

Office of the Governor

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- Total budget of \$9,694,274 for the biennium
- Office of Veterans' Affairs provides training, certification, and accreditation of more than 600 county veteran service officers, commissioners, and staff

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Office of the Governor (GOV) oversees the operations of state government. Under the Ohio Constitution, the Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and is elected to four-year terms. The major duties of the Governor include:

- Formulating and implementing administrative policy for state agencies;
- Ensuring the faithful execution of Ohio's laws;
- Submitting biennial capital and operating budgets;
- Appointing judges, certain agency officials, and board and commission members; and
- Serving as commander-in-chief of the Ohio National Guard.

The Office has a total staff of approximately 60 employees. This reflects those employees paid directly from the budget of the Office of the Governor. One change under the Strickland Administration is that the Governor's staff now works from offices inside the statehouse. As there has been in the past there is also an office in Washington D.C.

Beginning in FY 1996, the budget for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was incorporated within the Governor's budget. The Lieutenant Governor oversees select departments and serves as state deputy commander-in-chief, and a cabinet member. The current Lieutenant Governor serves as the Director of the Department of Development. The Governor's office also funds the Office of Veterans' Affairs, which assists veterans in receiving services and benefits, and maintains burial records of Ohio's veterans.

The Governor's Office of Faith-Based Community Initiatives is funded through the Department of Job and Family Services. The office receives approximately \$125,000 a year in GRF funding, and over \$10 million in TANF funding. This office seeks to improve the capacity of small faith-based and community organizations to compete for grants; encourage effective partnerships among public agencies and Faith-Based Community organization's with a shared mission; and measure the impact of these partnerships to assist Ohio's most vulnerable citizens. The budget bill contains a provision that requires this office to study and make recommendations concerning the feasibility and advisability of the office becoming a private nonprofit entity rather than a part of the Governor's office.

Finally, the Governor's Office also funds Ohio's participation in national and regional associations, such as the National Governor's Association and the National Lieutenant Governor's Association.

The enacted budget provides \$4.84 million in FY 2008, a 3.7% decrease from FY 2007 spending, and \$4.85 million in FY 2009, a .2% increase from the FY 2008 appropriation.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
56	\$4,841,637	\$4,852,637	\$4,476,488	\$4,487,488	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

Single Program Series

Office of the Governor

Purpose: This program series encompasses the activities of the chief executive officer of the state of Ohio. The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this agency, as well as the enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	\$3,754,045	\$3,754,045
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	\$433,443	\$435,443
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	\$287,000	\$298,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$4,476,488	\$4,487,488
General Services Fund				
5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	\$365,149	\$365,149
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$365,149	\$365,149
Total Funding: Office of the Governor			\$4,841,637	\$4,852,637

There are two budgeted programs within the Governor's Office:

- **Program 01.01: Office of the Governor**
- **Program 01.02: Office of Veterans' Affairs**

Office of the Governor

Program Description: The Office of the Governor oversees 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.

Funding Source: GRF, GSF

Implication of the Budget: The enacted funding level will enable the Office of the Governor to fulfill his Constitutional and statutory duties.

Office of Veterans' Affairs

Program Description: 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.

Funding Source: GRF

Implication of the Budget: The appropriations will enable the Office to address the concerns and needs of Ohio's veterans and active military duty personnel.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006: Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
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GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,540,593	\$ 3,678,791	\$ 3,981,582	\$ 3,754,045	-5.71%	\$ 3,754,045	0.00%
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	\$ 422,618	\$ 420,951	\$ 422,760	\$ 435,443	3.00%	\$ 435,443	0.00%
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	\$ 245,036	\$ 260,237	\$ 267,923	\$ 287,000	7.12%	\$ 298,000	3.83%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 4,208,246	\$ 4,359,978	\$ 4,672,265	\$ 4,476,488	-4.19%	\$ 4,487,488	0.25%
5AK	040-607	Federal Relations	\$ 154,490	\$ 209,590	\$ 354,514	\$ 365,149	3.00%	\$ 365,149	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 154,490	\$ 209,590	\$ 354,514	\$ 365,149	3.00%	\$ 365,149	0.00%
Governor, Office of the Total			\$ 4,362,736	\$ 4,569,568	\$ 5,026,779	\$ 4,841,637	-3.68%	\$ 4,852,637	0.23%