MOFs** and click **Save**. The MOFs load into MOFs drop-down box for the strategy, as shown below.



Click the **Supporting Information**→**Health Care Reform** - **Amounts** menu to return to the amounts submenu.

The CFDA detail rolls up for the corresponding MOF and the CFDA amounts are not editable from the MOF grid, as shown below.

Hea	alth	Care	e Reform Item MOFs:				(2)
			GOS	MOF	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
×		1	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
×	Q	2	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	224- Gov's Fed Project Fd	\$0	\$0	\$0
×	Q	3	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	273- Fed Health/ Lab Funding Excess Rev	\$0	\$0	\$0
×	<u> </u>	4	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	555- Federal Funds	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
*		5	1.1.2- TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
			1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPF ✓	2-Available School Fu			
				MOF Totals:	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
	OOE / MOF Difference: \$1,500 \$1,500 \$1,500						



Important: Note the imbalance for the OOE/MOF Difference, as shown above. Any differences will appear as a closing edit and will prevent you from submitting your operating budget. You can clear these edits by examining the amounts you entered for the OOEs and MOFs

<u>Revising CFDA Data</u> — Click the **magnifying glass** $\stackrel{\blacktriangleleft}{\searrow}$ to update the CFDA entries for the corresponding item and MOF.

Select the appropriate **CFDA**, revise any dollar amounts associated with the CFDA and click **Save**.



Important: You *cannot* modify the CFDA code once the item is saved. To modify this field, delete the existing row and re-add the information.

<u>Deleting CFDA Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the **magnifying glass** • next to the federally funded MOF. Click the red '**x**' to the left of the CFDA, as shown below.

	CFDA	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
×	020.703.002 HAZARDOUS MATL EMERGENCY	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
*	093.045.000 Special Programs for the	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	000.000.001 Comptroller Misc Claims Fed Fnd Pym 🔻			
	CFDA Totals:	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500

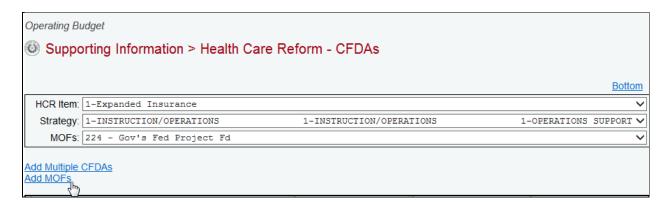
Click **OK** to confirm your request.

CFDA Submenu

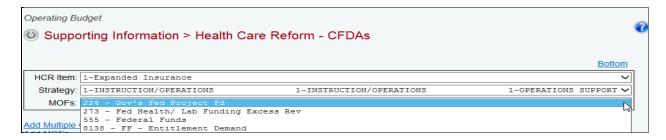
Click the **Supporting Information** menu and **Health Care Reform - CFDAs** submenu to navigate directly to the CFDA data entry screen.



The first item, strategy and MOF (if previously added) display in the drop-down boxes. To add a new MOF, click **Add MOFs**, as shown below.



Select the appropriate **MOFs** and click **Save**. The MOFs load into MOFs drop-down box for the selected item and strategy.



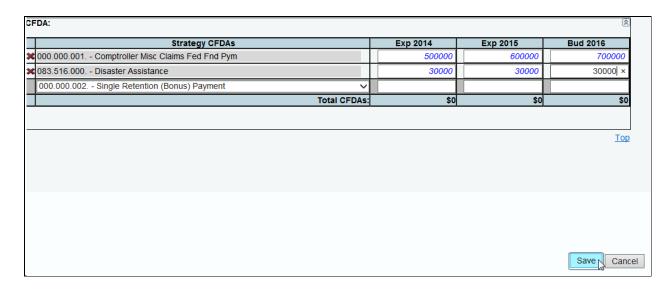
Select a MOF from the **MOFs** drop-down box, then click **Add Multiple CFDAs** to select the CFDAs associated with that item, strategy and MOF.

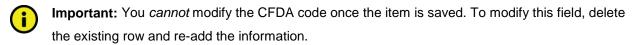


Tip: The nine-digit CFDA codes display leading zeroes. To add CFDA 16-555, select 016-555-000 from the CFDA listing.



Select the appropriate **CFDAs** and click **Save**. The CFDAs load into the grid, as shown below. Enter the dollar amounts for each year and click **Save**.

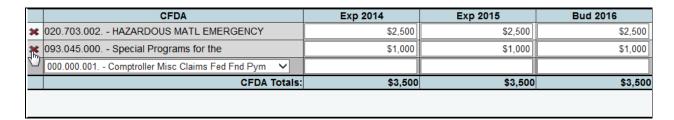






Tip: Click the back button on your browser to review the CFDA totals rolled up (Strategy→Budgeting menu).

<u>Deleting CFDA Data</u> — Save any unsaved data first and then click the **magnifying glass** • next to the federally funded MOF. Click the red '**x**' to the left of the CFDA, as shown below.



Click **OK** to confirm your request. Click the **Supporting Information** Health **Care Reform** - **Amounts** menus to review the OOE and MOF detail.

The CFDA detail rolls up for the corresponding MOF and the CFDA amounts are not editable from the MOF grid, as shown below.

неа	Health Care Reform Item MOFs:						
			GOS	MOF	Exp 2014	Exp 2015	Bud 2016
*		1	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
*	9	2	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	224- Gov's Fed Project Fd	\$530,000	\$630,000	\$730,000
*	9	3	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	273- Fed Health/ Lab Funding Excess Rev	\$23	\$4	\$4
×	9	4	1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPPORT	8138- FF - Entitlement Demand	\$0	\$0	\$0
*		5	1.1.2- TEACHING EXPERIENCE SUPPLEMENT	1- General Revenue Fund	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
			1.1.1- OPERATIONS SUPF ✓	2-Available School Fu			
				MOF Totals:	\$551,523	\$651,504	\$751,504

Changing Your Budget Status to Complete

You must change the budget status for your institution from incomplete to complete to submit your operating budget. Although you can print reports at any time, you should print the final copies after changing the status to complete.

Click the **Status** menu, select the **Complete** radio button and click **Save**, as shown below.



If you have no closing edits, the budget status will change to complete when you click save.



Important: Imbalances or problems with display on the status screen. You cannot change the budget status to complete until you clear these edits. See Resolving Closing Edits below to resolve any issues. Change your status to complete when you have cleared all the closing edits.

Once you change the status to complete, your LBB budget analyst and GOBPP analyst can view the operating budget. Call your LBB budget analyst if you need to make changes after setting the status to complete. You must change the status back to complete after making any revisions.

Resolving Closing Edits

Resolve the items listed on the status screen. The closing edit will disappear from the status screen once the issue is resolved. See the table below for resolutions to closing edits. Your budget status cannot be changed to complete until you correct all errors.

Table: Resolutions for Closing Edits

Closing Edit	Resolution	
Homeland Security OOE / MOF Difference	Part A and Part B totals for OOEs and MOFs must match. To clear the closing edit, click the Supporting Information menu, the Homeland Security , and OOes/MOFs submenus. Review the OOE/MOF Difference totals for Parts A and B. All difference totals must equal zero.	
HCR OOE – MOF Difference	For any Health Care Reform item, the totals for OOEs and MOFs must match. To clear this closing edit, click the Supporting Information menu and the Health Care Reform - Amounts submenu. Select the item identified in the closing edit. Make sure the MOF and OOE totals match for each year and strategy.	
HCR Short Name, Full Name, Legal Authority, and Description/Assumption	Click the Supporting Information menu and the Health Care Reform submenu. For the item described in the closing edit, enter the missing information and click Save .	

Generating Reports

ABEST can produce several reports based on the operating budget data you submit. You can generate these reports at any time, regardless of your budget status. However, before printing your final submissions, you must change your status to complete. Review the Section Layout for Reports table below.

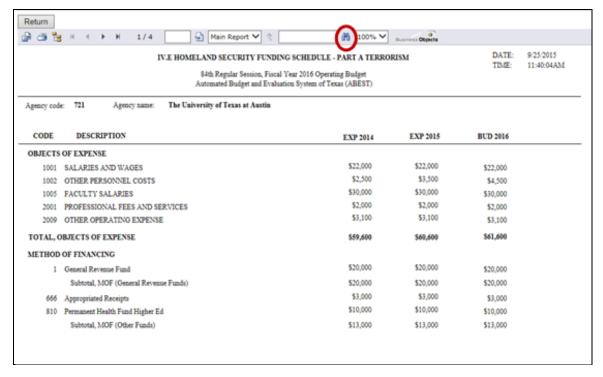
Table: Section Layout for Reports

REPORTS BY TYPE AND PART NUMBER	ABEST TAB/SUBMENU
Supporting Schedules	
4.E. Homeland Security Funding Schedule	Reports/Supporting Info
4.F. Part A Budgetary Impacts Related to Federal Health Care	
Reform Schedule	Reports/Supporting Info
4.F. Part B Summary of Budgetary Impacts Related to Federal	Reports/Supporting Inio
Health Care Reform Schedule	

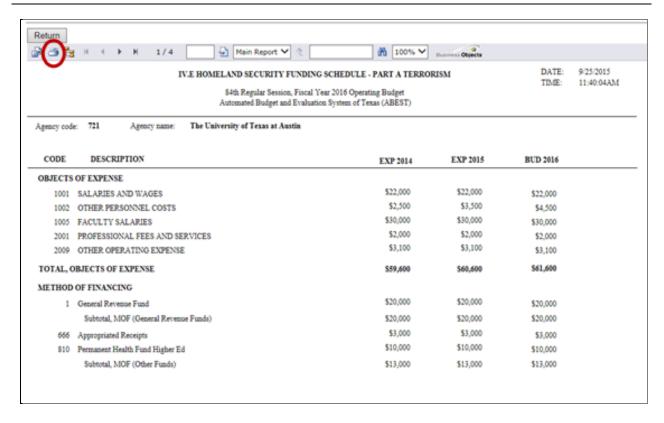
Click the **Reports** menu, the **plus sign** (+) to expand the category, and a **report name**.



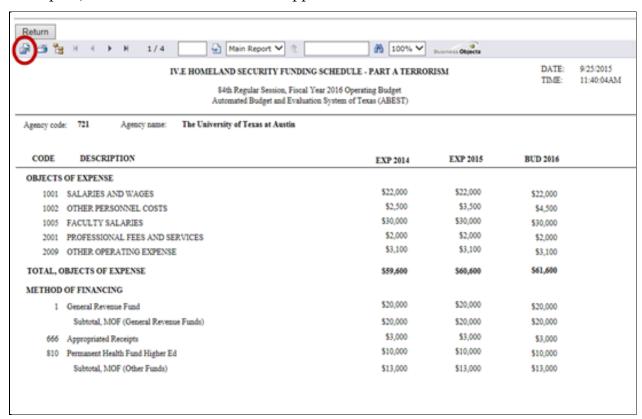
A preview using Crystal Reports displays, as shown below. Use the arrow keys at the top to navigate through multi-page reports. To use the search feature, click on the **binoculars** icon at the top of the screen.



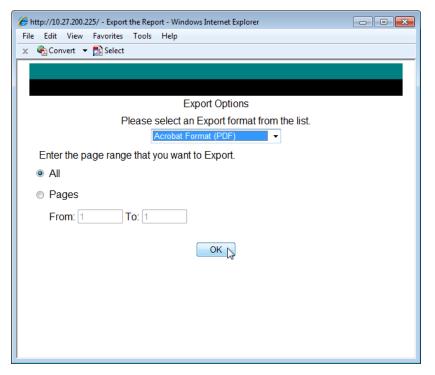
To print, click the **printer icon** below the return button. If you click the printer icon for your browser, the report will not print. See the example below.



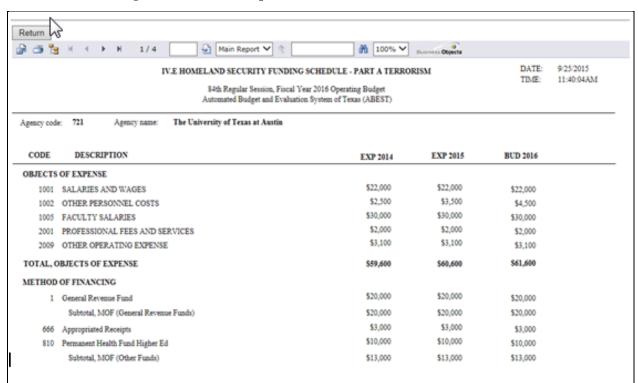
To export, click the **first icon** in the upper left corner of the ABEST screen.



Select the appropriate export format from the drop-down list and click **OK**. The report will download into the appropriate application. Save your file.



Click Return to go back to the Reports screen.



Troubleshooting

Review the following table regarding calls previously made to the LBB Help Desk.

Problem	Resolution	
How do I print my agency's operating budget reports from the previous session?	Log into ABEST and change your user profile to Session: 83 R and click Save Selections . Click the Reports menu to generate, view, and print reports.	
I changed my status to Complete. How do I submit my operating budget to the LBB?	Attach and submit your operating budget in the Document Submissions application. Click on the Document Submissions link found on our website (www.lbb.state.tx.us) under Agency Data Entry. For additional information, refer to the help menu on the logon screen in Document Submissions and/or the Detailed Instructions.	
I changed my status to Complete, but now I need to revise something.	Call your LBB budget analyst who will contact Application Support to have ABEST reopened. After modifying your operating budget, contact the ABEST Help Desk at 512-463-3167 to have Document Submissions reopened. Submit your revisions to Document Submissions.	
The CFDA I need does not appear. How do I request a new CFDA?	First, make sure you are using the correct CFDA format on the drop-down list, which uses leading zeroes. For example, if you are looking for 16-59-2, search for 016-059-002. If a CFDA number cannot be found in ABEST, please send an email to cfda@lbb.state.tx.us and provide the following information: Contact Information (name and phone number of requestor) Agency code and agency name CFDA number Program name for the CFDA number your are requesting Notice of grant award or other documentation that demonstrates you have received Federal Funds along with its intended use. For example, a subrecipient who is under contract with a primary recipient of a grant award will need to provide a copy of the contract or agreement that they received from the primary recipient.	

Submitting and Posting Your Operating Budget

Institutions are required to submit a PDF document electronically to the LBB through the Document Submissions application. From the LBB website (www.lbb.state.tx.us), click **Agencies Portal**. Under Data Entry Applications, click

Document Submissions. For additional information, refer to the help menu on the logon screen in Document Submissions.

In addition, institutions are required to post completed operating budgets on their websites.



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