

# **Greenbook**

## **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

# **Ohio Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board**

**Robert Meeker, Senior Budget Analyst  
July 2025**

### **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<b>Quick look...</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Agency overview</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget</b>	<b>2</b>

## LBO Greenbook

# Ohio Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board

### Quick look...

- The Ohio Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board has the primary responsibility of administering the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund, which is used to reimburse owners and operators of underground petroleum storage tanks for the costs of corrective actions and damage compensation paid to third parties.
- The Board's appropriations consist of cash transferred from the fund solely for paying personal services; it receives no GRF funding.
- The Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund is not a part of the state treasury and instead is in the custody of the Treasurer of State.
- The budget will permit the Board to maintain current service delivery levels.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>Fund 6910 ALI 810632, Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board – Operating</b>					
\$1,428,812	\$1,377,337	\$1,404,193	\$1,459,576	\$1,778,594	\$1,910,092
% change	-3.6%	1.9%	3.9%	21.9%	7.4%

### Agency overview

The Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board was established in 1989 to comply with federally mandated requirements concerning petroleum underground storage tank (UST) owners' financial responsibility established in Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Board serves Ohio's UST owners and operators by overseeing the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund, which provides a mechanism for all underground storage tank owners and operators to meet U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) regulations. These regulations require owners and operators to demonstrate financial capability to pay for potential damage caused by releases from their USTs.

The Board consists of nine members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Treasurer of State and the directors of the Department of Commerce and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency serve as ex officio members. Appointed members of the Board are compensated on a per-diem basis for each day of actual attendance at meetings of the Board. Members also receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Board. The day-to-day operations of the Board are handled by 16 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff, including an executive director.

## Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board's single line item, supported by cash transferred from the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund, is used solely for payroll expenses associated with the nine Board members and 16 FTE staff. Relative to the line item's expenditures for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, the budget increases its FY 2026-FY 2027 appropriation by \$824,917 (28.8%).

The Board's remaining nonpayroll expenses (supplies and maintenance, purchased personal services, equipment, and corrective action and compensation payments) are paid directly from the Petroleum Financial Assurance Fund by warrant of the Treasurer of State.