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LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Office of the Governor

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Quick look...

- 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, elected to a four-year term.
- The Governor’s major duties include formulating and implementing administrative policy for state agencies, submitting biennial capital and operating budgets, and appointing judges, agency directors, and board and commission members. The Governor also serves as commander-in-chief of the Ohio National Guard.
- GOV houses the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, who is elected jointly with the Governor and may be appointed as an administrative department head or head of an office within GOV.
- Currently, GOV directly employs a staff of 37, including 34 full-time permanent employees.
- Overall, the enacted budget increases funding by about \$658,000 (22.9%) in FY 2020 and \$64,000 (1.8%) in FY 2021.
 - The additional funding primarily will support the creation of a new, non-GRF funded federal relations office in Washington, D.C.
 - Sources of the budget: GRF (82.7%) and fees charged to executive branch agencies (17.3%).

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
GRF ALI 040321, Operating Expenses					
\$2,065,447	\$2,225,859	\$2,107,849	\$2,557,850	\$2,914,740	\$2,973,034
% change	7.8%	-5.3%	21.3%	14.0%	2.0%
Fund 5AK0 ALI 040607, Governmental Relations					
\$222,266	\$287,676	\$311,980	\$312,605	\$613,870	\$619,988
% change	29.4%	8.4%	0.2%	96.4%	1.0%
Total funding					
\$2,287,713	\$2,513,534	\$2,419,829	\$2,870,455	\$3,528,610	\$3,593,022
% change	9.9%	-3.7%	18.6%	22.9%	1.8%

Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

The GOV budget encompasses two appropriation items, for which the preceding table shows GOV’s actual expenditures for FY 2016 through FY 2019, and appropriations for FY 2020 and FY 2021. As can be seen in the table, most (82.7%) of the GOV budget is supported by the GRF through appropriation item 040321, Operating Expenses. This appropriation item increases by \$357,000 (14.0%) and \$58,000 (2.0%) in FY 2020 and FY 2021, respectively, and primarily supports payroll, benefits, maintenance, and equipment for the Governor’s Office.

The remainder (17.3%) of GOV's budget is supported by fees assessed to executive branch agencies and deposited into the Government Relations Fund (Fund 5AK0). These non-GRF funds support ALI 040607, Governmental Relations, which covers the costs of presenting the interests of Ohio to federal and local governments and membership dues for Ohio's participation in regional and national associations. The proposed increase of roughly \$300,000 per year for this line item will support the creation and operation of a federal relations office in Washington, D.C.