

State of Ohio
Judicial Conference

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 court, and the justices of the Supreme Court. The conference consists of 711 active and 171 retired judges. An executive committee of 36 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 and a total annual budget of about \$1.2 million. More information regarding the Judicial Conference is available at <http://www.ohiojudges.org/>.

Executive Priorities for the Judicial Conference

- Study the coordination of several courts of Ohio.
- Encourage uniformity in the application of law, rules, and practice throughout the state.

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)	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2005	FY 04-05	FY 2006	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	1,106	1,116	919	957	4.2	957	.0	957	.0
General Services Fund Group	156	199	194	200	3.2	225	12.5	225	.0
TOTAL	1,262	1,315	1,113	1,157	4.0	1,182	2.2	1,182	.0

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	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2005	FY 04-05	FY 2006	% CHANGE
Personal Services	731	791	756	790	4.4	775	(1.9)	775	.0
Purchased Services	59	71	38	50	33.2	65	30.0	65	.0
Maintenance	368	412	300	317	5.6	332	4.7	332	.0
Equipment	55	42	17	0	(100.0)	10	.0	10	.0
Subsidy	39	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	9	0	1	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	1,262	1,315	1,113	1,157	4.0	1,182	2.2	1,182	.0

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Judicial System Review

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: judicial support, judicial independence and responsibility, and 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: Judicial System Review

There are 20 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.

What the Budget Buys:

- Funds operating costs of the Judicial Conference including the 11 staff positions and more than 20 committees.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	018-321	Operating Expenses	957,000	957,000
GSF	403	018-601	Ohio Jury Instructions	225,000	225,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,182,000	1,182,000

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Judicial Conference

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	018-321	Operating Expenses	1,067,688	1,115,905	918,751	957,000	957,000	.0	957,000	.0
GRF	018-502	Court Security Subsidy	38,017	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			1,105,705	1,115,905	918,751	957,000	957,000	.0	957,000	.0
403	018-601	Ohio Jury Instructions	156,202	198,944	193,808	200,000	225,000	12.5	225,000	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			156,202	198,944	193,808	200,000	225,000	12.5	225,000	.0
TOTAL Judicial Conference			1,261,907	1,314,849	1,112,559	1,157,000	1,182,000	2.2	1,182,000	.0