

# Greenbook

## LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

### Office of Inspector General

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### Quick look...

- The Inspector General’s Office (IGO) examines, investigates, and makes recommendations concerning alleged wrongful acts and omissions within the executive branch of state government.
- Biennial appropriations of \$5.7 million: \$2.8 million for FY 2024 and \$2.9 million for FY 2025.
- Revenue sources: GRF (70.9%) and state non-GRF (29.1%).
- GRF increase of 33.3% in FY 2024 will support the current staffing levels and permit IGO to fill one full-time permanent deputy inspector general vacancy.

Fund Group	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
General Revenue (GRF)	\$1,473,744	\$1,456,106	\$1,941,000	\$2,078,000
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$851,968	\$841,788	\$825,000	\$825,000
Total	\$2,325,711	\$2,297,894	\$2,766,000	\$2,903,000
% change	--	-1.2%	20.4%	5.0%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	-1.2%	33.3%	7.1%

### Agency overview

The Office of the Inspector General, created by executive order in 1988, investigates fraud, waste, abuse, corruption, and conflict of interest within the executive branch of state government and, as appropriate, issues a report with recommendations. The jurisdiction of the Inspector General includes the Governor (and staff), state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and any other entities appointed, employed, controlled, directed, or subject to the authority of the Governor. Specifically excluded from the Inspector General’s jurisdiction are the Ohio General Assembly; Ohio courts; the offices of Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, Attorney General, their staff and employees; and state community colleges.

Over the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, the Inspector General employed 12 full-time and three part-time staff. The staff is organized into three areas or divisions: (1) Bureau of Workers’ Compensation, (2) Ohio Department of Transportation, and (3) General. The first two divisions include statutorily designated deputy inspectors general; the third investigates all other cases and handles daily operations.

### Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

The budget provides the Office of the Inspector General a total appropriation of \$2.8 million in FY 2024 and \$2.9 million in FY 2025 for a combined total of \$5.7 million for the biennium. The GRF will provide 70.9%, or \$4.0 million, of the Inspector General’s biennial funding. The remainder, 29.1%, or \$1.7 million, will come from cash transfers to funds within the

Internal Service Activity Fund Group used to support two statutorily designated deputy inspector generals.

This section provides a more detailed discussion of the appropriations that finance the Inspector General's duties and responsibilities.

### Operating Expenses (ALI 965321)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 965321, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$1,327,954	\$1,333,238	\$1,473,744	\$1,456,106	\$1,941,000	\$2,078,000
% change	0.4%	10.5%	-1.2%	33.3%	7.1%

This GRF line item pays for operating costs of the General Division of the Inspector General. This means costs not directly attributable to the work of the statutorily designated deputy inspectors general for Workers' Compensation and Transportation.

### Deputy Inspector General for ODOT (ALI 965603)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
<b>ISA 5FA0 ALI 965603, Deputy Inspector General for ODOT</b>					
\$388,926	\$375,553	\$412,519	\$416,089	\$400,000	\$400,000
% change	-3.4%	9.8%	0.9%	-3.9%	0.0%

This line item pays for the operating expenses associated with the statutorily designated Deputy Inspector General for the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). This Deputy Inspector General is responsible for: (1) investigating wrongful acts or omissions by ODOT employees and (2) conducting a program of random review of the processing of contracts associated with building and maintaining the state's infrastructure. The appropriation is supported by cash transfers totaling \$400,000 in each fiscal year from the Department of Transportation's budget to the Deputy Inspector for the ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0).

The cash transfers are authorized in H.B. 23, the transportation budget bill for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium. Section 203.60(H) of that act requires the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) to transfer \$200,000, on January 1 and July 1 of each fiscal year, from the Highway Operating Fund (Fund 7002) to the Deputy Inspector General for the ODOT Fund (Fund 5FA0). If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General is permitted, with the consent of the Director of OBM, to request Controlling Board approval for additional cash transfers and to increase the appropriation. Funding has remained at \$400,000 annually since Fund 5FA0 was created in 2007. Over 90% of the line item's appropriation is typically used for personal services (payroll).

### Deputy Inspector General for BWC/OIC (ALI 965604)

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
<b>ISA 5FT0 ALI 965604, Deputy Inspector General for BWC/OIC</b>					
\$404,587	\$394,339	\$439,449	\$425,699	\$425,000	\$425,000
% change	-2.5%	11.4%	-3.1%	-0.2%	0.0%

This line item pays for the operating expenses associated with the statutorily designated Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and the Ohio Industrial Commission (OIC). This Deputy Inspector General is responsible for investigating wrongful acts or omissions that have been committed by, or are being committed by, officers or employees of BWC or OIC. Over 90% of the line item's appropriation is typically allocated for personal services (payroll).

This appropriation is supported by a temporary law provision in Section 200.20 of H.B. 31, the workers' compensation budget for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, that requires the Director of OBM to transfer \$425,000 annually from the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 7023) to the Deputy Inspector General for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation and Industrial Commission Fund (Fund 5FT0) (\$212,500 on January 1 and July 1 of each fiscal year). If additional amounts are needed, the Inspector General is permitted to request Controlling Board approval for additional cash transfers.

Funding has remained at \$425,000 annually since Fund 5FT0 was created in 2007. Typically, in each fiscal year, around 95% of the line item's appropriation is used for personal services (payroll).