

Controlling Board

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- Up to \$8.0 million in funding for the unexpected
- \$1.9 million to assist with local costs of certain state mandates

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Controlling Board consists of seven members: six legislators (three from the House of Representatives and three from the Senate) and the Director of Budget and Management, or the Director's designee, who serves as the President of the Board.

The Board meets every two or three weeks to consider requests for action that are submitted to it by various state agencies. Although the Board has numerous duties, it most commonly takes action on matters related to: (1) the waiver of competitive selection for the purchase of goods and services, including real estate leases, (2) the transfer and release of capital appropriations, (3) the transfer of operating appropriations, (4) the increase or establishment of operating appropriations, (5) the creation of a new fund, and (6) the acquisition of real estate.

Unlike other state agencies, the Controlling Board does not spend any of the funds appropriated to it. Instead, the appropriations are transferred to other state agencies, carried forward to the next fiscal year, or allowed to lapse back into the available cash balance of the General Revenue Fund (GRF). In general, Controlling Board appropriations are used to cover costs related to unexpected events such as natural disasters, and to reimburse political subdivisions for the cost of carrying out certain state mandates.

Agency in Brief

The following table summarizes the Controlling Board's FYs 2008 and 2009 appropriations.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
NA	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

*The Controlling Board staff consists of the President and the Secretary, who are employed by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and thus included in the OBM employee count.

ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Controlling Board is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Single Program Series

Appropriations and Spending Oversight

Purpose: To provide appropriation authority and/or funding to state agencies and to oversee certain state agency expenditure decisions

The following table shows the three GRF line items typically used by the Controlling Board to assist various state agencies and political subdivisions, as well as their enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	911-401	Emergency Purposes/Contingencies*	\$0	\$0
GRF	911-404	Mandate Assistance	\$650,000	\$650,000
GRF	911-441	Ballot Advertising Costs	\$300,000	\$300,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$950,000	\$950,000
Total Funding: Appropriations and Spending Oversight			\$950,000	\$950,000

*Up to \$4.0 million in cash in each fiscal year may be transferred and appropriated from Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2).

Program Description: This program provides: (1) appropriation authority and funding to state agencies for the costs of emergencies and unplanned contingencies, and (2) reimbursement funding to certain political subdivisions for all or a portion of their costs incurred in complying with certain state mandates.

Funding Source: GRF

Implication of the Budget: Most importantly, the enacted budget: (1) contains a temporary law provision specifying the circumstances under which up to \$4.0 million in cash would be transferred in each fiscal year from the Controlling Board's Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2) and appropriated to GRF line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, for the purpose of providing assistance made necessary by disasters and emergency situations, and (2) appropriates nearly \$1 million in GRF funding over the biennium to provide certain political subdivisions with funding related to the costs of statewide ballot initiative advertising, child abuse detection training, and certain felony prosecutions.

Temporary Law Provisions: The Controlling Board's budget contains the following notable temporary law provisions.

Emergency Purposes/Contingencies (Section 249.10). Temporary law: (1) permits the Director of Budget and Management (OBM) to transfer up to \$4.0 million cash in each of FYs 2008 and 2009 from the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2) to the GRF, and (2) permits the Controlling Board, at the request of the Director of Budget and Management or any state agency to transfer these funds for the purpose of providing disaster and emergency situation aid to state agencies and political subdivisions in the event of disasters and emergency situations or for other specified purposes.

Disaster Assistance (Section 249.10). Temporary law related to GRF line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, permits the Department of Public Safety to request transfers from line item 911-401 to provide funding for assistance to political subdivisions and individuals made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies.

Disaster Services (Section 249.10). Temporary law: (1) permits the Department of Public Safety to request, and the Controlling Board to approve, transfers from the Disaster Services Fund (Fund 5E2) to a Department of Public Safety fund and appropriation item to provide assistance to political subdivisions made necessary by natural disasters or emergencies, (2) allows such transfers to be requested and approved prior to or following the occurrence of any specific natural disasters or emergencies in order to facilitate the provision of timely assistance, (3) requires the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to use the funding for the State Disaster Relief Program for disasters declared by the Governor, and the State Individual Assistance Program for disasters declared by the Governor and the federal Small Business Administration, and requires the EMA to publish and make available application packets for those two programs, (4) requires the Controlling Board, if the Director of Budget and Management determines that sufficient funds exist, to approve requests submitted by state agencies to transfer cash and appropriation authority to any fund and appropriation item for the payment of state agency disaster relief program expenses for disasters declared by the Governor, and (5) transfers the unencumbered balance of the Disaster Services Fund at the end of FY 2008 to FY 2009 for use for the same purposes.

Southern Ohio Correctional Facility Cost (Section 249.10). Temporary law related to GRF line item 911-401, Emergency Purposes/Contingencies, permits the Division of Criminal Justice Services in the Department of Public Safety and the Public Defender Commission, upon approval of the Director of OBM, to request appropriations from line item 911-401 for costs related to the disturbance that occurred on April 11, 1993, at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio.

Mandate Assistance (Section 249.10). The enacted budget contains funding of \$650,000 in each of FYs 2008 and 2009 for GRF line item 911-404, Mandate Assistance. Related temporary law requires that these appropriations be used to provide financial assistance to: (1) county prosecutors for the cost of prosecuting certain felonies that occur on the grounds of state institutions operated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Department of Youth Services, and (2) school districts for the cost of in-service training related to child abuse detection. Any moneys allocated within line item 911-411 not fully utilized may, upon application of the Ohio Public Defender Commission, be disbursed to county commissioners to provide additional reimbursement for the costs incurred by counties in providing defense to indigent defendants in criminal matters.

Ballot Advertising Costs (Section 249.10). The enacted budget includes funding of \$300,000 in each of FYs 2008 and 2009 for GRF line item 911-441, Ballot Advertising Costs. Related temporary law authorizes the Controlling Board to transfer appropriations from line item 911-411 to the Ohio Ballot Board in order to reimburse county boards of elections for the cost of providing public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>	<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj.</i>	<i>FY 2008</i>	<i>% Change</i>	<i>FY 2009</i>	<i>% Change</i>
		<i>FY 2006: Appropriations:</i>	<i>Appropriations:</i>	<i>2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>Appropriations:</i>	<i>2008 to 2009:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill		Version: Enacted				
CEB Controlling Board						
GRF 911-404 Mandate Assistance	----	----	\$ 5,253,045	\$ 650,000	-87.63%	\$ 650,000 0.00%
GRF 911-441 Ballot Advertising Costs	----	----	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	0.00%	\$ 300,000 0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total	----	----	\$ 5,553,045	\$ 950,000	-82.89%	\$ 950,000 0.00%
Controlling Board Total	----	----	\$ 5,553,045	\$ 950,000	-82.89%	\$ 950,000 0.00%