

Role and Overview

The Judicial Conference (JCO) continually studies and recommends changes in the procedures and practices of Ohio's court system in an effort to promote a fair and effective administration of justice. The Judicial Conference is comprised of all judges in the state, including common pleas, probate, juvenile, domestic relations, appellate, county, and municipal courts, and the justices of the Supreme Court. The conference consists of 725 active and 257 retired judges. An executive committee of 50 judges with an honorary chair, who is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, makes policy decisions for the conference. There are 11 staff members, including one vacancy being held open to meet the Governor's requested reductions and a total annual budget of about \$1.4 million.

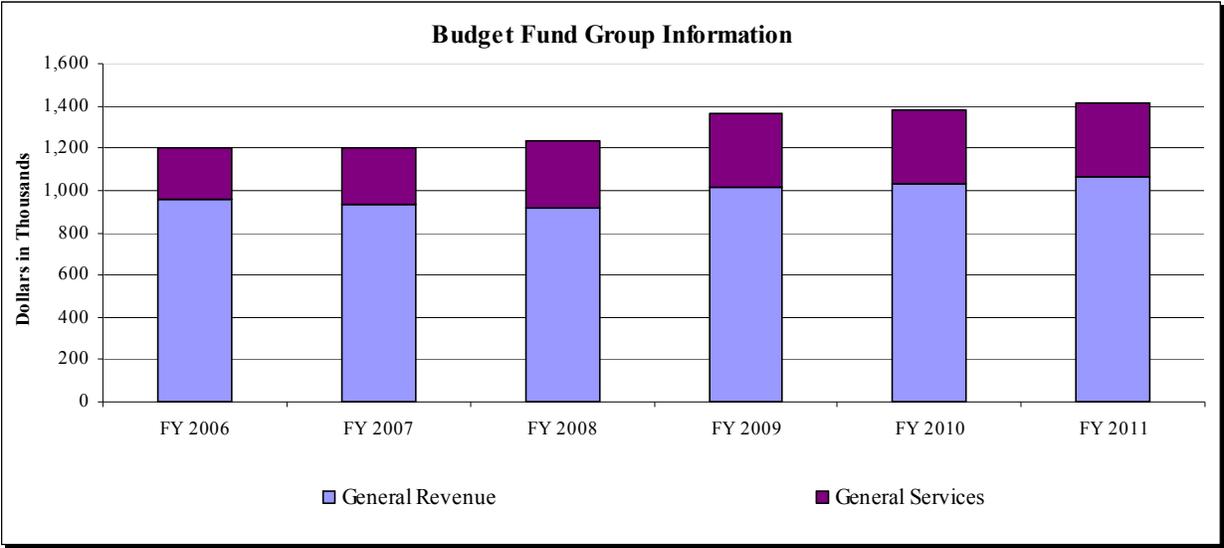
More information regarding the Judicial Conference is available at <http://www.ohiojudges.org/>.

Agency Priorities

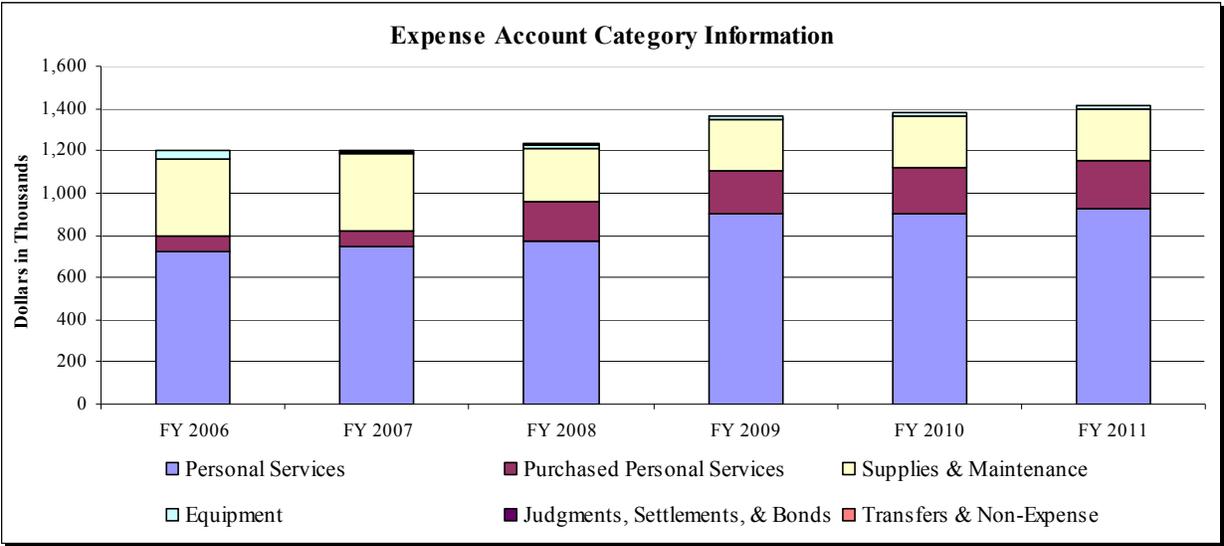
- Study the coordination of the work of Ohio's courts.
- Encourage uniformity in the application of the law, rules, and practice throughout the state and within each division of the courts.
- Promote opportunities to exchange experiences and suggestions regarding the operation of the judicial system.
- Engage all 725 Ohio judges in the process of ensuring the equal and efficient administration of justice throughout the state by facilitating educational opportunities, through committee participation, and maintaining regular productive communication.
- Analyze proposed and pending legislation and provide thoughtful and objective judicial impact statements to the General Assembly.
- Promote cooperation, collaboration, and partnerships with executive agencies, judicial associations, professional associations, local officials, and court agencies to improve the administration of justice.
- Prepare and maintain publications that improve the knowledge and awareness of Ohio judges of new law and matters of importance to the administration of justice.
- Prepare and maintain publications that improve the public confidence and knowledge of Ohio Courts and their function in Ohio government and in the community.

As required by Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor has made no alterations to the funding requests of agencies of the judicial branch of government. Recommended amounts are as requested by the agency.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST.	%	RECOMMENDED			%
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	CHANGE	FY 2011	CHANGE
General Revenue	957	936	916	1,015	10.9	1,034	1.9	1,065	3.0
General Services	248	263	316	350	10.7	350	0.0	350	0.0
TOTAL	1,205	1,199	1,232	1,365	10.8	1,384	1.4	1,415	2.2



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(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST. FY 2009	% CHANGE FY 08-09	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008			FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	725	747	772	899	16.4	899	0.0	925	2.9
Purchased Personal Services	71	70	186	204	9.9	223	9.3	226	1.3
Supplies & Maintenance	366	366	253	245	-3.4	245	0.0	246	0.6
Equipment	40	13	19	15	-20.3	15	0.0	16	3.4
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	4	4	0	2	100.0	0	-100.0	0	0.0
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	1	0	-100.0	2	100.0	2	0.0
TOTAL	1,205	1,199	1,232	1,365	10.8	1,384	1.4	1,415	2.2

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Ohio Judicial Conference

The Judicial Conference is an independent statutory entity within the judicial branch of government. The activities of the Judicial Conference fall under three core program areas: 1) judicial support, 2) a fair, impartial, and responsible judiciary, and 3) public confidence and trust. By statute, all Ohio judges are members of the Judicial Conference. Every judicial officeholder of the State of Ohio is an active member of the Ohio Judicial Conference.

Program 01.01: Ohio Judicial Conference

There are 21 committees that carry out the activities of the Judicial Conference. The committees deal with a variety of issues ranging from administrative to legislative, and from court technology to judicial ethics.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Educate and encourage Ohio judges in the use of technology to improve court operations and efficiencies;
- Preparation and publication of comprehensive Ohio Jury Instructions for use by Ohio judges; and
- Support operating costs of the Judicial Conference, including the 11 staff positions and more than 20 committees.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	018321	Operating Expenses	1,034,281	1,065,281
GSF	4030	018601	Ohio Jury Instructions	350,000	350,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,384,281	1,415,281

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Judicial Conference

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	018321	Operating Expenses	956,949	936,007	915,518	1,015,281	1,034,281	1.9	1,065,281	3.0
TOTAL General Revenue			956,949	936,007	915,518	1,015,281	1,034,281	1.9	1,065,281	3.0
4030	018601	Ohio Jury Instructions	248,344	263,063	316,177	350,000	350,000	0.0	350,000	0.0
TOTAL General Services			248,344	263,063	316,177	350,000	350,000	0.0	350,000	0.0
TOTAL Judicial Conference			1,205,293	1,199,070	1,231,694	1,365,281	1,384,281	1.4	1,415,281	2.2