

Role and Overview

The Attorney General (AGO) serves as the state's legal advisor, providing legal representation for the Governor, statewide elected officials, the legislature, and all state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and state-support universities and colleges. As the state's chief law officer, the Attorney General provides assistance to local and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as acts to protect the citizens of Ohio in a wide variety of areas, including consumer sales practice, predatory lending and environmental concerns.

The Attorney General is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term. The Attorney General has a staff of about 1,512 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$218 million including roughly \$48 million in general revenue funding. The office provides training and investigative and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies through the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. These sections constitute approximately one-third of the Attorney General's Office.

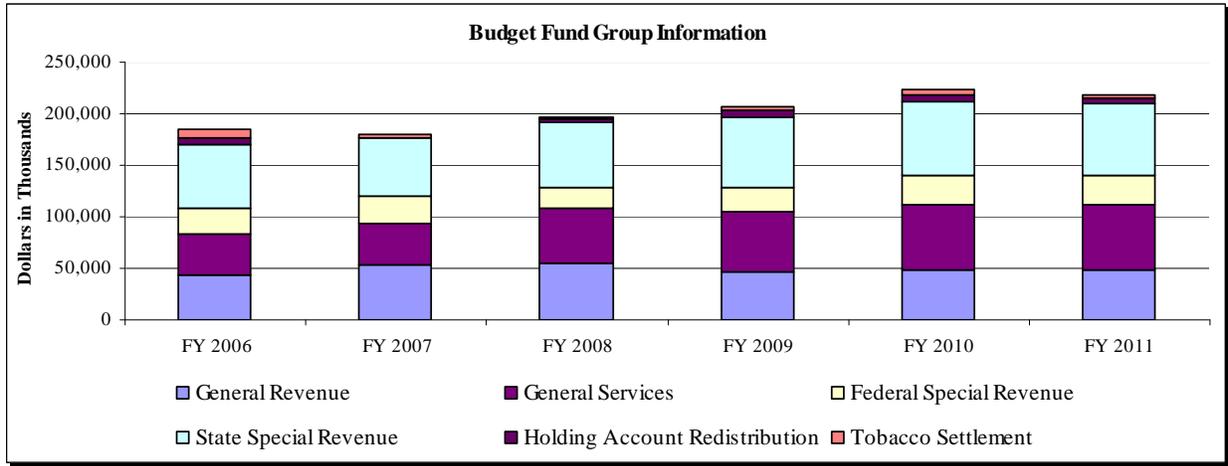
The Attorney General's employees also provide legal counsel and representation, either directly or through the appointment of special counsel, to all state agencies and officers. The Attorney General issues formal legal opinions on questions submitted by elected officials and county prosecutors, and handles approximately 35,000 active legal cases annually with issues ranging from consumer fraud and criminal justice to environmental enforcement and constitutional challenges. The office collects funds owed to the state through its collections enforcement program and from other activities such as Medicaid and workers' compensation fraud programs and antitrust litigation.

Additional information regarding the Attorney General's office is available at <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/default.asp>.

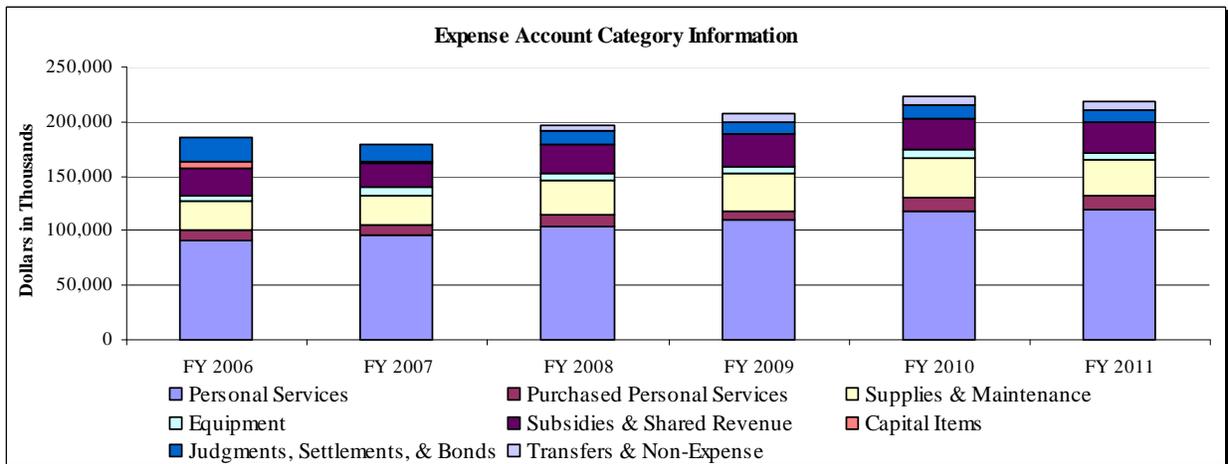
Agency Priorities

- Serve as the state's chief lawyer.
- Protect the people and interests of the state by assisting local law enforcement and demanding accountability for tax dollars.
- Protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens.
- Protect against fraud, waste, and abuse in the public and the private sectors.
- Fulfill the mandates of the legislature.
- Maintain a transparent system for obtaining the best legal services for the State of Ohio.
- Provide services to local law enforcement through the enhanced use of technology.
- Operate the Office of Attorney General with respect and professionalism to best serve Ohio citizens.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST. FY 2009	% CHANGE FY 08-09	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008			FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
General Revenue	43,668	53,728	54,230	47,101	-13.1	48,089	2.1	48,089	0.0
General Services	38,867	40,351	53,569	57,623	7.6	64,280	11.6	62,822	-2.3
Federal Special Revenue	25,592	25,137	19,879	23,723	19.3	28,427	19.8	28,427	0.0
State Special Revenue	62,004	57,451	63,538	68,052	7.1	71,024	4.4	70,024	-1.4
Holding Account Redistribution	7,074	713	3,460	6,276	81.4	6,276	0.0	6,276	0.0
Tobacco Settlement	8,399	1,999	1,404	3,999	184.9	4,466	11.7	2,479	-44.5
TOTAL	185,605	179,380	196,080	206,773	5.5	222,563	7.6	218,118	-2.0



(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	91,405	95,177	104,208	109,358	4.9	117,813	7.7	119,863	1.7
Purchased Personal Services	9,406	10,566	10,557	8,954	-15.2	13,460	50.3	12,637	-6.1
Supplies & Maintenance	26,198	26,950	30,980	34,479	11.3	35,055	1.7	33,315	-5.0
Equipment	4,967	6,484	7,147	5,770	-19.3	7,609	31.9	6,136	-19.4
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	25,853	23,312	25,766	29,421	14.2	29,063	-1.2	27,605	-5.0
Capital Items	5,198	428	89	0	-100.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	22,578	16,462	13,474	11,453	-15.0	12,357	7.9	11,357	-8.1
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	3,859	7,339	90.2	7,205	-1.8	7,205	0.0
TOTAL	185,605	179,380	196,080	206,773	5.5	222,563	7.6	218,118	-2.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Criminal Justice

This program series includes law enforcement activities and victims services, the Attorney General's highest priority programs. The services provided under these programs have the greatest impact on protecting and assisting the citizens of Ohio.

Program 01.01: Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement Program encompasses all functions of the office charged with providing training, investigatory, and technical assistance services to the law enforcement community across the state, as well as those sections providing enforcement related activities, including the pursuit of Medicaid fraud. This is the largest segment of the Attorney General's Office and includes the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigations, the Peace Officer Training Academy, the Organized Crime Investigations Commission, and sections for capital crimes and health care fraud. The Drug Abuse Resistance Enforcement (D.A.R.E.) Program and the legislatively mandated pay supplements for county sheriffs and county prosecutors are included in this program.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Support 495 current staff positions assigned to law enforcement activities;
- Focus on activities in the area of reducing turnaround time and reducing backlogs for various crime scene and laboratory operations;
- Develop and expand the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, a secure website designed to provide law enforcement agencies and prosecutors access to a host of crime-fighting databases and to encourage sharing information between jurisdictions;
- Administer the continuing professional training program for Ohio's Peace Officers; and
- Increase emphasis on programs administered by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation that assist local law enforcement, ranging from DNA and crime lab analysis to internet juvenile crime prevention, undercover narcotics investigations, and detection of methamphetamine labs.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	21,791,517	22,245,862
GRF	GRF	055411	County Sheriffs Pay Supplement	757,921	757,921
GRF	GRF	055415	County Prosecutors Pay Supplement	831,499	831,499
GSF	1060	055612	General Reimbursement	30,250,000	30,250,000
GSF	1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	665,000	665,000
GSF	4210	055617	Police Officer Training Academy Fee	2,000,000	2,000,000
GSF	4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture/Cost Reimbursement	1,000,000	1,000,000
GSF	5900	055633	Peace Officer Private Security Fund	98,370	98,370
GSF	5L50	055619	Law Assistance Enforcement Program	1,457,852	0
GSF	6290	055636	Corrupt Activity Investigation/Prosecution	15,000	15,000
FED	3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	3,879,672	3,879,672
FED	3E50	055638	Attorney General Pass-Through Fund	3,030,000	3,030,000
FED	3R60	055613	Attorney General Federal Funds	5,115,000	5,115,000
SSR	4020	055616	Victims Of Crime	1,068,917	1,068,917
SSR	4190	055623	Claims Section	3,381,295	3,381,295
SSR	4L60	055606	DARE Programs	3,927,962	3,927,962
SSR	6590	055641	Solid/Hazardous Waste Background Investigation	621,159	621,159
090	R042	055601	Organized Crime Commission	25,025	25,025
			Law Enforcement Technology Training Facility		
TSF	J087	055635	Enhancement	1,987,073	0
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				81,903,262	78,912,682

Program 01.02: Victims Services

This program encompasses all functions charged with assisting victims of crime and with protecting children and the elderly. Crime Victims' Services administers the Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which awards compensation to eligible victims of violent crime for their unreimbursed economic losses; the Victims' Assistance Program, which provides funding to rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters; the Missing Children's Clearinghouse; and the Identity Theft Passport Program, which is aimed at assisting victims of stolen identities. In addition, the program supports the Special Prosecutions section by having experienced criminal prosecutors and investigators assist local prosecutors in child support and physical and sexual abuse cases, internet and computer crime investigations, and elder abuse cases.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable the Attorney General to meet the requirements included in legislation regarding the Crime Victims Compensation Law;
- Maintain support to victim assistance programs in each Ohio county; and
- Enable the department to meet the DNA collection and testing requirements as specified in Ohio Revised Code.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
FED	3830	055634	Crime Victims Assistance	16,000,000	16,000,000
SSR	4020	055616	Victims Of Crime	27,931,083	26,931,083
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				43,931,083	42,931,083

PROGRAM SERIES 02: Legal Services

This program series encompasses the broad provision of legal representation to the various clients of the Attorney General's Office. The series includes programs that defend the State of Ohio and its employees against claims, as well as programs that center on protecting citizens and businesses throughout the state.

Program 02.01: Citizen Protection

This program focuses on protecting the rights of citizens and businesses across the State of Ohio. Consumer protection programs work to educate, protect, and remedy cases where consumer rights have been violated by unscrupulous businesses. Environmental Enforcement strives to ensure Ohio's environmental protection laws are enforced and that business and agricultural communities comply with these laws. The Charitable Law Section, working in conjunction with the Ohio Lottery Commission, regulates charitable gaming in Ohio by licensing, auditing, and investigating gaming establishments, and ensures that organizations are following the laws and players are treated fairly. Antitrust works to foster competition in the marketplace by enforcing laws that prohibit collusive or anticompetitive business practices.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Increase enforcement of consumer protection statutes and improve public education on consumer issues through the use of technological advancements as well as enhanced outreach initiatives;
- Expand efforts for the development of a near-paperless, web-based database that will allow Ohio's 20,000 charities and nearly 2,000 bingo license applicants the ability to apply, register, and pay required fees electronically; and
- Protect seniors and other citizens vulnerable to corrupt financial practices through Ohio's Predatory Lending Task Force.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	6,595,255	6,956,513
GSF	4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	7,286,000	7,286,000
GSF	4200	055603	Attorney General Antitrust	1,750,000	1,750,000
GSF	5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	7,500	7,500
GSF	6310	055637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	3,500,000	3,500,000
SSR	4190	055623	Claims Section	690,271	690,271
SSR	4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	600,000	600,000
090	R004	055631	General Holding Account	1,000,000	1,000,000
090	R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	1,000	1,000
090	R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	750,000	750,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				22,180,026	22,541,284

Program 02.02: State Agencies

This program provides legal representation to state officials and state agencies. Sixteen sections, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation, Taxation, Education, Transportation, Civil Rights, Health and Human Services, Constitutional Offices, and Opinions, provide legal advice, contract review, and litigation support to ensure that both tax dollars and the interests of the state are protected. The Collections Enforcement section is responsible for collecting all delinquent debt owed Ohio on behalf of agencies, institutions, universities, and other government entities for taxes, fines, penalties, service fees, loans, and any other debt due.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enable the Attorney General to hire and retain qualified legal staff members to reduce the state's special counsel costs;
- Provide a transparent and effective system of outside counsel selection in cases where such counsel is warranted; and
- Continue the progress made in the area of collections resulting in increased revenue to the state.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	8,793,673	9,247,885
GSF	1060	055612	General Reimbursement	8,500,000	8,500,000
GSF	1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	7,750,504	7,750,504
FED	3810	055611	Civil Rights Legal Service	402,540	402,540
SSR	4190	055623	Claims Section	20,765,476	20,765,476
090	R054	055650	Collection Outside Counsel Payments	4,500,000	4,500,000
TSF	U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement Oversight/Administration & Enforcement	2,478,850	2,478,850
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				53,191,043	53,645,255

PROGRAM SERIES 03: Program Management

This program series supports the functions of the Attorney General's Office.

Program 03.01: Program Management

This program provides support operations including information technology, finance, human resources, office services, facilities management, fleet management, library services, records retention, training, internal audit, and communications. This program serves primarily to benefit the overall programs and employees of the Attorney General's Office.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Provide for existing service levels;
- Support 165 current staff positions; and
- Expand the ability of the Office of Attorney General to effectively leverage federal dollars.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	9,319,254	8,049,439
SSR	4190	055623	Claims Section	12,037,958	12,037,958
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				21,357,212	20,087,397

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Attorney General

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	055321	Operating Expenses	42,068,488	52,097,250	52,285,032	45,515,319	46,499,699	2.2	46,499,699	0.0
GRF	055411	County Sheriffs Pay Supplement	757,091	778,594	797,008	756,010	757,921	0.3	757,921	0.0
GRF	055415	County Prosecutors Pay Supplement	841,950	852,644	863,311	829,403	831,499	0.3	831,499	0.0
GRF	055420	CWS V Taft	0	0	284,280	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue			43,667,529	53,728,488	54,229,631	47,100,732	48,089,119	2.1	48,089,119	0.0
1060	055612	General Reimbursement	20,766,820	21,213,851	30,895,548	32,070,196	38,750,000	20.8	38,750,000	0.0
1070	055624	Employment Services	733,300	714,130	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	7,393,094	7,406,204	7,602,826	8,002,720	8,415,504	5.2	8,415,504	0.0
4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	5,356,910	5,993,913	5,841,579	7,064,978	7,286,000	3.1	7,286,000	0.0
4200	055603	Attorney General Antitrust	1,127,457	1,151,770	1,537,465	1,750,000	1,750,000	0.0	1,750,000	0.0
4210	055617	Police officer Training Academy Fee	1,249,541	1,688,542	1,586,161	2,000,000	2,000,000	0.0	2,000,000	0.0
4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture/cost Reimbursement	817,449	972,985	950,035	632,388	1,000,000	58.1	1,000,000	0.0
5900	055633	Peace officer Private Security Fund	45,189	26,140	0	98,370	98,370	0.0	98,370	0.0
5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	0	0	0	7,500	7,500	0.0	7,500	0.0
5L50	055619	Law Assistance Enforcement Program	0	18,446	3,042,148	3,481,554	1,457,852	-58.1	0	-100.0
6290	055636	Corrupt Activity Investigation/ Prosecution	0	0	0	15,000	15,000	0.0	15,000	0.0
6310	055637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	1,377,686	1,165,248	2,113,449	2,500,000	3,500,000	40.0	3,500,000	0.0
TOTAL General Services			38,867,446	40,351,227	53,569,211	57,622,706	64,280,226	11.6	62,822,374	-2.3
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	2,823,731	2,966,285	2,786,030	3,296,500	3,879,672	17.7	3,879,672	0.0
3810	055611	Civil Rights Legal Service	388,343	381,216	402,538	402,540	402,540	0.0	402,540	0.0
3830	055634	Crime Victims Assistance	13,833,396	13,951,956	13,498,945	16,000,000	16,000,000	0.0	16,000,000	0.0
3E50	055638	Attorney General Pass-Through Fund	4,197,917	3,318,121	1,068,401	1,421,463	3,030,000	113.2	3,030,000	0.0
3R60	055613	Attorney General Federal Funds	4,348,984	4,519,458	2,122,982	2,602,174	5,115,000	96.6	5,115,000	0.0
TOTAL Federal Special Revenue			25,592,372	25,137,035	19,878,895	23,722,677	28,427,212	19.8	28,427,212	0.0
4020	055616	Victims of Crime	34,109,690	32,883,119	29,458,068	30,000,000	29,000,000	-3.3	28,000,000	-3.4

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Attorney General

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4190	055623	Claims Section	23,522,440	19,944,968	29,631,811	32,824,916	36,875,000	12.3	36,875,000	0.0
4L60	055606	Dare Programs	3,713,175	3,526,896	3,521,092	3,927,962	3,927,962	0.0	3,927,962	0.0
4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	253,940	680,334	308,214	750,000	600,000	-20.0	600,000	0.0
6590	055641	Solid/Hazardous Waste Background Investigation	404,684	415,388	619,205	549,482	621,159	13.0	621,159	0.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue			62,003,929	57,450,706	63,538,390	68,052,360	71,024,121	4.4	70,024,121	-1.4
R004	055631	General Holding Account	5,509,277	183,471	2,152,301	1,000,000	1,000,000	0.0	1,000,000	0.0
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	0.0	1,000	0.0
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	365,703	478,105	318,154	750,000	750,000	0.0	750,000	0.0
R042	055601	Organized Crime Commission	1,199,056	51,614	989,412	25,025	25,025	0.0	25,025	0.0
R054	055650	Collection Outside Counsel Payments	0	0	0	4,500,000	4,500,000	0.0	4,500,000	0.0
TOTAL Holding Account Redistribution			7,074,035	713,190	3,459,867	6,276,025	6,276,025	0.0	6,276,025	0.0
J087	055635	Law Enforcement Technology Training Facility Enhancement	7,781,154	1,178,046	435,368	1,519,948	1,987,073	30.7	0	-100.0
U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement Oversight/Administration & Enforcement	618,220	820,985	968,442	2,478,850	2,478,850	0.0	2,478,850	0.0
TOTAL Tobacco Settlement			8,399,375	1,999,031	1,403,810	3,998,798	4,465,923	11.7	2,478,850	-44.5
TOTAL Attorney General			185,604,686	179,379,678	196,079,803	206,773,298	222,562,626	7.6	218,117,701	-2.0