

State of Ohio
Office of the Governor

Role and Overview

The Office of the Governor (GOV) performs the duties of the chief executive officer of the state as outlined in the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The budget for the Governor also includes funds for the expenses of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, whose role is to assist the Governor in the performance of executive duties and to assume the Office of Governor if it becomes vacant.

The Governor is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. The Governor’s Office has approximately 75 employees and an annual budget of about \$5.0 million. Duties of the Governor include: the formulation and implementation of administrative policy for executive departments; the appointments of board and commission members and judges; and the power to pardon criminal offenders, to commute sentences, and to extradite fugitives from other states. The Governor also is responsible for reporting to the legislature on the state of the state, recommending legislation, proposing operating and capital budgets, proposing revenue sources to meet the needs of the state, and considering and acting upon legislation passed by the legislature. The Governor is the commander-in-chief of the militia. The Governor administers the Office of Veterans' Affairs, which provides assistance to Ohio veterans in preparing claims for benefits from the Veterans Administration, the State of Ohio, or any agency involved in veterans' affairs, and assists in supplying service, military, and burial records.

The Lieutenant Governor is a constitutional officer elected jointly with the Governor every four years. The Lieutenant Governor is a member of the Governor’s cabinet and may be appointed by the Governor to head a cabinet agency or be given any special assignment the Governor considers necessary.

More information regarding the Office of the Governor is available at <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/>.

Executive Priorities for the Office of the Governor

- Provide strong leadership as the chief administrator for the state’s executive branch agencies.
- Ensure that the laws of Ohio are faithfully executed.
- Implement responsibilities devolved to the state and provide greater focus on significant issues impacted by federal policy such as economic development, Medicaid, and transportation.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	4,769	4,304	4,156	4,729	13.8	4,672	(1.2)	4,672	.0
General Services Fund Group	0	0	0	355	.0	355	.0	355	.0
TOTAL	4,769	4,304	4,156	5,083	22.3	5,027	(1.1)	5,027	.0

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(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL		ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
		FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	4,023	3,863	3,594	4,419	23.0	4,365	(1.2)	4,365	.0
Purchased Services	15	4	17	2	(88.2)	3	50.0	3	.0
Maintenance	657	437	538	660	22.7	658	(.3)	658	.0
Equipment	62	0	2	3	29.4	1	(60.0)	1	.0
Capital Improvements	13	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	0	0	5	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	4,769	4,304	4,156	5,083	22.3	5,027	(1.1)	5,027	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Office of the Governor

This program series encompasses the activities of the chief executive officer of the State of Ohio.

Program 01.01: Office of the Governor

The Office of the Governor oversees the cabinet agencies, formulates administrative policy, recommends legislation, proposes operating and capital budgets, and considers and acts upon legislation approved by the General Assembly. The program also includes the costs to operate the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

What the Budget Buys:

- Supports the activities of the Governor's Columbus and Washington, D.C. offices to manage and represent the interests of the citizens of Ohio.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	3,981,582	3,981,582
GRF	GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	422,760	422,760
GSF	5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	354,514	354,514
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,758,856	4,758,856

Program 01.02: Veterans' Affairs

This program provides operational oversight of the 88 county Veterans' Service offices and provides training, certification, and accreditation of more than 600 county veteran service officers, commissioners, and staff. This office also serves as the custodian of approximately 2.0 million veterans' records and provides oversight of the Ohio Veterans Plaza, and the Ohio Veterans' Hall of Fame.

What the Budget Buys:

- Supports the activities of this office to address the concerns and needs of Ohio's veterans and active military duty personnel.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	267,923	267,923
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				267,923	267,923

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FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	4,362,899	3,981,000	3,601,970	3,981,582	3,981,582	.0	3,981,582	.0
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	163,056	55,541	321,152	479,400	422,760	(11.8)	422,760	.0
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	243,448	267,670	232,420	267,923	267,923	.0	267,923	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			4,769,403	4,304,211	4,155,542	4,728,905	4,672,265	(1.2)	4,672,265	.0
5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	0	0	0	354,514	354,514	.0	354,514	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			0	0	0	354,514	354,514	.0	354,514	.0
TOTAL Office of the Governor			4,769,403	4,304,211	4,155,542	5,083,419	5,026,779	(1.1)	5,026,779	.0