

**Role and Overview**

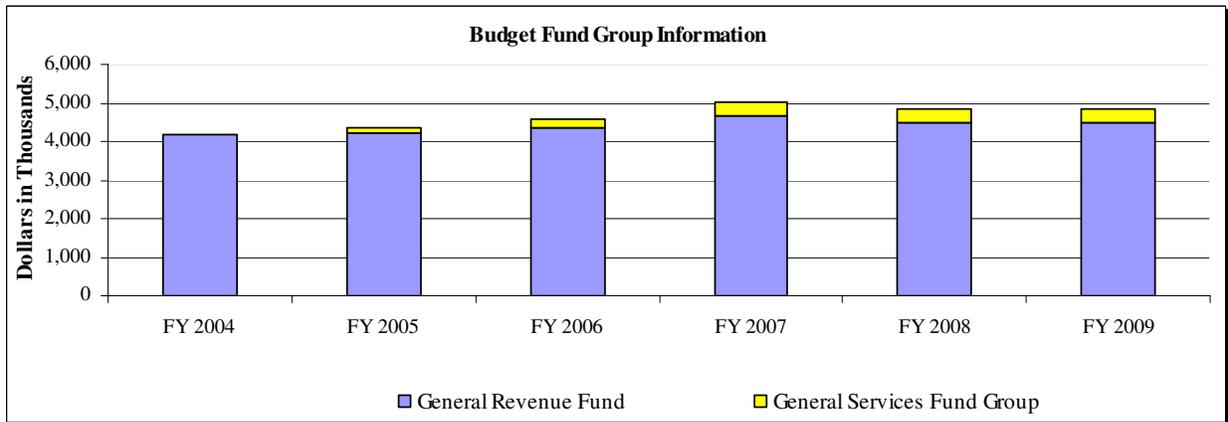
The Office of the Governor (GOV) performs the duties of the chief executive officer of the state as outlined in the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The budget for the Governor also includes funding for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, whose role is to assist the Governor in the performance 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 55 employees and an annual budget of about \$4.8 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.

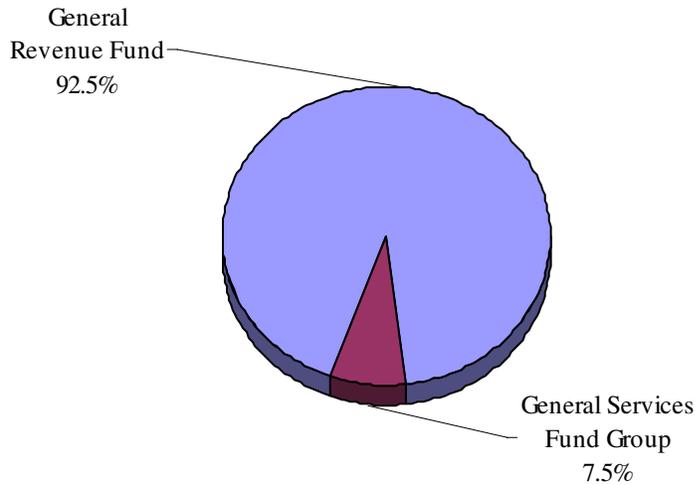
The Lieutenant Governor is a constitutional officer elected jointly with the Governor every four years. The Lieutenant Governor is a member of the Governor's cabinet and may be appointed by the Governor to lead a cabinet agency or be given any special assignment the Governor considers necessary.

All Turnaround Ohio initiatives are considered high priorities by the Office of the Governor. Additional information regarding the Office of the Governor is available at <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/>.

**Summary of Budget History and Recommendations**

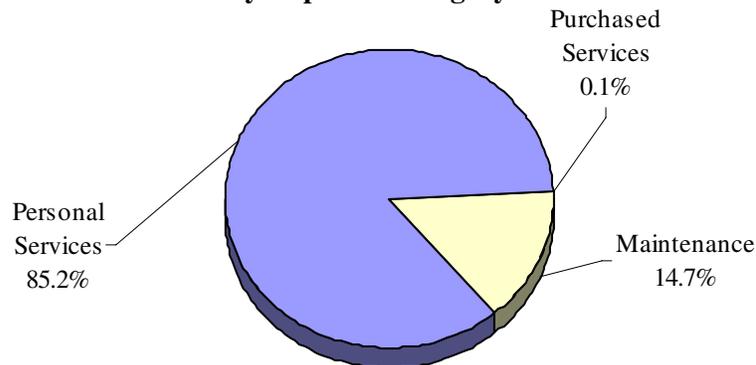


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation  
by Budget Fund Group**



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	4,156	4,208	4,360	4,672	7.2	4,476	(4.2)	4,487	.2
General Services Fund Group	0	154	210	355	69.1	365	3.0	365	.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>(3.7)</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>.2</b>

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation  
by Expense Category**



**State of Ohio**  
**Office of the Governor**

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	3,594	3,709	3,756	4,446	18.4	4,121	(7.3)	4,132	.3
Purchased Services	17	50	129	5	(96.1)	5	.0	5	.0
Maintenance	538	565	562	576	2.6	712	23.6	712	.0
Equipment	2	39	122	0	(100.0)	3	.0	3	.0
Transfer & Other	5	0	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,156</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>4,570</b>	<b>5,027</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>(3.7)</b>	<b>4,853</b>	<b>.2</b>

**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.

**The Executive Recommendation will:**

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

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	3,754,045	3,754,045
GRF	GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	435,443	435,443
GSF	5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	365,149	365,149
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>4,554,637</b>	<b>4,554,637</b>

**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.

**The Executive Recommendation will:**

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

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	287,000	298,000
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>287,000</b>	<b>298,000</b>

## LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Governor

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	3,601,970	3,540,594	3,678,792	3,981,582	3,754,045	(5.7)	3,754,045	.0
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	321,152	422,618	420,951	422,760	435,443	3.0	435,443	.0
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	232,420	245,036	260,238	267,923	287,000	7.1	298,000	3.8
<b>TOTAL General Revenue Fund</b>			<b>4,155,542</b>	<b>4,208,248</b>	<b>4,359,981</b>	<b>4,672,265</b>	<b>4,476,488</b>	<b>(4.2)</b>	<b>4,487,488</b>	<b>.2</b>
5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	0	154,490	209,590	354,514	365,149	3.0	365,149	.0
<b>TOTAL General Services Fund Group</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>154,490</b>	<b>209,590</b>	<b>354,514</b>	<b>365,149</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>365,149</b>	<b>.0</b>
<b>TOTAL Office of the Governor</b>			<b>4,155,542</b>	<b>4,362,738</b>	<b>4,569,571</b>	<b>5,026,779</b>	<b>4,841,637</b>	<b>(3.7)</b>	<b>4,852,637</b>	<b>.2</b>