

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Office of the Governor

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Quick look...

- The Office of the Governor oversees the operations of state government; 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, and serving as commander-in-chief of the Ohio National Guard.
- The Office of the Governor directly employs a staff of 36, 33 of which are full-time permanent employees. Three additional full-time permanent employees are expected to be added in FY 2024.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 040321, Operating Expenses					
\$2,985,708	\$2,367,690	\$2,874,033	\$2,885,777	\$3,219,000	\$3,219,000
% change	-20.7%	21.4%	0.4%	11.5%	0.0%
Fund 5AK0 ALI 040607, Governmental Relations					
\$572,573	\$409,942	\$779,505	\$593,455	\$622,798	\$622,798
% change	-28.4%	90.2%	-23.9%	11.7%	0.0%
Total funding:					
\$3,558,281	\$2,777,632	\$3,653,538	\$3,479,233	\$3,881,798	\$3,881,798
% change	-21.9%	31.5%	-4.8%	11.6%	0.0%

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

The Office of the Governor’s budget contains two appropriation line items (ALIs). The preceding table shows actual expenditures from these ALIs for FY 2020 through FY 2023, and appropriations for FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Of the Office’s FY 2024-FY 2025 biennial budget, 83% is funded with GRF appropriated to ALI 040321, Operating Expenses. The remaining 17% is supported by fees assessed to executive branch agencies and deposited into the Government Relations Fund (Fund 5AK0), and appropriated to ALI 040607, Governmental Relations. That ALI pays for 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.

Commission on Eastern European Affairs

The bill establishes the Commission on Eastern European Affairs, consisting of 11 voting members and two nonvoting members, the majority of which are appointed by the Governor. The Commission is charged with gathering and disseminating information concerning Eastern European people.¹ The bill also requires the Commission to advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state departments and agencies regarding the issues and special needs of Eastern European people, and to develop and implement related policies. Members may be compensated for “actual and necessary” expenses incurred for each day that they engaged in the duties of the Commission, not to exceed more than one day per month.

The bill also creates the Office of Eastern European Affairs to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties and requires the Commission to appoint a director for the Office. The Director is required to appoint as necessary employees to carry out the Office’s duties. The Office is required to apply for and accept grants and gifts from government and private sources to be administered by the Office. The bill further requires the Office to produce and submit a written report of its activities, accomplishments, and recommendations to the Commission.

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¹ “Eastern European people” are defined to mean a person who self-identify as possessing ancestry relative to any of the following countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Georgia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Ukraine.