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Judicial Conference of Ohio

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Judicial Conference of Ohio

Quick look...

- The Judicial Conference of Ohio (JCO) is charged with studying and recommending changes in the procedures and practices of Ohio’s court system.
- Total appropriations: \$1.8 million in FY 2024 and \$1.9 million in FY 2025.
- Sources of the budget: GRF (65.3%), and state non-GRF (34.7%).
- The Conference has a staff of eight full-time employees.

| | FY 2020 Actual | FY 2021 Actual | FY 2022 Actual | FY 2023 Actual | FY 2024 Appropriation | FY 2025 Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 018321, Operating Expenses | | | | | | |
| | \$947,251 | \$885,028 | \$1,076,674 | \$1,084,187 | \$1,192,000 | \$1,231,000 |
| % change | | -6.6% | 21.7% | 0.7% | 9.9% | 3.3% |
| DPF Fund 4030 ALI 018601, Ohio Jury Instructions | | | | | | |
| | \$421,770 | \$348,769 | \$520,289 | \$551,713 | \$616,853 | \$674,109 |
| % change | | -17.3% | 49.2% | 6.0% | 11.8% | 9.3% |
| Total funding: | | | | | | |
| | \$1,369,021 | \$1,233,797 | \$1,596,963 | \$1,635,900 | \$1,808,853 | \$1,905,109 |
| % change | | -9.9% | 29.4% | 2.4% | 10.6% | 5.3% |

Agency overview

The Judicial Conference of Ohio’s primary charge is to continually study and recommend changes in the procedures and practices of Ohio’s court system in an effort to promote a fair and effective administration of justice.¹ The Conference consists of all 721 active judges in Ohio, and six related judicial associations. The powers of the Conference are exercised, controlled, and conducted by its Executive Committee, which is comprised of approximately 50 judges.

¹ The Judicial Conference of Ohio was created by the General Assembly in 1963 as a statutory entity within the judicial branch of state government. The Conference’s primary duties and responsibilities are codified in R.C. 105.91.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

Operating Expenses (ALI 018321)

This GRF line item is the Judicial Conference of Ohio's primary source of funding for its day-to-day operations. Relative to the line item's expenditures for the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, the budget increases its FY 2024-FY 2025 appropriation by \$262,139 (12.1%).

State Council of Uniform State Laws²

A temporary law provision requires up to \$93,710 in FY 2024 and up to \$97,458 in FY 2025 of the line item's appropriation be used to pay the expenses of the State Council of Uniform State Laws, including membership dues to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL).³

Ohio Jury Instructions (ALI 018601)

This line item draws its appropriation from the Ohio Jury Instructions Fund (Fund 4030), which largely consists of: (1) annual membership dues and meeting, seminar, and conference fees and (2) royalties from the Conference's publication known as Ohio Jury Instructions. Historically, the Conference used the line item to support activities and services not directly related to its ongoing day-to-day business. This includes costs associated with meetings, conferences, seminars, printing, publishing, website maintenance and development, information technology, and other nonpersonnel activities. More recently, the Conference has shifted more of its expenses to this line item in order to reduce its reliance on GRF funding.

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² The duty of the State Council, a four-person Ohio council of commissioners appointed by the Governor, is to study the prevailing law in the U.S. and other countries on subjects where uniformity is important.

³ The Conference, a Chicago-based nonprofit unincorporated association largely comprised of state commissions of uniform laws, studies and reviews the law of the states to determine which areas of law should be uniform.