

# Greenbook

## LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

### Office of the Governor

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## Office of the Governor

### 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 41, 39 of which are full-time permanent employees. One additional full-time permanent employee is expected to be added in FY 2026.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 040321, Operating Expenses</b>					
\$2,874,033	\$2,885,777	\$3,184,456	\$3,457,725	\$3,481,221	\$3,580,624
% change	0.4%	10.4%	8.6%	0.7%	2.9%
<b>Fund 5AK0 ALI 040607, Governmental Relations</b>					
\$779,505	\$593,455	\$481,750	\$665,486	\$715,600	\$734,442
% change	-23.9%	-18.8%	38.1%	7.5%	2.6%
<b>Total funding:</b>					
\$3,653,538	\$3,479,233	\$3,666,206	\$4,123,211	\$4,196,821	\$4,315,066
% change	-4.8%	5.4%	12.5%	1.8%	2.8%

### Agency overview

The Office of the Governor directly employs a staff of 41, including the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, 39 of which are full-time permanent employees. One additional full-time permanent employee is expected to be added in FY 2026. 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. In addition to these prescribed duties, current initiatives of the Office include providing leadership and support in several strategic priorities and initiatives, including: the Children's Initiative, Common Sense Initiative, InnovateOhio, Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, RecoveryOhio, and Workforce Transformation.

## **Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 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 2022 through FY 2025, and appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027. Relative to the entirety of the Office's expenditures for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, its FY 2026-FY 2027 appropriation represents an increase of \$722,469 (9.3%).

Of the Office's FY 2026-FY 2027 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.