

Role and Overview

The Judiciary/Supreme Court (JSC) represents the third branch of Ohio government as established by Article IV of the Ohio Constitution. The Judiciary consists of over 725 judges of the state who preside over cases in the trial and appellate courts, and in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in the state on questions of Ohio law and the Ohio Constitution. The Judiciary/Supreme Court's total General Revenue Fund budget is \$138.9 million for fiscal year 2009.

The Judiciary portion of the budget supports the full salaries of Ohio's 69 appellate judges; more than 90 percent of the salaries for more than 390 judges of the 88 county courts of common pleas (general division, juvenile division, probate division, and domestic relations division); and the state's share of salaries for municipal and county court judges, and county clerks of court. The remaining Judiciary portion of the budget is used to pay the salaries for the support staff of the state's 12 courts of appeals.

The Supreme Court portion of the budget is used to pay for the operation of the Supreme Court including the salaries for the justices and staff, the operation and maintenance of the Ohio Judicial Center at 65 South Front Street, which is the home to the Supreme Court, Court of Claims, and the Judicial Conference, and to provide programs for the benefit of the trial and appellate courts throughout the state.

Special purpose appropriations are also included in the Judiciary/Supreme Court budget for the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission, the Ohio Center for Law Related Education, the Commission for Legal Education Opportunity, and the Ohio Court Technology Initiative. The Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission is a 24-member body created in the Revised Code to study the state's sentencing laws, recommend comprehensive sentencing plans to the General Assembly, and to advise legislative committees and members when bills that affect criminal sentencing are considered and enacted. The Ohio Center for Law Related Education provides legal education programs to Ohio schoolchildren including the Ohio Mock Trial program. The Commission for Legal Education Opportunity is established to provide an intensive course of study designed to assist low-income and educationally disadvantaged college graduates with law school education, including the provision of tuition and an annual stipend. The Ohio Courts Technology Initiative facilitates the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between Ohio courts and other justice system partners through the creation of an Ohio Courts Network; provides services, hardware, software, and education and training programs to judges, clerks, and court personnel throughout the state; and operates the Commission on Technology and the Courts.

Additionally, special revenue funds are appropriated as part of the budget for grants, judicial education, continuing legal education, bar admissions, and attorney registration. Continuing legal education, bar admission, and attorney registration fees support the annual appropriations and fund nearly 55 legal and support positions at the Supreme Court.

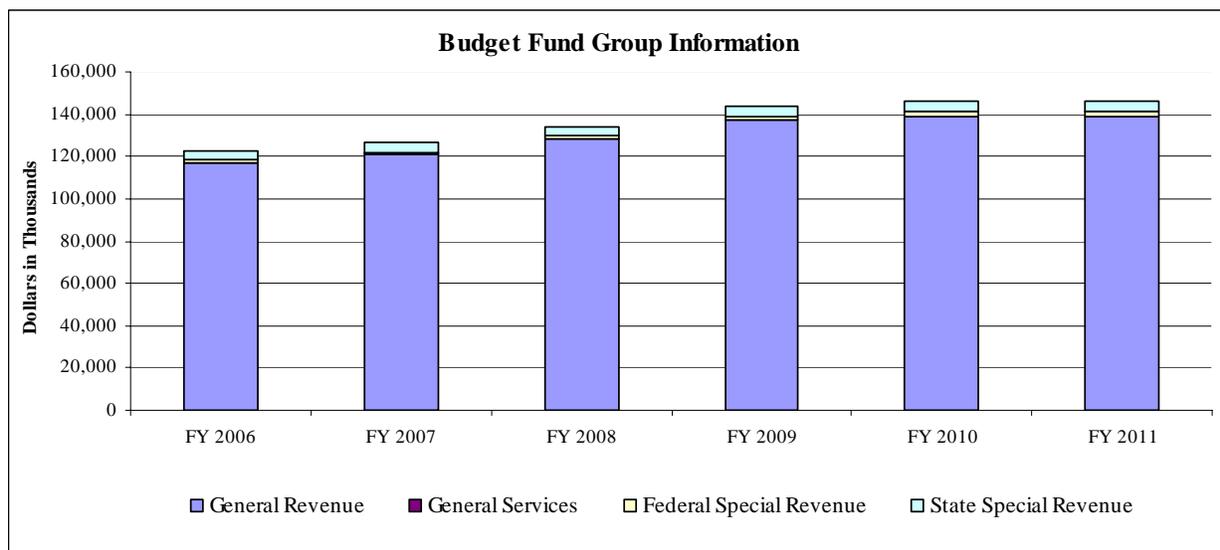
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Agency Priorities

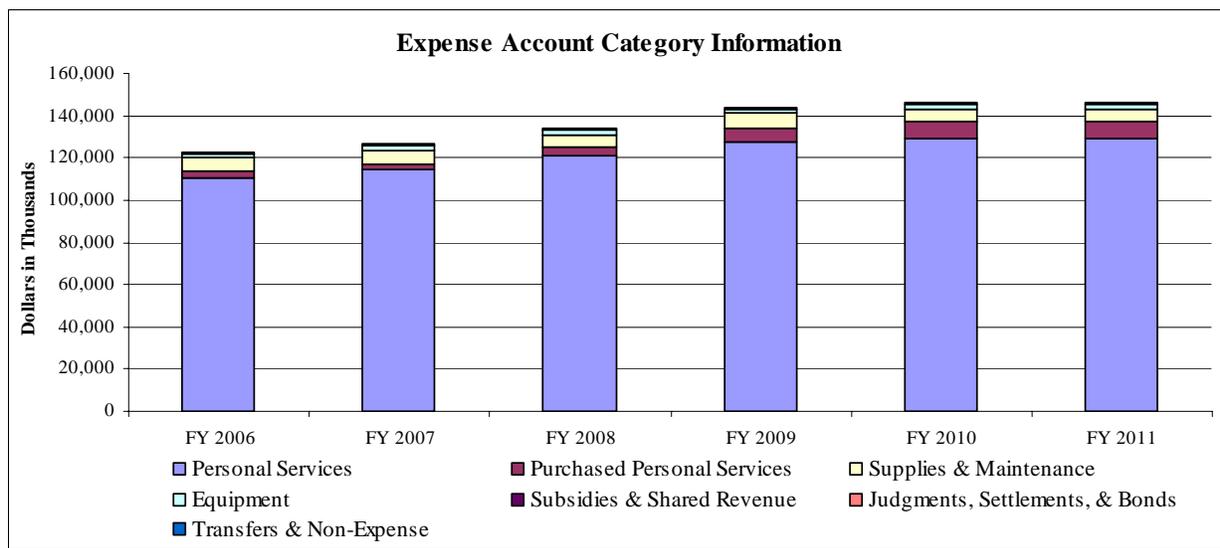
- Review legal matters presented from Ohio's 12 courts of appeals in cases arising under the constitution of the United States or Ohio, appeals of felony convictions, direct appeals of death penalty cases, and cases involving matters of public or great general interest.
- Regulate persons admitted to the practice of law.
- Exercise general superintendence over all courts in the state pursuant to constitutional authority.
- Deliver technical assistance and services to judges and courts throughout the state in areas of case management, dispute resolution, information technology, court security, and specialized dockets.
- Maintain the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, a program to provide direct and indirect technical assistance to trial and appellate courts and the Ohio Courts Network.

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.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
General Revenue	116,562	121,195	128,411	137,363	7.0	138,918	1.1	138,918	0.0
General Services	116	106	98	173	77.2	300	73.5	300	0.0
Federal Special Revenue	1,753	919	1,153	1,468	27.3	2,138	45.7	1,917	-10.3
State Special Revenue	4,602	4,477	4,544	4,809	5.8	5,039	4.8	5,039	0.0
TOTAL	123,033	126,696	134,205	143,813	7.2	146,395	1.8	146,174	-0.2



(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	110,862	114,409	120,698	127,152	5.3	129,417	1.8	129,417	0.0
Purchased Personal Services	2,535	2,165	4,537	6,970	53.6	7,726	10.8	7,564	-2.1
Supplies & Maintenance	6,453	7,141	5,579	6,933	24.3	5,951	-14.2	5,893	-1.0
Equipment	1,862	2,199	2,344	1,863	-20.5	2,233	19.9	2,233	0.0
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	1,294	765	1,009	882	-12.6	1,039	17.9	1,039	0.0
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	28	18	0	13	100.0	0	-100.0	0	0.0
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	38	0	-100.0	27	100.0	27	0.0
TOTAL	123,033	126,696	134,205	143,813	7.2	146,395	1.8	146,174	-0.2

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Judiciary/Supreme Court

This program series supports the judicial branch of government including the Supreme Court.

Program 01.01: Judiciary/Supreme Court

The Supreme Court is established by Article IV, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution. Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution sets the size of the court and outlines its jurisdiction. Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution grants rule making and other authority to the court. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Ohio, and most of its cases are appeals from the 12 district courts of appeals.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Fund the operations of the Judiciary and the Supreme Court;
- Provide for the pass-through expenses of courts of appeals and other courts within the judiciary system. JSC funds, in part, costs for local county and municipal judges at rates set in statute;
- Fund operational, maintenance, and security costs for the Ohio Judicial Center; and
- Support projects of the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative.

State of Ohio
Judiciary/Supreme Court

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	005321	Operating Expenses-Judiciary	133,144,970	133,144,970
GRF	GRF	005401	State Criminal Sentencing Council	336,770	336,770
GRF	GRF	005406	Law-Related Education	236,172	236,172
GRF	GRF	005409	Ohio Courts Tech Initiative	4,850,000	4,850,000
GRF	GRF	005502	Legal Education Opportunity	350,000	350,000
GSF	6720	005601	Continuing Judicial Education	300,000	300,000
FED	3J00	005603	Federal Grants	2,137,866	1,917,081
SSR	4C80	005605	Attorney Services	3,704,659	3,704,659
SSR	5T80	005609	Grants And Awards	50,000	50,000
SSR	6A80	005606	Supreme Court Admissions	1,284,142	1,284,142
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				146,394,579	146,173,794

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - The Judiciary/Supreme Court

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	005321	Operating Expenses-Judiciary	116,088,020	120,714,664	126,958,500	131,687,393	133,144,970	1.1	133,144,970	0.0
GRF	005401	State Criminal Sentncng Council	258,013	257,563	200,528	239,750	336,770	40.5	336,770	0.0
GRF	005406	Law-Related Education	216,131	222,615	229,290	236,172	236,172	0.0	236,172	0.0
GRF	005409	Ohio Courts Tech Initiative	0	0	973,173	4,850,000	4,850,000	0.0	4,850,000	0.0
GRF	005502	Commlegal Education Opporntuty	0	0	49,317	350,000	350,000	0.0	350,000	0.0
TOTAL General Revenue			116,562,164	121,194,842	128,410,809	137,363,315	138,917,912	1.1	138,917,912	0.0
6720	005601	Continuing Judicial Education	115,999	105,833	97,540	172,870	300,000	73.5	300,000	0.0
TOTAL General Services			115,999	105,833	97,540	172,870	300,000	73.5	300,000	0.0
3100	005603	Federal Grants	1,752,856	918,954	1,152,597	1,467,693	2,137,866	45.7	1,917,081	-10.3
TOTAL Federal Special Revenue			1,752,856	918,954	1,152,597	1,467,693	2,137,866	45.7	1,917,081	-10.3
4C80	005605	Attorney Services	2,987,826	2,786,179	3,342,572	3,487,080	3,704,659	6.2	3,704,659	0.0
5T80	005609	Grants and Awards	89,234	190,161	63,157	77,681	50,000	-35.6	50,000	0.0
6430	005607	Common Continuing Legal Eductn	408,868	390,591	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
6A80	005606	Supreme Court Admissions	1,116,488	1,109,869	1,138,395	1,244,610	1,284,142	3.2	1,284,142	0.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue			4,602,416	4,476,800	4,544,124	4,809,371	5,038,801	4.8	5,038,801	0.0
TOTAL The Judiciary/Supreme Court			123,033,435	126,696,428	134,205,070	143,813,249	146,394,579	1.8	146,173,794	-0.2