

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

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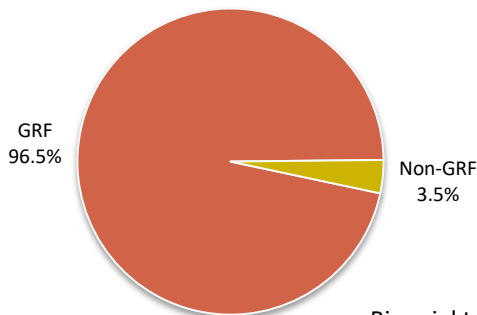
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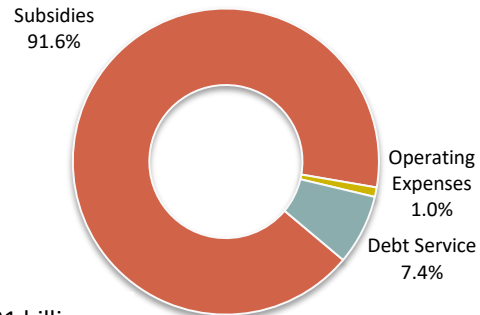
- The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) oversees and coordinates Ohio’s network of 60 public colleges and universities, 74 independent, nonprofit colleges and universities, 49 Ohio Technical Centers, and 52 Aspire Program sites.
- Total proposed budget: \$3.16 billion in FY 2026 and \$3.04 billion in FY 2027.
- State Share of Instruction (SSI) increases by 0.1% in FY 2026 and remains flat in FY 2027. SSI comprises 68.3% of the \$6.21 billion total biennial budget for ODHE.
- The executive budget proposes an increase of \$23.3 million (11.8%) in FY 2026 and a decrease of \$13.2 million (6.0%) in FY 2027 for need-based student financial aid through the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Program.
- The proposed budget also boosts funding for the Governor’s Merit, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans’ Children, and Choose Ohio First scholarship programs. It also proposes \$82.7 million in non-GRF support in FY 2026 for revolving loans to state institutions of higher education that desire to reduce the physical square footage of their campuses.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
General Revenue	\$2,824,220,362	\$2,961,313,939	\$3,012,625,519	\$2,976,386,704
Dedicated Purpose	\$101,720,756	\$64,690,918	\$114,985,529	\$32,376,683
Third Frontier Bond	\$7,925,641	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
Federal	\$27,149,228	\$30,934,000	\$26,852,738	\$26,869,324
Total	\$2,961,015,987	\$3,064,938,857	\$3,162,463,786	\$3,043,632,711
% change	--	3.5%	3.2%	-3.8%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	4.9%	1.7%	-1.2%

**Chart 1: ODHE Budget by Fund Group
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



**Chart 2: ODHE Budget by Expense Category
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



Biennial total: \$6.21 billion

Overview

Agency overview

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) oversees and coordinates Ohio's network of public colleges and universities, Ohio Technical Centers, and a host of independent colleges and universities. It authorizes and approves new degree programs at existing institutions, advises the Governor and the General Assembly on higher education policy, advocates for and manages state operating and capital funds for public colleges and universities and student financial aid programs for all students, provides fiscal oversight of all public institutions, identifies gaps in Ohio's trained workforce, and oversees the development of workforce education to fulfill the needs of Ohio's industries, among other responsibilities. ODHE is led by the Chancellor of Higher Education, who is appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Appropriation summary

The executive budget provides total appropriations of \$3.16 billion in FY 2026 and \$3.04 billion in FY 2027 for ODHE. The preceding table and Chart 1 shown in the **"Quick look"** section present the executive recommended appropriations by fund group. As Chart 1 shows, the General Revenue Fund (GRF) supports 96.5% of the executive budget recommendations for ODHE. GRF appropriations increase by 1.7% in FY 2026 and decrease by 1.2% in FY 2027. The GRF increase in FY 2026 is mostly for Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG), Governor's Merit, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children, and Choose Ohio First grant and scholarship programs and supplemental funding for the Ohio State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. Non-GRF appropriations make up the remaining 3.5% of ODHE's budget, including Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) supported items (2.4%), federal funds (0.9%), and Third Frontier bond funds (0.3%). The DPF appropriations increase in FY 2026 is primarily related to the proposed funding of \$82.7 million for revolving loans to state institutions of higher education that desire to reduce the physical square footage of their campuses. Federal funding decreases in FY 2026 due to the expiration of funds used, in conjunction with approximately \$2.0 million from GRF line item 235585, Educator Preparation Programs, to contract with the University of Texas at Austin to complete audits of 49 educator preparation programs to document the degree to which each program is effectively teaching the science of reading.

Chart 2 in the **"Quick look"** section shows the executive recommended appropriations by object of expense. As seen from the chart, 91.6% of the ODHE biennial budget provides subsidies, mainly to colleges and universities. In addition, 7.4% will be used for debt service and 1.0% will be used for operating expenses. The percentage for ODHE's operating expenses includes 0.5% for personal services, including salaries, benefits, and various other payroll-related charges; 0.3% for purchased services (i.e., contracts); and 0.1% for supplies, maintenance, and equipment.

Staffing levels

As of January 2025, ODHE has a total staff of over 119 employees, including approximately 36 individuals that support the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority (OTTA). Not including OTTA staff,

ODHE has 83 staff members, including 78 full-time employees and five intermittent employees. These individuals are organized into the following seven divisions:

- **Academic Affairs** leads initiatives to support the development of seamless, affordable academic pathways that lead to degree attainment and student success. The division works with the Department of Education and Workforce to strengthen the alignment between K-12 education and postsecondary education in the state, articulation and transfer, college retention and completion, attainment, workforce development, and graduate education;
- **Higher Education and Workforce Alignment** works with state agencies, institutions, adult workforce education centers, and businesses to develop programs that match workforce development to business needs and match degrees and certificates to jobs. This division includes the Aspire Program, which provides free services for individuals who need assistance acquiring the skills to be successful in postsecondary education, training, and employment;
- **Legal and Operations** oversees all administrative functions of the agency, including communications, human resources, facilities, educational technology, campus safety and sexual violence prevention, and planning for meetings and conferences; provides general counsel to ODHE, and oversees policy objectives and legislative priorities;
- **Finance** prepares and monitors ODHE’s budget and expenditures and manages the state’s financial aid programs;
- **Data and Research** oversees the data within the Higher Education Information (HEI) system; and
- **P-16 and Strategic Initiatives** focuses on the growing integration of K-12 and postsecondary programming. This new division administers GEAR UP, College Credit Plus, Teacher Apprenticeship, Grow Your Own Teacher, Teach CS, CS Promise, FAFSA Support Teams, and educator preparation programs.

Ohio’s public community colleges and universities

Ohio’s public higher education system is comprised of 60 public community colleges and universities and their regional campuses. In FY 2024, this system enrolled over 477,000 students and produced approximately 120,000 certificates and degrees. Included in the 60 public institutions are 13 university main campuses, 24 university regional campuses, one free-standing medical college, and 22 community and technical colleges.¹ Table 1 shows the four types of public institutions, the number of each type of institution, and their enrollments.

¹ Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) has closed. The executive budget proposes the repeal of the statute that created it.

Table 1. Ohio's Public Higher Education System, Fall 2023

Institution Type	Number of Institutions	Total Enrollment Headcount	Percentage of Total Enrollment
University main campuses	13	261,475	54.8%
Community and technical colleges*	23	158,321	33.2%
University regional campuses	24	56,224	11.8%
Free-standing medical college	1	1,009	0.2%
Total	61	477,029	100.0%

*According to ODHE's Table 3. Headcount Enrollment by Campus, EGCC enrolled 15,000 students in fall 2023. Therefore, EGCC is included in the total enrollment headcount in this table.

State Share of Instruction

The State Share of Instruction (SSI) formula is used to distribute the core state operating funding for public higher education. For the most part, the executive budget continues the traditional SSI formula used for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium. The traditional SSI formula computes funding separately for two sectors: (1) the university main and regional campus sector (universities), and (2) the community college sector, which includes community colleges, state community colleges, and technical colleges. In addition to the traditional SSI formula allocations, the executive budget proposes two new SSI funding components and distributes GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, as follows:

- An earmark of up to \$100.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula established by the Chancellor based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates of each college and university, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes project.
- An earmark of up to \$10.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula devised by the Chancellor that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees, as determined by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), that are produced above a historical baseline of institutional production, as calculated by the Chancellor.
- The remainder of line item 235501 to be distributed according to the traditional SSI formula with 23.2% being distributed to the community colleges and 76.8% being distributed to the universities.

Like the percentages under the remainder allocation, the executive budget requires that universities and community colleges receive 76.8% and 23.2%, respectively, of each of the two new total earmarks in each fiscal year. Table 2 summarizes the total SSI funding under line item 235501 by component for FY 2025 (before capital component adjustments) and the proposed amounts for FY 2026 and FY 2027. More details for each of these components are provided below, beginning with discussion of the traditional SSI formula calculations and the changes proposed in the executive budget.

Funding Component	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Traditional SSI formula	\$2,119.8	\$2,009.8	\$2,009.8
Postsecondary employment outcomes	N/A	\$100.0	\$100.0
Technician associate degree bonuses	N/A	\$10.0	\$10.0
Total	\$2,119.8	\$2,119.8	\$2,119.8

In addition to the new SSI components, the executive budget prohibits a state institution from receiving its traditional SSI formula allocation for a fiscal year if that state institution fails to report data for a full academic year for any of the years included in the three-year reporting period for a fiscal year's SSI allocation, unless the Chancellor determines that exceptional circumstances warrant the institution receiving full or partial allocation.

University sector funding under traditional SSI formula

The executive budget earmarks 76.8% of the remainder of GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027, for universities under the traditional SSI formula distribution. Based on this allocation, this sector will receive at least \$1.54 billion in each fiscal year. The executive budget continues to distribute 50% of the earmark for universities based on degree attainment, leaving the remainder after set-asides for doctoral and medical programs, or about 30%, to be distributed based on course completions. The following table breaks out university sector funding by component for FY 2025 (before capital component adjustments) and under the executive budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027. Funding for the traditional SSI components is lower than FY 2025 under the executive budget due to essentially flat funding for the SSI line item and the proposed incorporation of postsecondary employment outcomes and technician associate degree bonuses as new factors in the formula. More details on each funding component are given following the table.

Funding Component	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Degree attainment	\$813.9	\$771.7	\$771.7
Course completion	\$490.4	\$464.9	\$464.9
Doctoral set-aside	\$191.8	\$181.8	\$181.8
Medical II set-aside	\$104.3	\$98.9	\$98.9
Medical I set-aside	\$27.5	\$26.1	\$26.1
Total	\$1,627.9	\$1,543.5	\$1,543.5

Degree attainment

In general, the degree attainment funding component is distributed to universities based on the proportion of the total statewide degree cost attributable to each institution. ODHE calculates costs for each degree, based on the courses that need to be completed to earn the degree. The executive budget updates these costs for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium. Weights are applied to the costs of degrees earned in science (including health science), technology, engineering, and mathematics, (STEM). The weights make these degrees appear costlier, giving institutions an incentive to give priority to these areas. The formula uses a three-year average of associate, baccalaureate, master's, and professional degrees awarded for the most recent three-year period that is practicable as agreed to by the Inter-University Council (IUC) and the Chancellor. As under current law, undergraduate degrees earned by out-of-state residents are included if the out-of-state resident remains in Ohio at least one year after graduation, but are multiplied by 50%.

Also, degrees earned by students who are classified as "at-risk" based on academic under-preparation, age, minority status, financial status, or first generation postsecondary status based on neither parent completing any education beyond high school are weighted by a student-specific degree completion weight.

When a degree includes credits earned at multiple institutions, the cost of that degree is allocated to universities based on the cost of the credits earned at each institution. When a student completes credits not earned at a university main or regional campus, the cost of those credits are credited to the degree-granting institution for the first degree earned by a student at each degree level, but are not eligible for at-risk weights and, unless the student transferred 12 or fewer credits into the institution, are limited to 12.5% of the degree cost. If a student is awarded an associate degree and later is awarded a baccalaureate degree, the formula limits the cost allocated for the baccalaureate degree to either (1) the difference in cost between the baccalaureate degree and the cost of the previously earned associate degree, or (2) if the associate degree has a higher cost than the baccalaureate degree, the cost of the credits earned by the student after the associate degree was awarded. Furthermore, if a student earns more than one degree in the same fiscal year and at the same institution and degree level (for example, two baccalaureate degrees), the highest cost degree is to be funded at 100%, but the additional degrees are to be funded at only 25%.

Course completion

Similar to the degree attainment component, the course completion funding component is distributed to universities based on the proportion of the total statewide completed course cost attributable to each institution. The SSI formula breaks the courses offered by institutions into subject areas and levels of study. This results in 24 subject/level combinations or curricular models, each with an established cost per full-time equivalent (FTE) student. An FTE is 30 credit hours, which represents a student taking 15 credit hours for two semesters. In addition to the established costs for each curricular model, the formula provides weights for STEM courses and for graduate-level courses. The executive budget retains the same costs of each curricular model from the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium and, generally, maintains the calculation method for the course completion funding component used in FY 2025.

Only courses completed by subsidy-eligible students are included in this funding component. Generally, this includes in-state undergraduate students and all graduate students. In other words, the only group that is not eligible for the subsidy is out-of-state undergraduate students. As with the degree attainment component, course completion costs are calculated using a three-year average for the most recent three-year period as agreed to by the IUC and the Chancellor. Courses completed by students who are considered “at-risk,” or who are determined to be academically underprepared or based on financial status, are weighted more heavily.

Doctoral and medical set-asides

The calculations for the degree attainment and course completion components do not include doctoral or medical courses and degrees. These areas are funded through separate set-asides. The executive budget sets aside up to 11.78% of the university SSI appropriations for the doctoral models and 8.10% for the medical models in each fiscal year, the same percentages set aside last biennium.

Doctoral set-aside allocations

The SSI formula allocates the doctoral set-aside based on each campus’s share of three different factors: course completions, statewide degrees, and research grant activity. Twelve campuses are eligible for funding through the doctoral set-aside, including the 11 universities with doctoral programs and the University of Toledo’s medical school. Additional details regarding the allocations for this set-aside are provided below.

Each fiscal year, 25% of the doctoral set-aside continues to be allocated in proportion to each campus’s share of doctoral program course completions. Generally, course completion earnings are determined by multiplying the total curricular model amounts and graduate weights by the number of applicable subsidy-eligible doctoral FTEs for the most recent three-year period practicable as agreed to by the IUC and the Chancellor.

Each fiscal year, 50% of the doctoral set-aside continues to be allocated in proportion to each campus’s share of total statewide doctoral degrees, weighted by the cost of the doctoral discipline. Generally, the doctoral degree totals are based on the three-year average for the most recent three-year period as agreed to by the IUC and the Chancellor in the next biennium.

Each fiscal year, 25% of the doctoral set-aside continues to be allocated in proportion to each campus’s share of research grant activity. Funding is allocated to each eligible university in proportion to its share of National Science Foundation research grant activity. Grant awards from the Department of Health and Human Services are weighted at 50%.

Medical set-aside allocations

The Medical I and Medical II models also receive set-asides from the SSI funds appropriated to universities. Ohio’s six universities with medical schools are eligible for the medical model set-asides.

In each fiscal year, 6.41% of the university main campus portion of the SSI appropriation is reserved for Medical II FTEs (professional level medical students). This set-aside is allocated to universities in proportion to their share of the statewide total of each institution’s three-year

average Medical II FTE course completions. The executive budget continues a policy that only 5% of Medical II course completion FTEs may be made up of students repeating terms.

In each fiscal year, 1.69% of the university portion of the traditional SSI formula allocation is reserved for Medical I FTEs. This set-aside is allocated to universities in proportion to their share of the statewide total of each institution's three-year average Medical I FTE course completions. The Medical I model comprises doctoral or professional level dentistry and veterinary medicine programs. Continuing a policy enacted in H.B. 33, the main operating budget of the 135th General Assembly, the executive budget earmarks 12.34% of this set-aside for Kent State University's podiatric medicine college and the remaining 87.66% for Ohio State University's dentistry and veterinary medicine colleges.

Community college sector funding under traditional SSI formula

The executive budget earmarks 23.2% of the remainder of GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027, for community colleges under the traditional SSI formula distribution. Based on this allocation, this sector will receive at least \$466.3 million in each fiscal year. Under the executive budget, community college funding continues to be based 50% on course completions, 25% on student success factors, and 25% on completion milestones. The following table breaks out community college sector funding for FY 2025 (before capital component adjustments) and under the executive budget for FY 2026 and FY 2027. As with the traditional SSI funding for universities, funding for the community colleges' traditional SSI components is lower than FY 2025 under the executive budget due to essentially flat funding for the SSI line item and the proposed incorporation of postsecondary employment outcomes and technician associate degree bonuses as new factors in the formula. More details on each funding component are given following the table.

Funding Component	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Course Completion	\$245.9	\$233.1	\$233.1
Student Success	\$123.0	\$116.6	\$116.6
Completion Milestones	\$123.0	\$116.6	\$116.6
Total	\$491.9	\$466.3	\$466.3

Course completion

As with the course completion component for universities, the course completion component for community colleges is distributed based on the proportion of the total statewide completed course cost attributable to each institution. The course costs use the same costs, including the STEM weights, that are used for universities, although at-risk weights are calculated differently. Currently, for community colleges, courses completed by students who are in one or more of the following access categories are given an additional weight of 15% based on: (1) financial status, (2) minority status, (3) age, or (4) academic under-preparation.

Student success factors

The student success factors are measured on a point system. Generally, one point is awarded for each subsidy-eligible student who successfully completes one of the following: the first 12 semester hours of college-level coursework, the first 24 semester hours of college-level coursework, the first 36 semester hours of college-level coursework, a college-level English class within the first 30 hours of completed coursework, or a college-level math class within the first 30 hours of completed coursework. The funding is distributed according to the proportion of points earned by each institution from the total number of points earned by all institutions in the sector.

Completion milestones

The completion milestones component includes four measures. All four measures use the same degree costs as universities. The first two measures are the completion of an associate or baccalaureate degree. For the first degree earned by a student, the total model cost of the degree is credited to the college. For each subsequent degree earned by the student, 50% of this cost is credited to the college. The third measure is completion of a technical certificate that requires over 30 credit hours. For the first certificate earned by a student, 50% of the associate degree model cost is credited to the college. For each subsequent certificate, 50% of this cost is credited to the college. The fourth measure looks at transfers to a four-year institution after a student completes at least 12 semester hours of college-level coursework at the two-year college. For each transfer, 25% of the average model cost of all associate degrees is credited to the college. The completion milestone measures are weighted for students in the four access categories used for course completions. The weight is 25%, if the student is in one category; 66%, if the student is in two categories; 150%, if the student is in three categories; and 200%, if the student is in all four categories.

Capital component adjustment

SSI allocations for all institutions may be decreased due to the capital component adjustment. This adjustment reduces a campus's subsidy if, in the past, the campus requested and received capital appropriations greater than its formula-allocated capital appropriation share. The capital component adjustment was first instituted in FY 1998 in order to implement an incentive-based capital funding policy. This policy provided each campus a formula-determined capital appropriation share based on the amount and age of space, the number of student enrollments, and the total capital appropriations available. The Capital Component Program reduces a campus's subsidy if it requested and received capital appropriations greater than its formula-determined amount. The amount to be reduced equals the difference between a campus's formula-determined debt service amount and the debt service amount actually received by the campus. This capital funding policy was discontinued in H.B. 482, the capital appropriations act of the 129th General Assembly. The adjustment continues, however, for outstanding debt issued for capital appropriations prior to H.B. 482. According to ODHE, this component is currently set to expire by June 30, 2029. However, the executive budget expedites the phase out of the component and proposes to end it by June 30, 2027.

Currently, the total amount of the capital component adjustment is deducted from GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, and transferred to GRF line item 235552, Capital

Component. The executive budget modifies this process by requiring that 50% of the sum of the total amount deducted from line item 235501 for the remainder of the program be transferred to line item 235552, except that the deduction and transfer can be reduced if there is sufficient appropriation under line item 235552 to cover payments. Any adjustments must be made proportionately to each institution's share of the total amount adjusted, if the Chancellor determines that the transfer and deduction can be reduced. The transferred amount is then combined with the original appropriations for line item 235552 and distributed to campuses that do not have the capital component adjustment, i.e., campuses that requested and received capital appropriations below their formula-determined appropriation amounts. Currently, each of these campuses receives a distribution in an amount equal to the difference in debt service charges between the formula-determined amount and the amount they actually received. The executive budget requires that any amounts provided from line item 235552 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to campuses cover any remaining obligations for the program. Funds received from line item 235552 can only be used for capital projects. According to ODHE, eight institutions are likely to have their SSI allocations reduced by a total of approximately \$389,000 over the biennium.

SSI distribution

Traditional SSI formula allocations to universities and community colleges are distributed in equal monthly payments over the course of a fiscal year. Generally, the payments for the first six months of the fiscal year may be based on the SSI appropriation estimates made for the various institutions and that payments for the last six months of the fiscal year may be based on final data from the Chancellor. SSI payments to universities in each month of a fiscal year are based on final data in the Higher Education Information (HEI) system for a selected three-year period that is agreed to by the Chancellor and IUC.

Requirements for institutions receiving increase in SSI

The executive proposal continues to permit any institution that receives additional SSI subsidy through the traditional SSI formula compared to the prior year to use the additional distribution to provide need-based aid and counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to its students.

Postsecondary employment outcomes SSI formula

The executive budget earmarks up to \$100.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 from GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, to be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates of each institution, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes (PSEO) project. It further requires the formula to use as factors the employment and earnings by the graduates of each institution, measured at the two-digit level of the Classification of Instructional Programs codes by the National Center for Education Statistics.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's website, PSEO is an experimental data product from the Bureau containing earnings outcomes and employment flows for recent graduates of partner colleges and universities. Employment flows provide counts of graduates from a particular institution to the geographic location or industry of their employer. These statistics are

generated by matching university transcript data with a national database of jobs. Only graduates who earn at least the annual equivalent of full-time work at the prevailing federal minimum wage and work three or more quarters in a calendar year are included. More information on PSEO can be found at: [U.S. Census Bureau – Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes \(PSEO\)](#).

The executive budget also requires that 76.8% of the \$100.0 million earmark in each fiscal year for this component be distributed to universities and 23.2% be distributed to community colleges. Table 5 summarizes these distributions for this component over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

Sector Type	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Universities and regional campuses	\$76.8	\$76.8
Community colleges	\$23.2	\$23.2
Total	\$100.0	\$100.0

Technician-aligned associate degree bonuses SSI formula

The executive budget also earmarks up to \$10.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 from GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, to be distributed to state institutions of higher education according to a formula devised by the Chancellor that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees, as determined by OWT, that are produced above a historical baseline of institutional production, as calculated by the Chancellor.

Like the PSEO formula, the executive budget requires that 76.8% of the \$10.0 million earmark in each fiscal year for this component be distributed to universities and 23.2% be distributed to community colleges. Table 6 summarizes these distributions for this component over the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

Sector Type	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Universities and regional campuses	\$7.7	\$7.7
Community colleges	\$2.3	\$2.3
Total	\$10.0	\$10.0

Other notable budget provisions

Tuition and fee increase restrictions

In the current biennium, H.B. 33 requires the boards of trustees of state institutions of higher education to restrain increases in in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees.

It also authorizes community and technical colleges to increase tuition and general fees by no more than \$5 per credit hour over what the institution charged in the prior academic year. However, it froze in-state undergraduate instructional and general fees charged by public universities and their regional campuses at the FY 2023 levels for FY 2024 and FY 2025. It also required approval of the Chancellor for any increases in, or the creation of, all other special fees, which are fees that are specific to a program, such as a laboratory fee.

The executive budget continues to require that boards restrain increases of tuition and fees and to authorize community and technical colleges to increase tuition and general fees by no more than \$5 per credit hour over what the institution charged in the prior academic year. However, it does not expressly restrict tuition and fee increases for universities and regional campuses and language pertaining to the Chancellor approving special fees. According to ODHE, all universities offer tuition guarantee programs, whereby an entering cohort at a public university pays a higher rate for instructional and general fees in the first year but pays the same guaranteed rate for the next four of years of enrollment. ODHE further noted that most students participate in the tuition guarantee programs. The executive budget continues to permit institutions to increase instructional and general fees for students participating in undergraduate tuition guarantee programs as provided under continuing law. In FY 2026 and FY 2027, any increase for these programs will be determined through a combination of a measure of inflation and the percentage increase the General Assembly permits for a fiscal year.

Strategic Square Footage Reduction initiative

The executive budget creates a revolving loan program to assist state institutions of higher education with the cost to reduce the physical square footage of campus buildings. Under this initiative, the Chancellor, in consultation with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), will award revolving loans to state institutions of higher education to enable them to demolish campus facilities. The Chancellor and OFCC will establish a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the loans, with priority given to state institutions whose general student population has decreased. It also requires the Chancellor and OFCC to consider eight factors in making the final awards. Recipient institutions must annually provide the Chancellor with a summary of financial information regarding the loan. If any net proceeds arise from the demolition of real property under this initiative, the executive budget requires, at the direction of the OBM Director, those proceeds to be credited to funds in the state treasury, or to accounts held by the state institution. A state institution that receives a loan under the initiative is prohibited from constructing any new facility at the same time demolition is occurring.

To support the initiative, the executive budget establishes the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund (Fund 5CJ1) in the state treasury. Upon request by the Chancellor and OBM Director approval, the Treasurer of State (TOS) must transfer funds from the Ohio Tuition Reserve Fund to Fund 5CJ1. Additionally, TOS must, upon request by the Chancellor, transfer an amount determined to be surplus and made available for transfer as a result of the annual actuarial evaluation of the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund to Fund 5CJ1, provided that at least 5% of the surplus amount remains in the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund. For more information on this initiative, see **“C10:3: Strategic Square Footage Reduction (ALI 2356A2).”**

Guaranteed admission

The executive budget guarantees admission to any state institution of higher education for each high school graduate in the top 10% of the graduate's graduating class. However, a state institution may delay admission to its main campus and, instead, admit a student to a regional campus if the student does not meet the standards for unconditional admission. A student receiving a scholarship under the Governor's Merit Scholarship program (see "**C2:2: Governor's Merit Scholarship (ALI 235530)**") is guaranteed admission to the main campus of the state institution. According to the [Education Commission of the States \(ECS\)](#), several states, including Florida, Texas, and California, have some form of guaranteed admission policy.

Direct Admissions Pilot Program

The executive budget requires the Chancellor, in consultation with the DEW Director, to establish the Direct Admissions Pilot Program to notify students at participating high schools if they meet the admissions requirements of participating postsecondary education institutions. The Chancellor must endeavor to implement the program so that students graduating in the 2026-2027 school year may participate. As part of the program, the Chancellor must do all of the following:

- Establish an automated process (to the extent possible and in accordance with applicable law) that uses a student's academic record in existing student information systems and information held by a student's high school to determine whether the student meets the admissions requirements;
- Establish an application process for public and chartered nonpublic schools and postsecondary institutions; and
- Issue a report, at least once each school year, about the pilot program.

The program is voluntary for secondary and postsecondary institutions. If a school's governing body adopts a written policy authorizing its high schools to participate in the pilot program, it must then submit a copy of its policy to the Chancellor and DEW Director within 90 days of adopting it and develop a procedure to determine if students who wish to participate in the pilot program meet any eligibility requirements established by the Chancellor. According to ODHE, Idaho, Minnesota, and Utah have adopted a similar program in their respective states. Additionally, some higher education institutions in Ohio operate more limited direct admissions programs.

Ohio Tech Talent Initiative

The executive budget establishes the Ohio Tech Talent Initiative to promote, prioritize, and expand engineering technician education for engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries. The Chancellor, in consultation with OWT, may determine the list of academic programs to include in the initiative based on the Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP), which is a coding scheme of instructional programs developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics. The Chancellor and the Director of Education and Workforce (DEW Director), in consultation with OWT, will collaborate with public high schools and partnering public

institutions of higher education to establish, promote, and prioritize model and statewide innovative waiver pathways of the College Credit Plus Program that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor or advanced manufacturing industries. The Chancellor and DEW Director must also leverage the one-year option credit articulation process for students enrolled in Ohio Technical Centers who complete a 900-hour program of study and obtain an industry-recognized credential.

To reduce student costs and increase the number of graduates in technician-aligned programs under the initiative, the executive budget also authorizes the Chancellor and the Director of Development to use funds from ODHE's Choose Ohio First Scholarship, Talent Ready Grant, Ohio Work Ready Grant, Second Chance Grant, and capital-supported Regionally Aligned Priorities in Developing Skills (RAPIDS) programs; the Department of Development's TechCred program; and any other appropriation items as determined by the Chancellor and OWT.

Finally, the executive budget permits the Chancellor to require a state institution and a private college to establish a workforce-education partnership program, under which the Chancellor, in consultation with OWT, may require college, university, and employer participants to specifically focus on engineering technology and other fields essential to the semiconductor industry, advanced manufacturing industry, or both.

Co-op internship programs at state institutions

The executive budget requires, no later than the 2027-2028 academic year, each state institution of higher education to develop and implement a co-op internship program that aligns with JobsOhio's target economic sectors and connects students with Ohio-based employers to facilitate work-based learning opportunities related to the student's course of study. An institution must work with JobsOhio to develop and implement their program, which must include identifying industry and employer partners. By June 30 of the year following the program's implementation, and each year thereafter, each institution must report to the Chancellor the number of participating students, which employers are partnering with the institution, and how many participating students have received or accepted offers of employment after graduation as a direct result of the program. The Chancellor must consult with JobsOhio to develop the goals, structure, and parameters of the program.

College Credit Plus Program

The executive budget continues to permit the Chancellor, in consultation with the DEW Director, to take action as necessary to ensure that public colleges and universities and school districts are fully engaging and participating in the College Credit Plus (CCP) Program, including publicly displaying program participation data by district and institution.

Additionally, the executive budget continues to require the Chancellor and DEW Director to work with public secondary schools and partnering public colleges and universities, as necessary, to encourage the establishment of CCP model pathways that prepare participants to successfully enter the workforce in certain fields, which may include any of the following: (1) engineering technology and other fields essential to the superconductor industry, (2) nursing, with particular emphasis on models that facilitate a participant's potential progression through different levels of nursing, (3) teaching and other related education professions, (4) social and

behavioral or mental health professions, (5) law enforcement or corrections, and (6) other fields as determined appropriate by the Chancellor and DEW Director, in consultation with OWT. The executive budget requires students enrolled under a statewide innovative waiver pathway to follow a model pathway, with specific priority on pathways aligned with engineering technology and other fields essential to the superconductor industry.

The executive budget also authorizes each board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to lower tuition rates for courses taken at that institution by students who do not qualify for funding under CCP. It further requires tuition rates to align with the institution's rates for courses eligible for funding under CCP. Continuing CCP policy requires students who register for more than 30 credit hours in a year to pay for the entire course that placed them over the 30-credit hour maximum. The tuition and fees charged by the institution beyond the 30-credit hour maximum may be more than the fees charged under CCP. Therefore, under this proposal, a student would be charged at the lower CCP tuition rates.

College credit for military training, experience, and coursework

The executive budget permits the Chancellor to require state and private institutions of higher education to establish a process to evaluate military training, experience, and coursework and to award appropriate equivalent college credit to a student who is a veteran of the armed forces. The Chancellor may also adopt rules to implement such requirements.

Credential and work experience consideration

The executive budget requires, prior to admitting any students applying for enrollment after July 1, 2025, each state institution to consider an applicant's work experience and credentials earned as part of the admissions process. Upon the student's acceptance, a state institution must either grant credit for prior learning or experience or detail the potential opportunities and required documentation needed to grant such credit based on the review of the student's specific information provided in the application.

General education requirements

The executive budget requires the board of trustees of each state institution to complete several responsibilities related to evaluation of its institution's general education requirements. First, it requires, by December 31, 2025, the board to formally review and evaluate the components of its institution's general education curriculum and adopt a resolution acknowledging completion of that review. Then, by March 31, 2026, it must formally evaluate its institution's general education curriculum to enhance content that furthers the state's postsecondary education attainment and workforce goals and consider adjusting the curriculum in several areas, including civics, culture, and society; artificial intelligence, STEM, and computational thinking; entrepreneurship and principles of innovation; and workforce readiness. Finally, by June 30, 2026, the board must adopt a resolution summarizing the changes made to its institution's general education curriculum and submit a copy to the Chancellor. The Chancellor is then required to provide a copy of each resolution to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Higher education institution program review

The executive budget requires each state and private, nonprofit institution of higher education to annually submit information on a variety of topics, including the institution's accreditation status, a plan to preserve student records indefinitely in case of closure, the results of any external degree program evaluations that occurred in the last year, any degree programs eliminated in the last year, and any other information requested by the Chancellor. It also permits the Chancellor to rescind approval of a program or institution's authorization if an institution fails to submit the required information.

An institution is required to immediately notify the Chancellor if it is placed on special monitoring status by the federal government or an accrediting organization, receives preliminary or final accreditation findings, is under investigation by a government agency, fails to make specified payments, makes budget revisions resulting in a substantially reduced ending fund balance or a larger deficit, or becomes aware of significant negative variance between its annual budget and actual revenues or expenses projected at the end of the fiscal year. In addition, a state institution is required to inform the Chancellor if it has requested an advance of a state subsidy.

Contracts with unaccredited online program managers

The executive budget proposes several provisions related to contracts between a state or private, nonprofit institution of higher education and an unaccredited online program manager that grant the manager input on, or authority over, specified components of an academic program ("contractual agreement"). Generally, it requires each state institution of higher education to annually report to the Chancellor each contractual agreement the institution entered in that year and each private nonprofit institution of higher education, in its annual report to the Chancellor, to disclose any unaccredited online program manager the institution or school has contracted with to provide instruction to its students. It also permits the Chancellor to request that each institution provide the Chancellor with all information concerning a contractual agreement, including a copy of the agreement. Finally, an institution is prohibited from entering into a contractual agreement unless the agreement includes a provision granting the Chancellor the authority to invalidate the contract under certain circumstances. If the Chancellor invalidates a contract, the institution may not enroll new students and must offer current students either remediated instruction at no cost to the student or a full refund in tuition.

Student records and fiscal caution

The executive budget contains a number of provisions related to student record preservation plans, fiscal caution and fiscal integrity of state institutions of higher education, and governance authorities at state institutions of higher education, some of which are summarized below. According to ODHE, these provisions generally respond to emerging needs in higher education in the state, assist ODHE in identifying and supporting institutions under fiscal distress, and provide for the preservation of student records in case an institution closes. For more details about these provisions, please see the LSC bill analysis and comparison document for H.B. 96. The executive budget:

- Requires state and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education to annually provide the Chancellor with a plan to preserve student records indefinitely if the college or university were to close.
- Requires the Chancellor, in consultation with OBM, to adopt rules that include: (1) criteria for determining when to review and, if necessary, declare a state institution under fiscal caution, (2) requirements for a state institution on fiscal caution to submit a financial recovery plan, submit a three-year forecast of revenues and expenditures, consult with the Auditor of State regarding steps to bring the institution's financial accounting and reporting into compliance with the Auditor's requirements, and submit regular reports related to the fiscal caution, and (3) criteria for determining when to declare the termination of the fiscal caution of a state institution.
- Declares that (1) requiring the fiscal integrity of state institutions is the public policy and a public purpose of the state, (2) the intent of the General Assembly to enact procedures, provide powers, and impose restrictions to assure fiscal integrity of state universities, and (3) the failure of a state institution to meet its financial obligations adversely affects the health, safety, and welfare of students and other people of the state.
- Permits the Chancellor to make recommendations, and the Controlling Board to grant money from the catastrophic expenditures account to any state institution that suffers an unforeseen catastrophic event that severely depletes the institution's financial resources.
- Requires a governance authority appointed for a state institution to include one member with expertise in academic affairs and accreditation and one member with expertise in either state agency budgets or state institution finances.

Eastern Gateway Community College provisions

The executive budget repeals the Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) district, effective June 30, 2027. It also permits other community and technical colleges to serve counties (Columbiana, Jefferson, Mahoning, and Trumbull) previously served by EGCC. Finally, the executive budget requires the Chancellor, in consultation with higher education institutions and other appropriate stakeholders, to monitor and evaluate the ongoing availability of postsecondary educational offerings within the four-county service district formerly served by EGCC. The Chancellor, to the extent possible, must ensure a strong continuity of postsecondary educational access to residents of the region, with a particular focus on access to programs aligned with regional workforce priorities. The executive budget permits the Chancellor, if necessary, to seek to achieve favorable outcomes by engaging with other higher education institutions to encourage uninterrupted access to educational opportunities, including outcomes associated with academic program offerings, program-related equipment, or physical facilities. EGCC's last day of instruction was July 28, 2024, and it officially dissolved in October of that same year.

Attainment Goal 2025

Current law requires the Chancellor, in conjunction with DEW, to annually submit a report on the progress the state is making in increasing the percentage of adults in the state with a college degree, industry certificate, or other postsecondary credential to 65% by the year 2025. The executive budget repeals this requirement. Instead, it requires the Chancellor, in

collaboration with DEW and OWT, to establish the level of attainment necessary to achieve identified performance targets across a range of degrees and credentials. According to the [Lumina Foundation](#), Ohio currently has a 52.3% attainment rate.

Choose Ohio First Co-Op/Internship Program report

Current law requires the Chancellor to annually report to the Governor and General Assembly on the academic and economic impact of the Ohio Co-Op/Internship Program. The executive budget eliminates this requirement.

Rules adopted by state institutions of higher education

Under current law, when a state institution of higher education adopts a rule, the LSC Director must publish that rule in any electronic Administrative Code published under contract with the Director and the state institution must file a copy of the rule with Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The executive budget eliminates these requirements. Instead, it requires a state institution annually to submit an electronic copy of all effective rules to the Chancellor and the chairpersons of the committees that primarily deal with higher education in the Senate and House of Representatives. It also permits the chairpersons of each committee to hold a hearing and to require a representative from the state institution to provide testimony regarding the rule, upon both receipt of a rule and failure to receive the rule.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the Governor's recommended funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Ohio Department of Higher Education's (ODHE) budget. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into ten major categories based on their funding purposes. The analysis for an ALI with a lower category or subcategory designation will appear before that for an ALI with a higher category or subcategory designation. That is, the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C2:1 and the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:3 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8.

To aid the reader in locating each ALI in the analysis, the following table shows the category in which each ALI has been placed, listing the ALIs in order within their respective fund groups and funds. This is the same order the ALIs appear in the ODHE section of the budget bill.

In the analysis, each appropriation item's estimated expenditures for FY 2025 and recommended appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are listed in a table. Following the table, a narrative describes how the appropriation is used and any changes affecting the appropriation that are proposed by the Governor. If the appropriation is earmarked, the earmarks are listed and described.

Categorization of ODHE's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
General Revenue Fund Group			
GRF	235321	Operating Expenses	C6:2 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235402	Sea Grants	C4:3 Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs
GRF	235406	Articulation and Transfer	C8:4 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235408	Midwest Higher Education Compact	C8:6 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235413	Computer Science	C3:6 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
GRF	235414	Grants and Scholarship Administration	C2:11 Student Access
GRF	235417	Technology Maintenance and Operations	C8:2 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235419	Mental Health Support	C6:1 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235425	Ohio Work Ready Grant	C2:7 Student Access
GRF	235428	Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership	C3:5 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
GRF	235438	Choose Ohio First Scholarship	C2:3 Student Access
GRF	235443	Aspire – State	C3:2 Workforce and Regional Economic Development

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
GRF	235444	Ohio Technical Centers	C3:1 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
GRF	235474	Area Health Education Centers Program Support	C5:6 Medical Support
GRF	235475	Campus Security Support Program	C6:3 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235476	Campus Student Safety Grant Program	C6:4 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235492	Campus Safety and Training	C6:7 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235501	State Share of Instruction	C1:1 College and University Instructional Operations
GRF	235504	War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans’ Children Scholarships	C2:4 Student Access
GRF	235507	OhioLINK	C8:1 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235508	Air Force Institute of Technology	C7:3 Basic and Applied Research
GRF	235510	Ohio Supercomputer Center	C7:2 Basic and Applied Research
GRF	235511	The Ohio State University Extension Service	C4:2 Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs
GRF	235514	Central State Supplement	C2:6 Student Access
GRF	235515	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	C5:4 Medical Support
GRF	235519	Family Practice	C5:3 Medical Support
GRF	235520	Shawnee State Supplement	C2:6 Student Access
GRF	235525	Geriatric Medicine	C5:8 Medical Support
GRF	235526	Primary Care Residencies	C5:5 Medical Support
GRF	235530	Governor’s Merit Scholarship	C2:2 Student Access
GRF	235533	Program and Project Support	C3:3 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
GRF	235535	Ohio State Agricultural Research	C4:1 Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs
GRF	235536	The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235537	University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235538	University of Toledo Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235539	Wright State University Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235540	Ohio University Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235541	Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching	C5:1 Medical Support
GRF	235543	Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy	C5:9 Medical Support
GRF	235546	Central State Agricultural Research and Development	C4:1 Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs

Categorization of ODHE's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
GRF	235548	Central State Cooperative Extension Services	C4:2 Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs
GRF	235552	Capital Component	C10:2 Facilities and Debt Service
GRF	235555	Library Depositories	C8:5 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235556	Ohio Academic Resources Network	C8:3 Higher Education Collaboration
GRF	235558	Long-term Care Research	C5:10 Medical Support
GRF	235563	Ohio College Opportunity Grant	C2:1 Student Access
GRF	235569	The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement	C5:2 Medical Support
GRF	235572	The Ohio State University Clinic Support	C5:7 Medical Support
GRF	235578	Federal Research Network	C7:1 Basic and Applied Research
GRF	235585	Educator Preparation Programs	C3:7 Workforce and Regional Development Programs
GRF	235591	Co-Op Internship Program	C3:9 Workforce and Regional Development Programs
GRF	235595	Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program	C2:9 Student Access
GRF	235598	Rural University Program	C3:8 Workforce and Regional Development Programs
GRF	235599	National Guard Scholarship Program	C2:5 Student Access
GRF	2355A1	FAFSA Support Teams	C6:6 Planning and Coordination
GRF	2355A3	Campus Community Grant Program	C6:5 Planning and Coordination
GRF	235909	Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service	C10:1 Facilities and Debt Service

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2200	235614	Program Approval and Reauthorization	C6:9 Planning and Coordination
4560	235603	Sales and Services	C6:11 Planning and Coordination
4E80	235602	Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration	C10:4 Facilities and Debt Service
5CJ1	2356A2	Strategic Square Footage Reduction	C10:3 Facilities and Debt Service
5D40	235675	Conference/Special Purposes	C6:10 Planning and Coordination
5FR0	235650	State and Non-Federal Grants and Award	C6:8 Planning and Coordination
5NH0	235517	Talent Ready Grant Program	C3:4 Workforce and Regional Development Programs
5P30	235663	Variable Savings Plan	C9:1 Ohio Tuition Trust Authority
5YD0	235494	Second Chance Grant Program	C2:10 Student Access
5ZY0	235592	Grow Your Own Teacher Program	C2:8 Student Access
6450	235664	Guaranteed Savings Plan	C9:2 Ohio Tuition Trust Authority

Categorization of ODHE’s Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
6820	235606	Nursing Loan Program	C5:11 Medical Support
Bond Research and Development Fund Group			
7014	235639	Research Incentive Third Frontier – Tax	C7:4 Basic and Applied Research
Federal Fund Group			
3120	235611	Gear-up Grant	C2:12 Student Access
3120	235612	Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration	C3:10 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
3120	235641	Aspire – Federal	C3:2 Workforce and Regional Economic Development
3120	235669	Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides Initiative	C8:4 Higher Education Collaboration
3BG0	235651	Gear Up Grant Scholarships	C2:12 Student Access
3N60	235658	John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program	C2:13 Student Access

Category 1: College and University Instructional Operations

C1:1: State Share of Instruction (ALI 235501)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate*	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
University main and regional campuses	\$1,626,764,821	\$1,543,489,489	\$1,543,489,489
Community and technical colleges	\$490,941,522	\$466,262,450	\$466,262,450
Postsecondary employment outcomes	\$0	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Technician associate degree bonuses	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
GRF ALI 235501 total:	\$2,117,706,343	\$2,119,751,939	\$2,119,751,939
% change	--	0.1%	0.0%

*The FY 2025 estimates take into account capital component adjustments. See page 63 for additional details.

Ohio’s State Share of Instruction (SSI) serves as the state’s primary financial support to public higher education in Ohio. SSI provides unrestricted operating subsidies to Ohio’s 60 public colleges and universities, funding a portion of the operating costs of serving approximately 292,000 full-time equivalent (FTE) students enrolled in those colleges and universities. SSI is distributed to campuses in approximately equal monthly payments during a given fiscal year. The **“Overview: State Share of Instruction”** section of this Redbook provides a detailed analysis of the SSI formula and proposed changes in the executive budget.

The executive budget recommends an increase of 0.1% from the FY 2025 estimate, which takes into account capital component adjustments, in FY 2026 and flat funding in FY 2027 for line item 235501. However, before the capital component adjustment, overall funding for SSI in

FY 2026 and FY 2027 is flat with FY 2025. The executive budget proposes the following earmarks of line item 235501:

- Up to \$100.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula established by the Chancellor based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates of each college and university, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes project. The executive budget requires that 76.8% of these funds be distributed to universities and 23.2% be distributed to community colleges.
- Up to \$10.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula devised by the Chancellor that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees, as determined by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), that are produced above a historical baseline of institutional production, as calculated by the Chancellor. Like the earmark for postsecondary employment outcomes, 76.8% of these funds will be distributed to universities and 23.2% will be distributed to community colleges.
- The remainder of line item 235501 to be distributed according to the traditional SSI formula with 23.2% being distributed to the community colleges and 76.8% being distributed to the universities.

The executive proposal continues to permit any institution that receives additional SSI subsidy above what it received in the prior year to use the additional distribution to provide need-based aid and counseling, support services, and workforce preparation services to its students.

Additionally, the budget requires the Chancellor, by September 1 of each fiscal year, to certify to the Director of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) the amount necessary to pay any outstanding prior-year obligations to higher education institutions under the SSI formulas, as determined by the Chancellor. It also permits the Director, upon the Chancellor's request, to transfer cash up to the amount certified for SSI reconciliation from the State Financial Aid Reconciliation Fund (Fund 5Y50) to the GRF, and appropriates that amount to GRF line item 235505, State Share of Instruction Reconciliation. This line item was last used in FY 2024, when \$2.0 million was spent to reconcile FY 2023 SSI payments for 13 universities and \$0.4 million was spent to reconcile FY 2021 and FY 2022 SSI payments for 22 community colleges.

Category 2: Student Access

This category supports efforts to increase participation in higher education by providing a variety of student aid, from direct financial assistance for college students to institutional subsidies that help institutions maintain lower and more affordable tuitions.

C2:1: Ohio College Opportunity Grant (ALI 235563)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235563, Ohio College Opportunity Grant	\$197,300,000	\$220,600,000	\$207,400,000
	% change	--	11.8%
			-6.0%

The Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) provides need-based financial aid for higher education students based on their student aid index (SAI),² as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Currently, Ohio residents with an SAI of 3,750 or less and a maximum household income of \$96,000 are eligible for OCOG awards. In general, the awards are determined by subtracting the sum of the SAI and associated Pell award (a fixed amount) from the average instructional and general fees charged by the student's respective institutional sector. In FY 2025, the fixed SAI and Pell award combination used to determine OCOG awards is \$7,395. This combined Pell/SAI amount generally exceeds the average instructional and general fees for community colleges and regional campuses. Therefore, students attending these institutions generally do not receive OCOG. Students attending Central State University and Shawnee State University receive an adjusted OCOG award amount because their tuition levels and costs are lower than other main university campuses. The Chancellor publishes award amounts on ODHE's website each fiscal year in an OCOG award table. H.B. 33 specifies the maximum award levels for each sector as follows: \$4,000 for full-time students at eligible public universities, \$5,000 for full-time students at eligible nonprofit institutions, and \$2,000 for full-time students at private career colleges. The executive budget retains these maximum award levels for each sector in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027. The table below shows the award amounts by institutional sector.

Table 7. OCOG Award Amounts for Full-Time Enrollment by Sector, FY 2026 and FY 2027

Sector	Maximum Award
Public institutions*	\$4,000
Private nonprofit institutions	\$5,000
Private for-profit career colleges	\$2,000

*The current combined Pell/SAI amount used to calculate OCOG exceeds the average instructional and general fees for community colleges and regional campuses. Therefore, students attending these institutions generally are not eligible for OCOG. Students attending Central State University and Shawnee State University receive an adjusted OCOG award amount because their tuition levels and costs are lower than other main university campuses.

ODHE anticipates that the proposed appropriation levels will be sufficient to cover the likely increase in OCOG recipients at the same award levels in the next biennium. The proposed increase of 11.8% in FY 2026 is mostly related to the change from the EFC criteria for OCOG

² Beginning in FY 2025, SAI replaces the expected family contribution (EFC) in determining OCOG eligibility.

eligibility, which was 2190, to the SAI one, which is 3750, in FY 2025. Effectively, the shift from EFC to SAI increased the number of students eligible for OCOG. In addition, there has been an increase in FAFSA completions suggesting more students may enroll in college. The decrease of 6.0% in FY 2027 is anticipated based on a static SAI level and the trend of declining college enrollment. In FY 2025, ODHE estimates nearly 65,000 students may receive OCOG awards.

Before determining OCOG award amounts, the Chancellor must use funds from line item 235563 to (1) pay tuition waivers and student fees for eligible students in the Ohio Safety Officer's College Memorial Fund Program (OSOCMF), which provides tuition assistance for children and spouses of peace officers, firefighters, and safety officers who were killed in the line of duty, and (2) provide grants on behalf of eligible adopted resident students under the college grant program established by H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly. In FY 2024, 45 students received a total of approximately \$416,000 in assistance from OSOCMF. For the adopted resident student grant program, ODHE reports that one person has received an award for \$2,500 in FY 2025. ODHE anticipates the number of recipients under this program to increase over time as a requirement of the program is that a student must have been adopted on or after January 1, 2023.

H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly created Fund 5PU0 to receive cash equal to any unused appropriations in a fiscal year and to use this cash to pay grants in excess of the appropriations made for the program in a future fiscal year. The executive budget authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in item 235563, from the GRF to Fund 5PU0. Currently, Fund 5PU0 has a balance of approximately \$18.7 million.

C2:2: Governor's Merit Scholarship (ALI 235530)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235530, Governor's Merit Scholarship	\$22,700,000	\$47,000,000	\$70,000,000
% change	--	107.0%	48.9%

This line item provides individual scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to eligible students determined to be in the top 5% of each public or chartered nonpublic high school's graduating class, as determined by the Chancellor in consultation with the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). The executive budget requires that eligibility be based upon rankings at the end of the students' junior year, as determined by the schools using criteria established by the Chancellor and DEW. According to ODHE, this change will provide students more time to make plans for attending college by notifying them of their eligibility for the scholarship in the fall of their senior year. Each eligible student receives an award for up to the equivalent of four academic years at a public or private, nonprofit college or university, contingent on satisfactory academic progress. The Chancellor and DEW must also determine the eligibility for home-schooled high school graduates to provide them with a level of access to the scholarship. In FY 2025, the first year of the program, approximately 4,300 students have received a merit scholarship. ODHE estimates that approximately 76% of the students offered a scholarship under this program accepted the award and stayed in Ohio to attend college. This rate compares to a historical average of approximately 60% of top achieving high school

graduates remaining in the state to attend college. According to ODHE, the executive budget supports up to 9,400 scholarships in FY 2026 and up to 14,000 scholarships in FY 2027.

The scholarships are applied to eligible expenses, as determined by the Chancellor, included within the institution's published cost of attendance. Institutions receiving funds under this program are prohibited from (1) changing their scholarship or financial aid programs to shift the cost of those programs onto this one, and (2) reducing their level of merit-based financial aid below what they provided in the most recent academic year in the aggregate to all students or on a per-student basis. In addition to supporting scholarships, the executive budget expressly authorizes the Chancellor to use line item 235530 to administer the program.

C2:3: Choose Ohio First Scholarship (ALI 235438)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship	\$32,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$36,000,000
% change	--	6.3%	5.9%

This line item provides scholarships under the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Program (COF) to students pursuing science (including health science), technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) or STEM education degrees at one of Ohio's institutions of higher education. Under COF, selected institutions are awarded funds through a competitive grant process based on their STEM recruitment and retention plans. Recipient institutions then distribute scholarships to students. From its inception in 2007 through FY 2024, the number of STEM degrees awarded in Ohio has increased by 49%. In FY 2024, over \$21 million was awarded to approximately 5,600 undergraduate students attending an Ohio college or university. The average scholarship at a four-year institution was \$4,151 and the average scholarship at a two-year college was \$2,619. Through FY 2024, 69 public and private colleges and universities have received COF funds. In addition to direct funding support, scholarship programs leveraged more than \$63 million in matching funds from participating institutions in FY 2024.

At the proposed appropriation levels in the next biennium, ODHE does not anticipate individual scholarship awards to increase. The maximum award authorized under COF currently is approximately \$9,100. In addition, the executive budget authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to use funds from line item 235438 for the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative. The "**Overview: Ohio Tech Talent Initiative**" portion of the Redbook contains more information on the initiative.

H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly created the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0), to receive cash equal to any unused appropriations in a fiscal year and to use this cash to pay scholarship obligations in excess of the appropriations made for the program in a future fiscal year. The executive budget authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in item 235438, from the GRF to Fund 5PV0. Under continuing law, Fund 5PV0 is used as necessary to pay scholarship obligations in excess of the GRF appropriations made for the program. Fund 5PV0 currently has a balance of approximately \$98,000.

C2:4: War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships (ALI 235504)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235504, War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships	\$20,600,000	\$25,000,000	\$30,000,000
% change	--	21.4%	20.0%

This line item provides funds for scholarships for the children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio veterans of wartime military service in the U.S. armed forces. The scholarship can be used at both state-assisted institutions and private institutions. In FY 2025, scholarships for students at state-assisted, two-year and four-year institutions are equal to 79% of instructional and general fees. Scholarships for students at private institutions are \$6,618. Scholarship recipients must be Ohio residents under the age of 25, full-time undergraduates, and maintain a 2.0 grade point average (GPA). Overall, the number of eligible scholarship applicants has increased from 825 students in FY 2014 to approximately 2,200 students in FY 2024, primarily due to growing diagnoses of severe post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). It is expected the number of eligible students will continue to rise, nearly 10% per year in FY 2026 and FY 2027, as eligibility and awareness of the program increase. According to ODHE, the executive budget provides appropriations sufficient to continue to fund scholarships at least at the 79% award level in the next biennium. If there are more eligible recipients than expected, the awards will be reduced proportionally to meet appropriation levels.

H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly created the War Orphans Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0), to receive cash equal to any unused appropriations in a fiscal year and to use this cash to pay scholarship obligations in excess of the appropriations made for the program in a future fiscal year. The executive budget authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in line item 235504, from the GRF to Fund 5PW0. Fund 5PW0 currently has a balance of approximately \$616,000.

C2:5: National Guard Scholarship Program (ALI 235599)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235599, National Guard Scholarship Program	\$19,250,000	\$18,399,750	\$18,399,750
% change	--	-4.4%	0.0%

This program provides higher education scholarships to all authorized personnel of the Ohio National Guard (ONG). The program serves as both a recruitment and retention tool for the Guard and has proved to be an effective incentive for enlisting. The line item provides funds for both scholarship grants and marketing efforts. The program's purpose is to recognize the service of the ONG by providing access to higher education for its members. The scholarship covers full tuition for students of state-assisted institutions and an amount equivalent to the average state-assisted award for students of private institutions. According to ODHE, about 2,600 eligible ONG

members who enroll in an in-state college or university receive a scholarship each year. The scholarship is available for up to 12 full-time quarters or eight full-time semesters, equivalent to four years of study. Students must apply for the scholarship before each quarter or semester. The executive budget authorizes a portion of line item 235599 to be used to administer the program if both the Chancellor and the Adjutant General agree to it.

The executive budget's funding recommendations in each fiscal year are expected to provide sufficient resources to continue providing 100% tuition coverage to ONG members attending state colleges or universities over the next biennium. The executive budget authorizes the Director of OBM to transfer cash, up to the certified amount of canceled prior-year encumbrances in line item 235599, from the GRF to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0). Under continuing law, Fund 5BM0 is used as necessary to pay scholarship obligations in excess of the GRF appropriations made for the program. As of February 2025, the cash balance in Fund 5BM0 is approximately \$5.4 million.

C2:6: Campus Supplements (ALIs 235514 and 235520)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235514, Central State Supplement	\$12,397,000	\$12,768,910	\$13,151,977
% change	--	3.0%	3.0%
GRF ALI 235520, Shawnee State Supplement	\$9,000,000	\$9,270,000	\$9,548,100
% change	--	3.0%	3.0%

These line items provide additional subsidy to Central State University and Shawnee State University with the intent of allowing the universities to maintain lower tuition, fund scholarships, and increase access for minority students, mainly African-Americans, and students from the Appalachian region of the state, respectively. In FY 2025, Central State University's tuition is the lowest among the 13 university main campuses. Shawnee State's tuition is the second lowest.

C2:7: Ohio Work Ready Grant (ALI 235425)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, under which the Chancellor awards up to \$3,000 to eligible students who are enrolled at a community college, state university branch campus, or an Ohio Technical Center (OTC). Under current law, a student must be enrolled in a credit or noncredit program that leads to an industry-recognized credential, certificate, or degree and prepares the student for a job that is either (1) identified as an "in-demand" or "critical" job as determined by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT), or (2) submitted by a community college, state university branch campus, or OTC and will meet regional workforce

needs, as determined by the Chancellor. The executive budget requires a student who receives a first-time grant to be enrolled in a program that meets alternative criteria established by the Chancellor, in consultation with OWT, based on the emerging workforce needs of the state. A student cannot receive a grant for more than six semesters or the equivalent of three academic years. A total of approximately 2,200 students have received awards with nearly 130 of them receiving the maximum amount of \$3,000.

Under the program, the Chancellor, in consultation with the providers of qualified programs, also collects and reports program metrics that include certain demographics of recipients, success rates, and the total number of industry-recognized credentials awarded, disaggregated by subject or program area. The executive budget specifies that technician-aligned associate degrees be included in the total number of industry-recognized credentials. In addition, the executive budget authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to use funds from line item 235425 for the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative. The **“Overview: Ohio Tech Talent Initiative”** portion of the Redbook contains more information on the initiative.

C2:8: Grow Your Own Teacher Program (ALI 235592)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5ZY0 ALI 235592, Grow Your Own Teacher Program	\$686,539	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
% change	--	919.6%	0.0%

This line item is used by the Chancellor to administer the Grow Your Own Teacher College Scholarship Program. Under the program, the Chancellor, in conjunction with DEW, awards annual scholarships of up to \$7,500 for up to four years to certain low-income high school seniors and district employees who commit to teaching in a qualifying school for at least four years after graduating from a teacher training program. A teacher training program, in consultation with DEW, may grant credit to a qualifying employee who has commensurate work experience at a qualifying school for completion of a teacher training program. Any scholarship awarded under this program will be converted into a loan if the recipient fails to fulfill the teaching commitment within six years after graduating. The Chancellor and Attorney General must collect payments on a converted loan but are prohibited from charging interest on those payments. According to ODHE, over 400 students are projected to receive a scholarship in FY 2025. The executive budget’s funding recommendations are expected to provide 233 scholarships in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027.

The program is supported by H.B. 33 cash transfers of \$5.0 million in FY 2024 and \$10.0 million in FY 2025 from the GRF to the Grow Your Own Teacher Program Fund (Fund 5ZY0).

The executive budget also requires ODHE to implement and administer the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program under this line item. According to ODHE, the cost for this may be minimal. The Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program strengthens partnerships between educator preparation programs at Ohio’s institutions of higher education with K-12 schools and their communities.

C2:9: Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program (ALI 235595)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235595, Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,486	\$2,550,651
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item provides a combination of a grant and a loan to certain eligible students enrolled in commercial driver training schools certified by the Director of Public Safety and other approved programs offered at state institutions of higher education; private, nonprofit, and for-profit institutions; and career centers and joint vocational school districts. The total amount of the grant and loan awarded to each student cannot exceed the lesser of \$20,000 or the cost of tuition and related expenses of a commercial driver's license (CDL) training program. A student who accepts aid under the program must sign a promissory note to pay back the loan funds if the student does not satisfy the residency, employment, or training program requirements. ODHE will forgive an individual's loan after one year of documented employment and residency in Ohio. According to ODHE, in the program's first two years (August 2022 to August 2024), the program served 1,361 individuals, 130 of whom have received loan forgiveness after working as a truck driver in Ohio for one year.

C2:10: Second Chance Grant Program (ALI 235494)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5YD0 ALI 235494, Second Chance Grant Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item distributes funds to qualifying institutions of higher education and OTCs to provide grants to eligible students under the Second Chance Grant Program. In general, the program provides \$3,000 to help certain individuals who have some college credit but no bachelor's degree reenroll in higher education to obtain a degree or credential. In FY 2024, approximately \$2.0 million was awarded to 665 students reenrolling at an Ohio college or university.

In addition, the executive budget authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to use funds from line item 235494 for the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative. The **"Overview: Ohio Tech Talent Initiative"** portion of the Redbook contains more information on the initiative.

To support the program in FY 2026 and FY 2027, the executive budget transfers up to \$4.0 million cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the Second Chance Grant Pilot Program Fund (Fund 5YD0).

C2:11: Grants and Scholarship Administration (ALI 235414)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235414, Grants and Scholarship Administration	\$994,000	\$922,538	\$985,378
% change	--	-7.2%	6.8%

This line item provides funds to support the operating expenses of all student financial aid programs administered by ODHE. According to ODHE, the 7.2% decrease in funding in FY 2026 will not impact ODHE's administration as it will reallocate certain personal services from this line item to others. In addition to administration of the state need-based financial aid programs, this line item provides funding for ODHE to support all state financial aid audits and serve as fiscal manager for the College Adoption Grant, Governor's Merit Scholarship, Ohio Work Ready Grant, Rural Practice Incentive Program, Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program, the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Program, Second Chance Grant Program, the Safety Officers College Memorial Fund, the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program (OCOG), the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP), the John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, and portions of the Commercial Truck Driver's Student Aid and Grow Your Own Teacher Scholarship programs. Over 67,000 students received financial awards from ODHE programs in FY 2024.

C2:12: Gear-up Grant and Scholarships (ALIs 235611 and 235651)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
3120 ALI 235611, Gear-up Grant	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%
3BG0 ALI 235651, Gear Up Grant Scholarships	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

These federal funds support programs at the state and local partnership levels to encourage low-income middle and high school students to raise their academic expectations, stay in school, take challenging courses, and go to college. ODHE estimates that the proposed funding levels for each item will support 2,300 scholarships each year in the next biennium. FED Fund 3120 line item 235611, Gear-up Grant, provides a comprehensive system of school and community-based services including academic preparation, afterschool and summer enrichment services, advising, tutoring, and mentoring in ten communities (Ashtabula, Bedford, Crooksville, Mansfield, Marion, Mt. Healthy, North College Hill, Norwood, Parma, and Reynoldsburg) in the state with low college participation and high remediation rates. These consortia will help outside partners replicate their efforts in other parts of the state. According to ODHE, Gear-up requires a 1:1 match from state or private funding sources. FED Fund 3BG0 line item 235651, Gear Up Grant Scholarships, is used to provide scholarships to Gear-up high school graduates who attend a state institution of higher education. A new grant award totaling \$28.0 million, covering both

programs, was awarded in FY 2022. The new award is expected to support both programs for seven years.

C2:13: John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program (ALI 235658)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
3N60 ALI 235658, John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$128,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the federal John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, which provides loan repayment assistance for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who agree to remain employed in hard-to-staff locations for at least three years. Recipients of the Ohio John R. Justice Loan Repayment grants may be competitively selected. Award amounts depend on the number of qualified recipients, but cannot exceed \$10,000 per attorney per calendar year or an aggregate total of \$60,000 per attorney. At the proposed funding levels, ODHE expects to provide awards of \$2,386 to 30 recipients (15 public defenders and 15 prosecutors) in each year of the biennium.

Category 3: Workforce and Regional Economic Development

This category of appropriations provides support to Ohio's economy through the development of services and activities to improve the adult workforce.

C3:1: Ohio Technical Centers (ALI 235444)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Ohio Central School System	\$550,684	\$550,684	\$550,684
OTC assistance	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000
OTCs providing business consultation with matching local dollars	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
Remainder – Ohio Technical Centers	\$19,539,316	\$19,539,316	\$19,539,316
GRF ALI 235444 total:	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) provide education and training through full-time and part-time adult career-technical training programs. School districts, joint vocational school districts, and other public educational institutions are eligible for funding. In FY 2024, OTCs served approximately 13,000 adults at 49 adult workforce education centers. Of those, over 10,700 students were enrolled in programs at 34 OTCs that participated in the Center for Training Excellence (CTX), which builds the capacity of OTCs to provide customized training and business consultation services to businesses, organizations, and schools. The executive budget continues to allocate formula funds to OTCs according to a performance-based funding model as follows:

- 50% based on job placement;
- 25% based on program completion;
- 20% based on retention (participants completing half of program hours);
- 5% based on industry-recognized credentials.

The funding model is the same as that used in FY 2024 and FY 2025. This line item also contains several earmarks.

C3:2: Aspire (ALIs 235443 and 235641)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235443, Aspire – State	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%
3120 ALI 235641, Aspire – Federal	\$18,600,000	\$18,996,799	\$18,996,799
% change	--	2.1%	0.0%
Total Adult Basic and Literacy Education	\$25,683,000	\$26,079,799	\$26,079,799
% change	--	1.5%	0.0%

GRF line item 235443, Aspire – State provides the state match for the federal Aspire (formerly Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE)) Program grants appropriated in line item 235641, Aspire – Federal. The Aspire Program provides grants to develop and administer courses with a focus on instruction in basic literacy, workplace literacy, family literacy, English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), and preparation for high school equivalency tests. A funding cap of 5% is in place for administrative costs. ODHE awards Aspire funds to local grantees through a competitive grant process approximately every three years. In FY 2025, Ohio Aspire serves over 25,000 adults, of which approximately 48% are non-English speaking.

C3:3: Program and Project Support (ALI 235533)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
MUN’s Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization and urban bridge to Cleveland	\$0	\$14,000,000	\$0
Ohio State University Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society	\$5,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Miami University Center for Civics, Culture, and Society	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Cleveland State University Center for Civics, Culture, and Society	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Wright State University Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
University of Toledo Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Ohio Aerospace Institute's Space Grant Consortium	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
MAGNET Early College Early Career Program	\$400,000	\$0	\$0
Grants to public colleges and universities for certificate courses	\$300,000	\$0	\$0
Unmanned Aviation STEM pilot programs	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Wright State University Clearance Ready Program	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Urban Farmer Youth Initiative Pilot Program	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
Ohio State University East Side Dental Clinic	\$250,000	\$0	\$0
University of Dayton Statehouse Civic Scholars	\$200,000	\$0	\$0
Kent State University Rising Scholars Program	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
SUCCESS for Autism	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
GRF ALI 235533 total:	\$15,100,000	\$24,500,000	\$10,500,000
% change	--	62.3%	-57.1%

This line item supports various higher education and workforce development programs at several higher education institutions and other schools throughout the state, including:

- \$14.0 million in FY 2026 to Miami University (MUN) to establish the Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization and an urban bridge to Cleveland;
- \$2.0 million in each fiscal year to support each of three centers for civics, culture, and society: the Salmon P. Chase Center within the Ohio State University as well as centers within Cleveland State University and MUN. The centers are independent academic units within each institution that conduct teaching and research in the historical ideas, traditions, and texts that have shaped the American constitutional order and society;
- \$2.0 million in each fiscal year for a center for civics, culture, and workforce development as an independent academic unit within Wright State University. The center conducts teaching and research in the historical ideas, traditions, and texts that have shaped the American constitutional order and society and the U.S. armed forces;
- \$2.0 million in each fiscal year for the Institute of American Constitutional Thought and Leadership as an independent academic unit within the University of Toledo to create and disseminate knowledge about American constitutional thought and to form future leaders of the legal profession through research, scholarship, teaching, collaboration, and mentorship; and

- \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Aerospace Institute’s (OAI) Space Grant Consortium. The Consortium is one of 52 consortia that receives federal funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to support and enhance STEM education through scholarships, fellowships, curriculum enhancement, and faculty development. Funds also support pre-college and informal public service education projects to expand opportunities for individuals to understand, and participate in, NASA projects.

The executive budget requires the Chancellor to consult with representatives of the four centers and one institute (centers) funded in this line item to evaluate how the centers may be leveraged to benefit the entire state. Each center must use a portion of its funding in each fiscal year to achieve this goal and to report the percentage of its funds used to assist other universities, and a summary of the specific types of services and benefits provided. By March 31, 2026, the centers must submit to the Chancellor a plan to achieve maximum statewide benefit, which must include options to establish programming at other state institutions. Beginning on July 1, 2026, the Chancellor may require the centers to engage in activities included in their plan.

C3:4: Talent Ready Grant Program (ALI 235517)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5NH0 ALI 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the Talent Ready Grant Program, which provides (1) formula-based funding to community colleges, university regional campuses, and OTCs to establish and operate workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours or less than 900 clock hours, and (2) additional support to short-term certificate programs. The executive budget requires programs to be prioritized based on how well they align with occupations determined to be most in demand to meet statewide or regional workforce goals. Funds are allocated among eligible institutions in approximate proportion to each entity’s share of eligible short-term certificate programs, while also considering student enrollments, completions, past utilization of short-term certificate funding, and other factors. For purposes of allocating funds between community colleges, the Chancellor must allocate funding to each campus in proportion to each campus’s share of the total sector’s course completions for the most recent available year, as reported through the Higher Education Information (HEI) system student enrollment file, weighted by the instructional cost of subsidy models. In FY 2024, an estimated 2,000 students were served at 79 institutions using funds from this line item.

In addition, the executive budget authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to use funds from line item 235517 for the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative. The **“Overview: Ohio Tech Talent Initiative”** portion of the Redbook contains more information on the initiative.

To support the program in FY 2026 and FY 2027, the executive budget transfers \$20.0 million cash in FY 2026 from the GRF to the OhioMeansJobs Workforce Development Revolving Loan Fund (Fund 5NH0).

C3:5: Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership (ALI 235428)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Remainder – Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership	\$3,955,000	\$3,955,000	\$3,955,000
GRF ALI 235428 total:	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Generally, this line item promotes economic development in Appalachian Ohio through integrated investments designed to improve and target the region’s information technology and knowledge infrastructure. Led by Ohio University’s Voinovich School, the Appalachian New Economy Partnership (ANEP) supports public-private technology partnerships among Ohio’s public and private campuses, private industry, local government, and school districts within the 32-county Appalachian region. ANEP’s goal is to develop talent, technology, and capital in the areas of entrepreneurship and business assistance, regional public management, and K-16 education to transform Ohio’s Appalachian region so that its residents can take part in and benefit from the global economy. ANEP also provides workshops, marketing strategies for distressed communities, and consultation services in planning, marketing, finance, and information systems.

According to ODHE, at the proposed funding levels in FY 2026 and FY 2027, ANEP should continue to be able to match dollars for federal Small Business Administration, Economic Development Administration, and Defense Logistics Agency, and other funds that currently flow into Ohio University and its partnerships. Funding will also support research in K-16 education, health care, and environmental issues. The executive budget continues an earmark of \$500,000 in each fiscal year from this line item to the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center.

C3:6: Computer Science (ALI 235413)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235413, Computer Science	\$4,000,000	\$4,004,863	\$4,006,508
% change	--	0.1%	0.0%

This line item supports the Teach CS Grant Program, which provides grants for coursework, materials, and examinations to increase the number of teachers who qualify to teach computer science through various pathways, including a supplemental license, endorsement, and continuing education for existing teachers and an alternative resident educator license for industry experts and other nonteachers. ODHE may give priority to education consortia that include economically disadvantaged schools with limited computer science

courses or a need for computer science teachers. Funding in the current biennium supported 11 institutions of higher education and six educational service centers (ESCs).

The executive budget expands the purpose of the program to support increasing the number of teachers qualified to teach computer science and expanding the knowledge of existing teachers. It also specifically permits grants to be used for coursework, materials, examinations, teacher stipends, performance-based incentives, and other purposes as determined by the Chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education. In addition to providing awards, the executive budget expressly authorizes line item 235413 to be used for administrative purposes.

C3:7: Educator Preparation Programs (ALI 235585)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235585, Educator Preparation Programs	\$2,650,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	--	-5.7%	0.0%

The executive budget proposes to use this existing line item to implement and administer laws related to educator preparation programs, such as the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program. It further requires each educator preparation program to align its standards for social studies with new standards adopted by DEW, beginning with the first full academic year following adoption of new standards. The Chancellor must assess the degree to which each program has aligned with the standards within six months of the beginning of the first full academic year in which the new standards are used. According to ODHE, the proposed appropriation levels in the next biennium will be sufficient to conduct this survey to review and evaluate all 50 of Ohio's teacher preparation programs.

In the current biennium, ODHE used \$1.9 million in FY 2025 from this line item to contract with the University of Texas at Austin to audit 49 of Ohio's 50 teacher preparation programs to determine the extent to which each program contains coursework in evidence-based strategies for effective literacy instruction aligned to the science of reading, as required by H.B. 33. Approximately \$529,000 from this line item was used in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium to award grants to 21 public and private universities and colleges that assist them with (1) aligning their educator preparation programs with the science of reading, and (2) placing student teachers with teachers whose instruction and instructional materials are aligned with the science of reading.

C3:8: Rural University Program (ALI 235598)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235598, Rural University Program	\$424,000	\$412,000	\$412,000
% change	--	-2.8%	0.0%

This line item supports the Rural University Program, a collaboration of Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Miami University, and Ohio University, that provides rural

communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services. Each of the four participating universities receives \$103,000 in each fiscal year to support their respective programs.

C3:9: Co-Op Internship Program (ALI 235591)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Ohio University Voinovich School	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
Washington Center Internship Program	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
Wright State University Model U.N. Program and Center for Liberal Arts Student Success	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
University of Akron Bliss Institute of Applied Politics	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Miami University Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Cleveland State University Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
University of Cincinnati Internship Program	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Kent State University Washington Program in National Issues	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Kent State University Columbus Program	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
University of Toledo Urban Affairs Center	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Bowling Green State University Center for Regional Development	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Shawnee State University Institute for Appalachian Public Policy	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
Youngstown State University Regional Economic Development Initiative	\$75,000	\$0	\$0
GRF ALI 235591 total:	\$1,215,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
% change	--	-86.4%	0.0%

This line item provides funding to public policy schools, centers, or internship programs at various public universities through the earmarks listed above. The executive budget continues to provide funding to one such school, the Ohio University Voinovich School, in each fiscal year.

C3:10: Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration (ALI 235612)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
3120 ALI 235612, Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration	\$1,350,000	\$1,371,939	\$1,388,525
	% change	--	1.6%
			1.2%

The federal Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (referred to as Perkins V) aims to increase the quality of academic, career, and technical education within the United States. The line item provides federal funding for the administration and development of the academic, career, and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who enroll in career and technical education programs to prepare themselves both for postsecondary education and for careers in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations in the knowledge and skills-based economy. The appropriations support technical assistance, program monitoring, data collection and reporting, campus grant funding calculations, and general direction of the program. The continuing focus of Perkins V is to integrate academic knowledge and technical skill development and to raise the academic performances of all career-technical students. There are 21 colleges and 39 Ohio Technical Centers participating in Ohio's Perkins V Program. In FY 2024, approximately 78,300 students participated and over 42,300 students met the concentrator designation (i.e., completed 12 technical credit hours in a technical program or completed 40% of their technical certificate program).

Perkins V funds are provided to states that, in turn, allocate funds by formula to secondary and postsecondary schools. ODHE receives a transfer of a portion of the federal funds obtained under Perkins V by DEW to administer the Perkins V grant funds for community and technical colleges and some universities, as well as to provide technical assistance to Perkins V campus coordinators.

Category 4: Agricultural and Sea Grant Programs

This category of appropriations supports the land-grant missions of Central State University (CSU) and the Ohio State University (OSU), including agricultural research and development, cooperative extensive services, and the sea grant program that seeks to improve the development and management of Lake Erie.

C4:1: Agricultural Research and Development (ALIs 235535 and 235546)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235535, Ohio State Agricultural Research	\$38,284,000	\$37,169,000	\$37,169,000
	% change	--	-2.9%
			0.0%
GRF ALI 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000
	% change	--	0.0%
			0.0%

One of the primary missions of land-grant universities is to engage in agricultural research and development. These line items provide state support for agricultural research and development efforts by Ohio's two land-grant institutions, OSU and CSU. The combined funding for agricultural research and development recommended by the Governor amounts to \$43.0 million in each fiscal year, over 86% of which flows to OSU through the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC). The executive budget continues to require OARDC to internally allocate funding from line item 235535 on a competitive basis based on demonstrated performance.

OARDC

OARDC is the nation's largest and Ohio's only comprehensive AgBioscience research organization. It serves as the research arm of OSU's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. Headquartered in Wooster, OARDC also has ten "outlying agricultural research stations" located in every region of Ohio. OARDC is active in the following basic and applied research areas:

- Agricultural, environmental, and development economics;
- Food, agricultural, and biological engineering;
- Animal sciences and food-animal health;
- Food science and technology;
- Horticulture and crop science;
- Human and community resource development;
- Human ecology, natural resources, and plant pathology; and
- Entomology.

OARDC also trains graduate students in these areas and works with researchers at other OSU colleges, including the colleges of Human Ecology, Medicine and Public Health, and Veterinary Medicine. The Center serves such diverse groups as consumers, farmers and other producers, food processors, environmentalists, landfill managers, and researchers. OARDC's research portfolio includes about 1,000 research projects at any point in time, with primary focus in three areas: advanced bioenergy and biobased products, environmental quality and sustainability, and food security, production, and human health. The proposed funding over the biennium will permit OARDC to continue existing programs, be responsive to the agricultural industry, and meet emerging needs related to water quality, drought, and climate changes.

CSU agriculture research and development

This item is used by CSU to meet the 1:1 match required for federal funds. Generally, item 235546 will provide 50% of CSU's annual budget for agriculture research and development. The rest will be supported by federal funds.

C4:2: Cooperative Extension Service (ALIs 235511 and 235548)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235511, The Ohio State University Extension Service	\$26,269,000	\$25,504,000	\$25,504,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

These line items support the offering of cooperative extension services by OSU and CSU. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, extension services provide relevant information through nonformal education and learning activities to farmers, small business owners, consumers, and families in both rural and urban areas. Since October 2015, OSU and CSU have partnered in the offering of agricultural extension services pursuant to federal law that requires a single, comprehensive extension program for a state. Both universities serve as co-executives in counties in which they both have programs and coordinate to create a unified extension program. Although cooperative, and often co-located, both universities work individually and collaboratively to provide services to diverse populations across Ohio. The combined funding for extension services in the executive budget amounts to \$30.7 million in each fiscal year, over 83% of which flows to the OSU Extension.

OSU Extension

The OSU Extension is headquartered in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences and has had partnerships with the faculties and staffs of many departments across OSU. Located in every county, the OSU Extension is an educational entity that creates partnerships with individuals, families, communities, businesses and industries, and organizations to strengthen the lives of Ohioans through research-based educational programs. OSU Extension programs focus broadly on health and wellness, workforce development, thriving across lifespan, sustainable food systems, citizen engagement, and environmental quality. The programs under the Cooperative Extension Service are designed to help people improve their lives, businesses, and communities through research-based education using scientific knowledge focused on identified issues and needs.

The Extension uses funds from GRF line item 235511, The Ohio State University Extension Service, which is also used as a match to obtain approximately \$34.1 million each year in federal and county funds and to leverage an additional \$26.0 million each year from grants and philanthropic gifts.

CSU Extension

CSU Extension's mission is "to be a premier community-based outreach and educational program leader that provides a holistic Extension approach to improve the overall conditions facing families in rural and urban communities and addressing agricultural issues in rural and urban locations." To achieve this, CSU Extension has placed a county agent in five of Ohio's major

cities or counties. CSU Extension's community approach focuses on adapting to different community demands and specializing in particular food and agriculture systems.

Similar to OSU Extension's line item 235511, CSU Extension uses funds from line item 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, to meet the match needed to draw down federal funds.

C4:3: Sea Grants (ALI 235402)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235402, Sea Grants	\$317,000	\$308,000	\$308,000
% change	--	-2.8%	0.0%

This line item matches federal funds for the Ohio Sea Grant Program, the mission of which is to improve the development and management of Lake Erie. The Ohio Sea Grant Program is one of 34 Sea Grant programs in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Sea Grant College Program and a part of the OSU land-grant program. According to ODHE, state funds leverage about \$6.5 million annually in federal funds. The program also supports extension agents as well as workshops, field trips, and conferences at Stone Laboratory, which was founded in 1895 as Ohio's Lake Erie laboratory and is the oldest freshwater biological field station in the U.S.

Category 5: Medical Support

This category of appropriations provides support to Ohio's medical, dental, and veterinary education programs and bolsters Ohio's health industry.

C5:1: Clinical Teaching (ALIs 235536, 235537, 235538, 235539, 235540, and 235541)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235536, The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching	\$9,745,000	\$9,461,000	\$9,461,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235537, University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching	\$8,343,000	\$8,085,000	\$8,085,000
% change	--	-3.1%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235538, University of Toledo Clinical Teaching	\$6,247,000	\$6,065,000	\$6,065,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235539, Wright State University Clinical Teaching	\$4,535,000	\$4,447,000	\$4,447,000
% change	--	-1.9%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235540, Ohio University Clinical Teaching	\$2,934,000	\$2,849,000	\$2,849,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%
GRF ALI 235541, Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching	\$3,018,000	\$2,930,000	\$2,930,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

These six line items provide subsidies in support of laboratory and clinical teaching components of the medical and other health-related curricula at each of Ohio’s six public medical colleges. These items help defray the costs of clinical training for Ohio’s student health professionals. Clinical training is regarded as a fundamental component in the education of physicians and other health care professionals. Areas of subsidized training include medicine, nursing, pharmacy, physical and occupational therapy, and medical technologies. A significant majority of the students receive some clinical experience each year. In FY 2025, there are approximately 5,000 medical full-time equivalent (FTE) students in state-assisted medical schools.

The executive budget continues an H.B. 33 earmark of \$1.5 million in each fiscal year from line item 235539 to support the Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance Center at Wright State University.

C5:2: The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement (ALI 235569)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235569, The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement	\$5,304,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
% change	--	277.1%	0.0%

This line item provides supplemental support for education, research, and operations at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the Ohio State University (OSU), Ohio’s only college of veterinary medicine. A portion of the funding will support scholarships for in-state students. Currently, students attending the college come from 69 Ohio counties. The college’s graduates make up more than 80% of Ohio’s 3,340 practicing veterinarians.

The executive budget recommends a 277.1% increase in appropriations for this line item in FY 2026, which will support the Protect One Health In Ohio (Protect OHIO) initiative to protect Ohio against devastating infectious diseases. Funding will be used for the following three main purposes:

- Increasing class size at the college so more Ohioans can become veterinarians, with a focus on students from underserved areas of the state;
- Establishing a rural veterinarian initiative, which will utilize programs such as 4-H and Future Farmers of America to develop strategies in partnership with local communities for incentives such as scholarships, mentorships, and other innovative strategies to help more students be successful in the program and encourage them to return to their communities or relocate to underserved areas of the state after graduation; and
- Surveilling emerging animal disease through increasing risk assessment, surveillance, and research and working with the Ohio Department of Agriculture, other agencies, and statewide organizations to identify and prevent diseases like African swine fever, bird flu, and tick-borne diseases.

C5:3: Family Practice (ALI 235519)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235519, Family Practice	\$3,191,000	\$3,098,000	\$3,098,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

This line item funds family practice initiatives. Specifically, it supports family practice residencies and instruction in the departments of family medicine within each medical college in Ohio, both public and private. State-assisted medical schools are required to establish and maintain departments of family medicine. The Family Practice appropriation supports an incentive-based subsidy that rewards medical schools for the number of medical school graduates who: (1) go on to family practice residencies, (2) establish family medicine practices in Ohio, and (3) serve underserved populations and/or geographic areas of Ohio. The subsidy's purpose is to raise the quality and number of family practice physicians practicing in the state. The executive budget continues to require funds from item 235519 to be distributed in each fiscal year based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a family practice and graduates practicing in a family practice.

C5:4: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (ALI 235515)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235515, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	\$2,163,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

This line item provides supplemental state funding for the Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine. In return, the medical school agrees to use the funds to improve the clinical experiences of its medical students and to increase medical outreach to the residents of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Approximately 130 organizations and their clients are served through several community programs.

CWRU uses these funds to recruit students across the country and create a curriculum that focuses on health issues in Ohio. Students learn to address critical public health issues that exist in Ohio's communities and provide medical services to underserved populations throughout Cuyahoga County, in part through early clinical experiences. CWRU submits an annual report to ODHE detailing the students participating in health and health care initiatives; the health, health care, and medical areas addressed at CWRU; and the progress made in delivery of the community curriculum in the preceding year.

C5:5: Primary Care Residencies (ALI 235526)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235526, Primary Care Residencies	\$1,512,000	\$1,468,000	\$1,468,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

The Primary Care Residencies line item is an incentive-based subsidy that rewards medical schools based on the number of medical school graduates who: (1) go on to primary care residencies in pediatrics, internal medicine, pediatric internal medicine, or osteopathic medicine, and (2) establish primary care practices in Ohio. The line item supports instruction in primary care specialties, such as internal medicine and pediatrics, in order to raise the quality and number of primary care physicians in medical practice. The executive budget continues to require funds from item 235526 to be distributed in each fiscal year based on each medical school's share of residents placed in a primary care field and graduates practicing in a primary care field.

C5:6: Area Health Education Centers Program Support (ALI 235474)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235474, Area Health Education Centers Program Support	\$900,000	\$899,000	\$899,000
% change	--	-0.1%	0.0%

The Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program coordinates the placement of students of medicine and the other health professions into community-based clinical training sites, especially those in regions of physician shortages such as rural and inner city areas.

The program also supports other health care workforce development efforts, including pipeline programs facilitating STEM education and the support of practitioners already located in areas with shortages of health care professionals. The program's goal is to improve the geographic distribution and quality of health care personnel and health care delivery in the state. Measurement criteria include the number of training sites served, the number of students receiving education through the program, and student experiences in areas with current shortages of health care professionals.

C5:7: The Ohio State University Clinic Support (ALI 235572)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235572, The Ohio State University Clinic Support	\$772,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
% change	--	-2.8%	0.0%

This line item supports the clinical components of the instructional programs at the dental and veterinary medicine schools at OSU. The clinics provide practical education to dentistry and veterinary medicine students, as well as to dental hygiene students.

C5:8: Geriatric Medicine (ALI 235525)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235525, Geriatric Medicine	\$526,000	\$511,000	\$511,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

This line item supports the offices of geriatric medicine within the public medical colleges in Ohio. The maintenance of these offices is mandated by state law. The Geriatric Medicine Program helps ensure that all Ohio medical students receive specific education and training within their medical school curricula concerning the care of older adults. To that end, the offices are responsible for including geriatric medicine-related subject matter in existing courses, arranging the courses in sequence, and establishing courses in geriatric medicine wherever appropriate. The program's goal is to improve health care and create a better quality of life for Ohio's senior population.

C5:9: Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy (ALI 235543)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235543, Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item provides state funding for the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM). General activities supported by these funds include faculty interaction with small groups of medical students, faculty supervision of medical students in a clinical setting, faculty skills development, and clinical simulation programs. KSUCPM offers a four-year, graduate-level program leading to a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree. Kent State University acquired the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine (OCPM) and renamed it KSUCPM, in 2012. KSUCPM's campus is located in Independence, a suburb of Cleveland.

C5:10: Long-Term Care Research (ALI 235558)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235558, Long-Term Care Research	\$327,000	\$318,000	\$318,000
% change	--	-2.8%	0.0%

This line item supports basic and applied research and graduate studies at Miami University’s Scripps Gerontology Center. The Center provides expertise, education, and research concerning issues of state and federal policy about long-term care. The program’s goal is to identify cost-effective alternatives for long-term health care at reasonable levels of quality.

Medical education post-graduation residency reports

The executive budget continues to require the institutions of higher education receiving the funds described above (with the exception of OSU College of Veterinary Medicine for line item 235569) in support of their medical schools to report to the Chancellor the residency status of graduates that were supported by moneys from their respective items one year and five years after graduating.

C5:11: Nursing Loan Program (ALI 235606)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
6820 ALI 235606, Nursing Loan Program	\$1,200,000	\$1,203,730	\$1,210,344
% change	--	0.3%	0.5%

This line item supports the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP), which provides financial assistance to Ohio students enrolled in at least half-time study in approved Ohio nurse education programs, including post-licensure nursing instructor programs. The purpose of NEALP is to encourage individuals to become students and instructors in the nursing profession – where Ohio suffers a shortage – and to provide affordable college access to nurses and nursing students.

This line item supports loans of approximately \$1,000 per year to students intending to serve as licensed practical nurses, \$1,800 per year for students intending to serve as registered nurses, and \$7,000 per year to nurses intending to become nurse instructors. Awards for students studying nursing are needs-based and for up to four years of study. After they have obtained the appropriate licensure and are employed in the field of nursing, students will be eligible to have 100% of their outstanding loans canceled in increments of 20% over five years of service. For students studying to be nursing instructors, awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis for up to two years of study. Students that obtain their graduate degree and are employed as nursing instructors are eligible to have 100% of their outstanding loan balance canceled in increments of 25% over four years of service. More than 450 students receive NEALP awards each year.

The funding for this item is provided by surcharges on the license renewal fees paid by registered nurses and licensed practical nurses.

Category 6: Planning and Coordination

This category of appropriations provides ODHE and state-assisted institutions of higher education with operational and administrative support to perform efficiently and effectively. It also provides mental health and campus safety and security support at campuses throughout the state.

C6:1: Mental Health Support (ALI 235419)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235419, Mental Health Support	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item provides resources and support to address behavioral health needs at public and private, nonprofit universities and colleges. Under the program, the Chancellor must prioritize behavioral health services, including expansion of telehealth options, increased awareness of telephone and text message care line services, expansion of certified peer educator programs, and direct aid to students who are unable to afford care.

In allocating funds under this line item, the Chancellor must consider at least the following factors: (1) the relative severity of needs expressed and associated risks involved, (2) the extent to which funds awarded will increase campus-wide knowledge and awareness of available care options, (3) the extent to which funds awarded will increase access to, and availability of, care options, (4) the extent to which funds awarded will remove barriers to care options, and (5) the extent to which funds awarded will be leveraged to create long-term sustainability on campus and support collaborative, community-based programs and initiatives that can be sustained with community resources.

Institutions receiving funds under this program are prohibited from (1) changing their mental health support services to shift the cost of those programs onto this one, and (2) reducing their mental health support services below what they provided in the most recent academic year.

According to ODHE, line item 235419 has better equipped the state's public and private institutions to increase access and reduce barriers to necessary mental health and wellness programs and service for their students. ODHE estimates that, on average, each institution has been able to operate an additional five services or programs related to behavioral health and an additional three services or programs related to wellness.

C6:2: Operating Expenses (ALI 235321)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Enhanced security operations and services	\$1,500,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Remainder – Operating Expenses	\$6,944,000	\$7,955,067	\$8,131,598
GRF ALI 235321 total:	\$8,444,000	\$9,155,067	\$9,331,598
% change	--	8.4%	1.9%

This line item equips ODHE with essential resources, mainly personnel, to enable the agency to pursue its mandated mission to serve Ohio's colleges and universities and to provide higher education policy and budget advice to the Governor and to the General Assembly. This item supports the agency's personal services, maintenance, and equipment. In addition to these services, the line item supports the operations and maintenance of the Higher Educational

Information system and the administration of the Research Incentive Program. According to ODHE, the appropriation increases in FY 2026 and FY 2027 are sufficient to hire up to six additional full-time staff for critical areas of agency operations. Overall, the additional hires in the next biennium will approach a ceiling of 84 full-time employees. Funding will also provide for planned salary increases and other increasing operating costs for items such as rent, audits, central service charges from OBM and the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), and information technology support and equipment.

Additionally, the executive budget earmarks \$1.2 million in each fiscal year for the Chancellor, in consultation with OH-TECH, to enhance information technology network security operations and services for the benefit of all members of OH-TECH. The budget also permits the Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) and the Ohio Supercomputer Center to use a portion of the earmarked funds to enhance their respective network security operations to better serve clients who store sensitive data that is subject to the highest data privacy standards imposed by federal regulations and national research organizations, including, but not limited to, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense.

C6:3: Campus Security Support Program (ALI 235475)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235475, Campus Security Support Program	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item, created in S.B. 94 of the 135th General Assembly, supports institutionally sanctioned student organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment to enhance security measures and increase student safety at institutions of higher education throughout the state. ODHE may use a portion of these funds to administer the program. According to ODHE, it is currently in the process of evaluating applications and finalizing awards for FY 2025.

C6:4: Campus Student Safety Grant Program (ALI 235476)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235476, Campus Student Safety Grant Program	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item, created in S.B. 94 of the 135th General Assembly, awards grants to institutions of higher education that demonstrate increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment toward students and institutionally sanctioned student organizations at the institution to enhance security measures and increase student safety. According to ODHE, the awards for FY 2025 will be made later this spring.

C6:5: Campus Community Grant Program (ALI 2355A3)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 2355A3, Campus Community Grant Program	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item, created in S.B. 94 of the 135th General Assembly, provides funding to institutionally sanctioned student organizations at institutions of higher education to support intergroup and interfaith outreach and cultural competency between institutionally sanctioned student organizations. According to ODHE, awards for FY 2025 have not been finalized, but approximately 17 to 23 organizations are expected to receive awards.

C6:6: FAFSA Support Teams (ALI 2355A1)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 2355A1, FAFSA Support Teams	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item is used to administer a statewide system of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) support teams to support school districts, community schools, and STEM schools with FAFSA completion and college access programming. At least one FAFSA support team is assigned to operate in each region of the state, as determined by the Chancellor. A FAFSA support team may include existing efforts by educational service centers (ESCs), colleges and universities, and community-based organizations. The Chancellor administers the statewide system, including selecting and coordinating FAFSA support teams, assigning support teams to regions in which to operate, and performing a series of duties regarding the system. Each FAFSA support team must offer FAFSA programming and training to public schools in the team’s region and perform other duties to promote and support FAFSA completion and college access in public schools. In FY 2025, this line item supports five FAFSA support teams.

C6:7: Campus Safety and Training (ALI 235492)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235492, Campus Safety and Training	\$700,000	\$656,504	\$661,950
% change	--	-6.2%	0.8%

This line item provides support for the “Changing Campus Culture” Program aimed at ending sexual violence on Ohio’s college campuses. The program is guided by a five-point plan created in October 2015 to prevent and respond to sexual violence:

- Use data to guide action;

- Empower staff, faculty, campus law enforcement, and students to prevent and respond to sexual violence through evidence-based training;
- Communicate a culture of shared respect and responsibility;
- Develop a comprehensive response protocol; and
- Adopt survivor-centered strategies.

According to the latest survey data from 75 responding campuses, 95% of campuses have collected climate survey data on sexual violence; 99% are implementing evidence-based training programs for sexual violence prevention; 99% are implementing evidence-based training programs to respond to sexual violence; 88% have implemented an awareness campaign on sexual violence, responses to sexual violence, or both; 96% have implemented comprehensive response protocols; and 95% have implemented two or more survivor-centered strategies. The program aims to get 100% of Ohio’s campuses to adhere to each of the prescribed five recommendations.

The line item is used to continue developing model best practices in line with emerging trends, research, and evidence-based trainings. A portion of this line item may also be used for educational programming and training related to anti-hazing efforts. According to ODHE, the recommended appropriation levels align the appropriation with anticipated activities over the upcoming biennium.

C6:8: State and Non-Federal Grants and Award (ALI 235650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5FR0 ALI 235650, State and Non-Federal Grants and Award	\$3,152,150	\$1,405,944	\$1,412,670
% change	--	-55.4%	0.5%

This line item is used to spend the proceeds of various temporary nonfederal grants. The grants typically focus on various completion, retention, and student success initiatives. In the current biennium, programs funded from grants expended from this item include:

- **Ascendium OhioSSS.** The Ohio Strong Start in Science (OhioSSS) grant provides \$2.0 million in subawards disbursed in FY 2025, followed by \$200,000 in each of FY 2026 to FY 2028 to improve faculty knowledge and capacity, develop redesigned gateway chemistry and biology courses, and provide corequisite remedial preparation and academic support.
- **Credential Engine.** This grant supports ODHE’s efforts to add credential and certificate data to the national credential registry.
- **ITHAKA S+R Holistic Credit Mobility.** This grant supports policies, technology, and practices that promote a student-centered, holistic approach to credit mobility.

- **RAND ITAG Implementation.** This program provides ODHE with evidence-based guidance on the Industry recognized credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG) implementation process, an outreach plan, and an impact analysis plan.
- **WAVE Curriculum Funding.** According to ODHE, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provided funds to ODHE to engage with industry and higher education partners to develop Workforce Advancement in Vehicle Electrification (WAVE) curriculum that supports the statewide Ohio Electric Vehicle Workforce Strategy.

C6:9: Program Approval and Reauthorization (ALI 235614)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
2200 ALI 235614, Program Approval and Reauthorization	\$882,000	\$769,126	\$789,679
% change	--	-12.8%	2.7%

This line item enables ODHE to directly contract with and reimburse consultants who review and evaluate higher education institutions' degree program proposals, conduct institutional authorization and reauthorization reviews, and perform institutional oversight reviews for private, proprietary, and out-of-state institutions, pursuant to Chapter 1713 of the Revised Code. The consultants provide institutional oversight to ensure that Ohio's degree programs are of the highest educational quality.

The appropriation is supported by remittances from institutions requesting reviews, evaluations, authorizations, and reauthorizations and participation in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement; the institutions are responsible for all costs associated with the authorization process.

The costs incurred through approval and reauthorization are driven by the number of authorization requests that ODHE receives from public, private, proprietary, and out-of-state institutions; the number of reauthorization requests received from currently authorized institutions; and the number of institutional oversight reviews performed by ODHE. Each institutional request for authorization or reauthorization must be accommodated by ODHE, which must also provide appropriate oversight reviews each year. The total number of reviews per year can vary depending on the institutions' circumstances. ODHE is responsible for authorizing approximately 84 independent nonprofit institutions, 19 for-profit career colleges and schools, and over 3,500 degree-granting programs. The appropriation is also used for ongoing maintenance of a database system for tracking program approvals.

C6:10: Conferences/Special Purposes (ALI 235675)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5D40 ALI 235675, Conferences/Special Purposes	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
% change	--	-50.0%	0.0%

This line item is supported by registration fees paid by persons participating in conferences and training as well as gifts and bequests for specific purposes. Moneys are used to pay for the costs associated with the conferences and for the purposes specified by the gifts and bequests. According to ODHE, the executive budget provides appropriations sufficient to host its conferences and meetings.

C6:11: Sales and Services (ALI 235603)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
4560 ALI 235603, Sales and Services	\$199,250	\$129,725	\$133,017
% change	--	-34.9%	2.5%

This line item covers the costs of producing official publications and delivering services associated with ODHE's Higher Education Information (HEI) system, as well as miscellaneous meeting expenses. The executive budget recommends a reduction of 34.9% in FY 2026, although spending from this line item varies considerably from year to year. The line item is supported by the proceeds from HEI-related goods and services, conference fees, and the sale of publications that are deposited into Fund 4560.

Category 7: Basic and Applied Research

This category of appropriations provides research programs and institutions with the means to create new technologies and help the economic vitality of the state.

C7:1: Federal Research Network (ALI 235578)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235578, Federal Research Network	\$5,251,000	\$5,099,000	\$5,099,000
% change	--	-2.9%	0.0%

This line item funds a collaboration between the Ohio State University; federal installations in Ohio; public and private, nonprofit institutions of higher education; and the private sector to align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio. A portion of this appropriation is used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and to expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

C7:2: Ohio Supercomputer Center (ALI 235510)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235510, Ohio Supercomputer Center	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the operations of the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC), located at the Ohio State University. OSC provides faculty, students, and researchers at Ohio’s public and private colleges and universities access to a statewide high-performance computing resource. OSC is also available to researchers in private industry on a cost-recovery basis. OSC users can access high-performance computing (HPC), including OSC’s modeling and simulation services and support. HPC provides the most effective technological tools currently available for solving a range of engineering and scientific problems and enabling advanced research by Ohio’s academic and business communities. In FY 2024, OSC served 9,725 clients from 2,345 distinct organizations, including 65 academic institutions. At those institutions, more than 209 college courses used OSC to teach over 6,750 students.

During the past several years, the Center has expanded to provide training, scientific computing, and network research services to national HPC and networking groups, enhancing the services offered to Ohio users while building a national reputation. The two most recent capital appropriations acts provided \$10.5 million in funding to update network security hardware and purchase new supercomputing and storage systems that significantly increase computing power and storage capacity. OSC is a member of OH-TECH, Ohio’s statewide higher education technology consortium, along with eStudent Services, OhioLINK, and the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet).

C7:3: Air Force Institute of Technology (ALI 235508)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Aerospace Professional Development Center	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Remainder – Air Force Institute of Technology	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000	\$1,925,000
GRF ALI 235508 total:	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Generally, this line item supports graduate-level research projects at the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and scholarships for graduate-level engineering students participating in the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators (DAGSI) Program. AFIT, the first joint research program between the state of Ohio and the U.S. Air Force, provides graduate-level education in logistics and engineering for Air Force personnel. DAGSI is an engineering graduate consortium including AFIT, the University of Dayton, Wright State University, the Ohio State University, and the University of Cincinnati. According to ODHE, approximately 70% of DAGSI graduates are working in Ohio.

The executive budget also continues an earmark of \$75,000 in each fiscal year to the Aerospace Professional Development Center (APDC) in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry. APDC works with the aerospace and defense community to attract and connect high-tech job seekers to jobs across Ohio.

C7:4: Research Incentive Third Frontier – Tax (ALI 235639)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Water quality improvement	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Spinal cord research	\$1,500,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Infant mortality reduction	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Opiate addiction	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0
Cyber-security initiatives	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
I-Corps@Ohio Program	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
Ohio Innovative Exchange Program	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Remainder – collaborative research proposals	\$750,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000
Fund 7014 ALI 235639 total:	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Overall, the executive budget recommends appropriations of \$8.0 million in each fiscal year from Fund 7014 line item 235639, Research Incentive Third Frontier – Tax. Of that amount, \$4.0 million (50%) each fiscal year is earmarked to support research on specified topics and certain programs, each of which are listed in the table above. The following briefly describes the two specific organizations or programs receiving funding. The I-Corps@Ohio Program, an initiative of ODHE modeled after the National Science Foundation’s I-Corps Program, assists faculty and graduate students from Ohio universities and colleges to validate the market potential of their technologies and assist with launching start-up companies. The Ohio Innovation Exchange Program (OIEx) provides a statewide research expertise portal and data-sharing model that highlights Ohio’s biomedical and engineering faculty. OIEx’s goal is aimed at enhancing inter-institutional collaborations, resource sharing, and improvement of industry collaboration, product development, and technology commercialization.

The remaining \$4.0 million (50%) in each fiscal year, will fund collaborative research proposals at Ohio’s research universities through the Research Incentive Third Frontier Program. The program aims to enhance the basic research capabilities and promote new research strengths at Ohio’s 13 public universities, one stand-alone public medical college, and two private universities (CWRU and the University of Dayton) in order to strengthen academic research that contributes to economic growth. The program rewards institutions’ successes in attracting external research funds by fractionally matching those external funds obtained during the previous year. Each institution must submit to ODHE a plan that explains its allocation of the matching funds for (1) academic and state purposes, (2) strengthening research programs, and (3) increasing external funding. The plan must also include an evaluation process to determine and report the results of the increased state support. Further, an institution’s plan must also demonstrate significant investments in Third Frontier activities funded at that institution. The executive budget requires a portion of the \$4.0 million remaining in each fiscal year be used by the Chancellor to support and promote research that is intended to be commercialized. It also requires that the discoveries, inventions, or patents developed be retained by the researcher,

unless all or a portion of the interests are specifically granted to the state college or university at which the researcher is employed.

Category 8: Higher Education Collaboration

This category of appropriations serves the educational needs of Ohio's citizens through enhanced collaborations among institutions of higher education.

C8:1: OhioLINK (ALI 235507)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235507, OhioLINK	\$6,477,000	\$6,447,000	\$6,447,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the operations of OhioLINK, a statewide cooperative electronic library and information retrieval system. OhioLINK enables access to the shared library collections of Ohio's public and private colleges and universities and the State Library of Ohio, with approximately 38 million library materials statewide. OhioLINK's goal is to provide easy access to information and rapid delivery of library materials throughout the state. OhioLINK offers the following electronic services: a library catalog, research databases, a multi-publisher electronic journal center, a digital resource commons, a collection of e-books, an electronic theses and dissertations center, and a music center. Other services include a digital asset management and preservation solution and integration with the Digital Public Library of America. ODHE reports that OhioLINK staff also negotiates yearly savings of approximately \$1.3 billion worth of digital content, amounting to a 97% discount on behalf of member libraries and partners in the Libraries Connect Ohio partnership.

About 19% of operating funding is used to support core statewide electronic content licenses for electronic journals and research databases, delivery courier services, or IT costs. Through the cooperative purchase and use of electronic information resources, OhioLINK achieves significant economies of scale. Overall, OhioLINK reports currently serving over 800,000 individuals through its 115 member libraries. OhioLINK is a member of OH-TECH, Ohio's statewide higher education technology consortium, along with eStudent Services, OSC, and OARnet.

C8:2: Technology Maintenance and Operations (ALI 235417)

Earmark	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Ohio Reach	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Remainder – eStudent Services, HEI system, Information Technology Solutions	\$4,350,000	\$4,370,396	\$4,378,397
GRF ALI 235417 total:	\$4,500,000	\$4,520,396	\$4,528,397
% change	--	0.5%	0.2%

Generally, this line item is used to support the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve ODHE’s performance and capacity, which the executive budget specifically allows to be provided by OH-TECH, Ohio’s statewide higher education technology consortium. More specifically, the purpose of the item is to provide Shared Infrastructure (SI) services to ODHE. SI provides application and server infrastructure, endpoint management, program management, and local area network (LAN) services to support ODHE business services. According to ODHE, the recommended appropriation levels are sufficient to support strategic IT-related initiatives, including the creation of a data dashboard, upgrades to higher education system functionality, and support of a statewide attainment website. This site, a collaboration among ODHE, ODJFS, InnovateOhio Platform, and the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, provides a single, personalized, and user-friendly location designed to assist Ohioans as they navigate their education-to-credential-to-career pathway.

The executive budget permits a portion of line item 235417 in each fiscal year to be used for the eStudent Services Program and for any other strategic priorities of the Chancellor. eStudent Services is a state-of-the-art statewide collaborative electronic education system and is a member of OH-TECH, along with OARnet, OhioLINK, and OSC.

The executive budget also requires a portion of line item 235417 in each fiscal year to be used for the HEI system. This system holds public and private institutional data in the areas of facilities, faculty-staff, academic programs, enrollment, financials, and financial aid. In the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, these funds will be used for the continued operations of the system and, potentially, a re-write and integration of HEI file structures. Funding for the upgrades and maintenance of the HEI system has been appropriated in recent capital budget acts. Additionally, the executive budget earmarks \$150,000 in each fiscal year to support Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college.

C8:3: Ohio Academic Resources Network (ALI 235556)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235556, Ohio Academic Resources Network	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item supports the operations of the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), which provides high-speed networking services to Ohio’s higher education institutions, K-12 school districts, state and local governments, public broadcasting stations, and academic medical centers. OARnet provides internet access to millions of Ohioans, including students, researchers, and the general public. The program provides high-quality, fiber optic, backbone internet services to help link Ohio’s academics to global information resources, distance learning, and state library networks such as OhioLINK. Today there are more than 5,500 miles of fiber cable operating at 100 gigabits per second (Gbps), with connections up to 400 Gbps.

Program funds are provided to Ohio’s state-assisted campuses for improving research, distance learning, education and economic development programs, and maintaining and enhancing network connections, including base operations and expansions for enhanced connectivity, functionality, and services. OARnet directly connects 498 sites at Ohio’s public and

private colleges and universities, providing high-speed network services to users. In addition, all of the state's K-12 school districts; 3,424 local government, state agency, board, and commission sites; 102 health care facilities and outlying clinics; and ten public broadcasting stations are also directly connected to OARnet in partnership with the Broadcast Educational Media Commission and the Department of Education and Workforce. In addition, there are two connections to Internet2, the nationwide research and education network, and several connections to various national research laboratories, including Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Glenn Research Center, and the Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center.

The executive budget's recommended funding levels allow for long-term fiber cable replacement and short-term maintenance and upgrades to support the current and increasing capacity and capability of the network. The executive budget also requires OARnet, to the extent that network capacity is available, to supply bandwidth to eligible economic development programs. OARnet is a member of OH-TECH, Ohio's statewide higher education technology consortium, along with eStudent Services, OhioLINK, and OSC.

C8:4: Articulation and Transfer (ALIs 235406 and 235669)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235406, Articulation and Transfer	\$2,225,000	\$2,269,500	\$2,314,890
% change	--	2.0%	2.0%
3120 ALI 235669, Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides Initiative	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

These line items support ODHE's efforts to achieve an effective statewide articulation and transfer system that addresses issues arising from the increasing student mobility throughout Ohio's higher education system, in particular those issues arising from the transfers of students and their course credits among state-assisted colleges and universities. The system also supports military and apprenticeship pathways and the articulation of credit from high schools, high school career-technical programs, and Ohio Technical Centers to public institutions of higher education. According to ODHE, an average of about 28,500 students per year transferred between Ohio's institutions over a five-year period, based on data received in the 2022-2023 academic year, the last year in which ODHE has complete data. The system facilitates transfers by establishing and implementing uniform course equivalencies and transfer policies, by creating a seamless transfer module so that course credits earned by students at one institution may be applicable or transferable to other institutions in Ohio, and by ensuring the equitable treatment of all students.

According to ODHE, the increases in appropriations for line item 235406, Articulation and Transfer, will support the increased workload associated with various transfer initiatives including the Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGS). ITAGS has mainly been supported by federal funds in line item 235669, Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides Initiative. ITAGs guarantee the award of college-level credit to students earning agreed upon industry-recognized credentials. The initiative provides a framework of articulation agreements to determine how credit is awarded for industry certifications and state licenses.

Among the activities included under the initiative, ODHE will develop and deploy statewide articulation agreements, modify its Course Equivalency Management System to incorporate ITAGS, provide training to community colleges and universities on reporting credit obtained through the ITAGS process, and conduct a summative evaluation of the implementation and outcomes of ITAGS.

Additionally, the proposed funding levels allow ODHE to expand its services related to the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways (OGTP) initiative. According to ODHE, an OGTP constitutes an agreement between a community college and university confirming that community college courses meet major preparation requirements and will be counted and applied toward a bachelor’s degree. OGTPs are an extension of other statewide transfer initiatives, such as Ohio Transfer 36 (formerly known as the Ohio Transfer Module) and Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs). All state articulation issues are overseen by the Articulation and Transfer Advisory Council, with members from Ohio’s public colleges and universities and five officials from state and private organizations in both K-12 and postsecondary education.

C8:5: Library Depositories (ALI 235555)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235555, Library Depositories	\$900,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
% change	--	22.2%	0.0%

This line item supports a collaborative effort among Ohio’s public universities to provide high-density storage for rarely used and duplicative library materials, thereby providing an economical alternative to additional traditional library space that would be needed to store such materials. The item provides funding for the storage operations at five regional depositories. The goal is to provide highly efficient storage and delivery services for the public universities’ expanded print collection and make them available to students, faculty, and researchers at all OhioLINK institutions.

The five regional depositories are located at the campuses of Miami University, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio University, the Ohio State University, and at the Northwestern Ohio Book Depository, which serves Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo and its medical campus. The depositories are built and expanded in modular form, with each module typically holding nearly two million items. By the end of FY 2024, the five depositories held nearly 8.9 million items, representing over 23% of the total number of items in the OhioLINK electronic library system. On average, the depositories are filled to 91% of capacity, though some depositories are fuller than others. To address capacity issues, depository staff review holdings for duplicate materials and remove them at a greater rate than new materials are added. The executive budget continues to permit OhioLINK to administer the program at the direction of the Chancellor. According to ODHE, in FY 2024, the state allocation from line item 235555 supported approximately 59% of the libraries’ total operating costs, with approximately 30% each year in operating support provided by the participating libraries and a supplemental direct fund transfer from OhioLINK supporting the remaining 11%.

C8:6: Midwest Higher Education Compact (ALI 235408)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235408, Midwest Higher Education Compact	\$118,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
% change	--	-2.5%	0.0%

This line item supports Ohio's membership dues to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's (MHEC) commission for the next two fiscal years. MHEC is a nonprofit regional organization established in 1991 by an agreement among member states to advance higher education services and opportunities in the Midwest region. It is charged with promoting interstate cooperation and resource sharing in higher education through cost-savings programs, student access (including reduced tuition), and policy research.

The 12 member states of MHEC are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Compact's members meet twice each year to establish goals and priorities, review programs, and approve the operating budget.

Category 9: Ohio Tuition Trust Authority

This category of appropriations provides support for the operations and activities of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority (OTTA) and Ohio's 529 college savings program oversight. OTTA was created in 1989 to provide a tax advantaged investment option for Ohio families to save for their children's college education. The Chancellor has governing power over OTTA's operations. The Ohio Tuition Trust Advisory Board acts as an advisory board to the Chancellor. The Advisory Board is made up of 11 members, including one appointed by the Governor that must have experience in the field of banking, investment banking, insurance, or law. All of OTTA's operations are funded through fee revenue generated through its programs – no expenditures are made from the GRF.

OTTA is responsible for Ohio's 529 college savings program, the CollegeAdvantage Savings Plan. A 529 college savings program is a state-operated investment plan named after the section of the federal Internal Revenue Code that specifies the various tax advantages of participating in the program. These tax advantages include tax-free growth while the value of the account accumulates, and withdrawals that are exempt from both federal and state income taxes if the distributions are used to pay for qualified higher education expenses. The qualified expenses include tuition, room and board, and any other fees or costs that are required for enrollment or attendance at the college or university. Funds invested in the plan may be used at any college in the country. In addition, 529 account owners are permitted to use distributions from 529 plans to pay K-12 tuition and other education expenses up to \$10,000 per student, per year, for enrollment at public or private elementary and secondary schools. Additionally, expenses associated with principal and interest payments on certain qualified loans for an account's beneficiary or the beneficiary's siblings and certain apprenticeship programs registered and certified by the Secretary of Labor under the National Apprenticeship Act are included as a "qualified education expense" under a plan. Taxpayers may claim a deduction on their state return for contributions made for previously ineligible education expenses.

C9:1: Variable Savings Plan (ALI 235663)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5P30 ALI 235663, Variable Savings Plan	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Line item 235663 supports the investment options that are currently open to new enrollments and contributions. The Variable Savings Plan includes four investment managers (BlackRock, Vanguard, Fifth Third Bank, and Dimensional Fund Advisors). The Variable Savings Plan serves approximately 671,000 beneficiaries with more than \$17.58 billion in total assets as of June 30, 2024. According to OTTA, the recommended funding is sufficient to support data security and operating costs associated with OTTA's confidential customer information in the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium.

BlackRock advisor-sold options

BlackRock Investment Management is OTTA's largest investment manager in terms of assets. BlackRock offers more than 28 investment options, with approximately 269,000 accounts and assets of \$6.74 billion as of June 30, 2024. OTTA collects seven basis points (0.07%), based on assets under management (AUM), from customers in this plan and indicates that BlackRock's options are performing on par with expectations. In the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, OTTA has a goal to increase contributions and enrollments in the Advisor Plan by 5%.

Direct options

In addition to advisor-sold options, OTTA has 22 options that investors can buy directly. Currently managed by four different investment managers (Vanguard, Dimensional Fund Advisors, and Wilshire provide mutual fund options while Fifth Third Bank provides savings and certificate of deposit options), the direct options cover a range of investment options to meet a variety of investment strategies. Like advisor plans, OTTA's administrative costs are funded through fees charged to customer accounts. OTTA collects 0.02%, based on AUM, from mutual fund customers in the Direct Plan. Customers with assets in any Fifth Third Bank product do not pay any fees. However, OTTA collects 0.15% directly from Fifth Third Bank in the form of revenue sharing based on AUM. As of June 30, 2024, these programs had approximately 402,000 accounts combined with assets totaling \$10.84 billion. In the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, OTTA has a goal to increase contributions and enrollments in the Direct Plan by 8% and 6% each year, respectively.

C9:2: Guaranteed Savings Plan (ALI 235664)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
6450 ALI 235664, Guaranteed Savings Plan	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,132
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

The oldest savings plan operated by OTTA, the Guaranteed Savings Plan, offered units that can be reimbursed for a portion of tuition, but no longer accepts new enrollments or contributions. Funding for this line item comes from the reserve fund within the program, which contains fees that were assessed on each sale (approximately \$5 per contract) when the program was open for new enrollments and contributions.

Line item 235664 pays for the administrative costs of operating the Guaranteed Savings Plan, which was established in October 1989. The plan has been suspended for new enrollees since October 8, 2003, and suspended for new contributions to existing accounts since January 1, 2004. The Guaranteed Savings Plan suspension was due to an actuarial deficit, initially caused largely by the combination of the downturn in the economy and the stock market, and the large increases in tuitions at Ohio’s public colleges and universities after the removal of tuition caps in FY 2002 and FY 2003.

Since new enrollments and contributions to the program have been suspended, the main activities of the program have been processing withdrawals, answering questions from program participants, and making program participants aware of investment options available under the Variable Savings Plan. The other priority of the program is to effectively manage the existing assets in the program to maximize the investment return while minimizing risk. Program staff will continue to provide the declining number of account holders with required communications, quarterly and annual statements, and tax forms. As of June 30, 2024, the Guaranteed Savings Plan had about 5,300 accounts and \$135 million in assets. OTTA reports that redemptions in FY 2024 were \$15.8 million, with expected redemptions of \$18.0 million in FY 2025, \$14.7 million in FY 2026, and \$9.3 million in FY 2027.

Category 10: Facilities and Debt Service

This category of appropriations provides funds for the servicing of debt obligations incurred by the state and for the administration of capital-related activities.

C10:1: Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service (ALI 235909)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235909, Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$275,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$210,000,000
% change	--	-9.1%	-16.0%

This line item provides the funds necessary to make debt service payments during the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium on general obligation (GO) bonds issued to build and renovate facilities at state-supported colleges and universities throughout the state. In November 1999, Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the state to issue GO bonds for funding higher education’s capital projects. GO bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state and thus can be issued at lower interest rates than other types of bonds. Since FY 2000, only general obligation bonds have been issued for state-supported higher education capital

projects. As of December 31, 2024, the state's outstanding debt on higher education general obligation bonds stood at approximately \$1.67 billion.

C10:2: Capital Component (ALI 235552)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 235552, Capital Component	\$3,629,596	\$3,629,566	\$3,629,566
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This line item provides funding for campuses that requested and received capital appropriations lower than their formula-allocated capital appropriation amount in the capital formula used prior to FY 2012. The budget restricts the funds distributed through this line item to capital-related purposes. This line item was established in FY 1998 to implement an incentive-based capital funding policy. Under this policy, ODHE used a formula to recommend capital funding based on the amount and age of space, the number of student enrollments, and the total capital appropriations available. Funding for the Capital Component Program is equal to the difference between ODHE's recommended capital funding amount under the prior formula and actual capital appropriations received. In FY 2012, ODHE established a new method of making campus capital allocations based on statewide priorities and cooperative strategy among the institutions. Funding for the program continues, however, for outstanding debt issued for capital appropriations prior to FY 2012. According to ODHE, this policy is currently set to expire by June 30, 2029. However, the executive budget expedites the phase out of the policy and proposes to end it by June 30, 2027.

Currently, the SSI formula reduces a campus's SSI subsidy if the campus requested and received capital appropriations greater than its formula-determined amount. The reduction amount equals the difference between a campus's formula-determined debt service amount in the prior capital formula and the debt service amount actually received by the campus. For all applicable campuses, these reduced subsidies are deducted from GRF line item 235501, State Share of Instruction, and transferred to the Capital Component line item. The executive budget modifies this process by requiring that 50% of the sum of the total amount deducted from line item 235501 for the remainder of the program be transferred to line item 235552 in each fiscal year, except that the deduction and transfer can be reduced if there is sufficient appropriation under line item 235552 to cover payments. Any adjustments must be made proportionately to each institution's share of the total amount adjusted, if the Chancellor determines that the transfer and deduction can be reduced. The executive budget requires that any amounts provided from line item 235552 in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to campuses cover any remaining obligations for the program.

According to ODHE, eight institutions are likely to have their SSI allocations reduced by a total of approximately \$389,000 over the biennium. Those SSI reductions are transferred to this appropriation item. These institutions have requested and received capital appropriations above their formula-allocated amounts. The transferred funds and the original appropriations are distributed to the remaining eligible institutions.

C10:3: Strategic Square Footage Reduction (ALI 2356A2)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
5CJ1 ALI 2356A2, Strategic Square Footage Reduction	\$0	\$82,650,000	\$0
% change	--	N/A	-100.0%

This new line item will be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), to award revolving loans to state institutions of higher education to enable them to demolish campus facilities. The Chancellor and OFCC will establish a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the loans, with priority given to state institutions whose general student population has decreased. The executive budget also requires the Chancellor and OFCC to consider eight factors in making the final awards. Recipient institutions must annually provide a summary of financial information regarding the loan. If any net proceeds arise from the demolition of real property under this initiative, the executive budget requires, at the direction of the OBM Director, those proceeds to be credited to funds in the state treasury, or to accounts held by the state institution. A state institution that receives a loan under the initiative is prohibited from constructing any new facility at the same time demolition is occurring.

The executive budget seeds the initiative with surplus funds in the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund, a custodial fund that is used to pay tuition credit obligations of the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's Guaranteed Savings Plan. Specifically, the Treasurer of State, upon request of the Chancellor, must transfer the amount determined to be surplus, based on the Trust Fund's annual actuarial soundness evaluation conducted under continuing law, to the Strategic Square Footage Reduction Fund (Fund 5CJ1) in the state treasury. However, the executive budget requires at least 5% of the surplus to remain in the Trust Fund.

The Guaranteed Savings Plan has been closed to new investment for over 20 years due to a lack of actuarial soundness in the early 2000s (see "**C9:2: Guaranteed Savings Plan (ALI 235664)**") for additional details) but continues to obtain investment returns from the funds it holds and disburses funds for tuition credit holders that redeem them. The plan's obligations are backed by the full faith and credit of the state. As a point of reference, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's financial audit for FY 2024 shows that the Trust Fund's actuarially determined present value of future tuition benefits liability (which considers projected tuition increases and other factors) stood at \$48.0 million at the end of FY 2024. However, the actuarially determined value of funds available in the Trust Fund to pay tuition benefits was \$135.3 million, a difference of \$87.3 million or 2.82 times the estimated future tuition liability.

C10:4: Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration (ALI 235602)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
4E80 ALI 235602, Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration	\$67,600	\$69,839	\$73,807
% change	--	3.3%	5.7%

This line item supports ODHE's administration of the Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC), an agency of the state that provides for the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds for Ohio's independent nonprofit private colleges and universities and nonprofit hospitals and health care systems. HEFC does not have a separate staff or permanent offices; it relies on bond counsel (who is paid by the universities and hospitals for which bonds are issued) and the support of ODHE for its operations. ODHE staff support includes accounting and recordkeeping, scheduling and coordinating HEFC meetings and project applications, and preparing HEFC's annual report.

Each eligible entity pays an application fee for each bond issuance. The fee is deposited in the HEFC Operating Expense Fund (Fund 4610) and used to fund the operations of HEFC. The executive budget authorizes the transfer of up to the amount appropriated from line item 235602 in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 from Fund 4610 to the HEFC Administration Fund (Fund 4E80) used by ODHE, in order to enable ODHE to perform HEFC's administrative duties.

HEFC receives a separate appropriation of \$15,513 each fiscal year from Fund 4610 line item 372601, Operating Expenses. This item is mainly used to pay state audit costs and certain membership fees and to reimburse Commission members for their actual expenses related to HEFC's official business, including cost of travel and professional development opportunities. Additional details about the Commission and its activities are available in the [LBO Redbook for HEFC](#).

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General Revenue Fund

GRF 235321 Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,611,013	\$5,806,538	\$7,939,352	\$8,444,000	\$9,155,067	\$9,331,598
% change	3.5%	36.7%	6.4%	8.4%	1.9%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.03; Sections 381.10 and 381.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 282 of the 123rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the operations of the Department of Higher Education (ODHE) by providing funds for personal service, purchased service, maintenance, and equipment needs. This item also supports the continual development, expansion, and operations of the Higher Educational Information (HEI) System; the administration of the Research Incentive Program; and ODHE's general overhead expenses related to education technology. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 earmarks \$1.5 million in each fiscal year from this line item to enhance information technology network security operations and services for the benefit of all members of OH-TECH (Ohio's statewide higher education technology consortium). The executive proposal recommends reducing this earmark to up to \$1.2 million in each fiscal year. A portion of these earmarked funds may also be used by the Ohio Academic Resource Network (OARnet) and the Ohio Supercomputer Center to enhance their respective network security operations to better serve clients who store sensitive data that is subject to the highest data privacy standards imposed by federal regulations and national research organizations.

GRF 235402 Sea Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$299,250	\$299,250	\$308,000	\$317,000	\$308,000	\$308,000
% change	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%	-2.8%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds to help support the Ohio Sea Grant Program based at the Ohio State University's Lake Erie Research Center. The Program performs education, research, communication, and outreach work in multiple disciplines to enhance the use, development, and management of Lake Erie and Ohio's coastal resources. The Ohio Sea Grant Program is one of 34 Sea Grant programs in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Sea Grant College Program, which includes every coastal and Great Lakes state.

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General Revenue Fund

GRF 235406 Articulation and Transfer

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,825,529	\$1,883,662	\$2,066,893	\$2,225,000	\$2,269,500	\$2,314,890
% change	3.2%	9.7%	7.6%	2.0%	2.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.16; Sections 381.10 and 381.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports ODHE's effort to establish an effective statewide student articulation and transfer system that addresses issues arising from the transfer of students and their credits between Ohio's colleges and universities. The system includes specified courses that are guaranteed to transfer and apply directly to a major at any participating institution and the electronic transfer of transcript and credit documents between transfer institutions.

GRF 235408 Midwest Higher Education Compact

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$115,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$118,000	\$115,000	\$115,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	-2.5%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.40 and 3333.41; Sections 381.10 and 381.40 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item pays Ohio's membership dues to the Midwestern Higher Education Compact's (MHEC) commission. Established in 1991, MHEC is a non-profit regional organization that is charged with promoting interstate cooperation and resource sharing in higher education through cost-saving programs, student access (including tuition reduction), and policy research.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235413 Computer Science

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,004,863	\$4,006,508
% change	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.129; Sections 381.10 and 381.80 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item funds the Teach CS Grant Program, which provides grants for coursework, materials, and exams to support the increasing number of existing teachers who qualify to teach computer science through various pathways, including a supplemental license, endorsement, and continuing education for existing teachers and an alternative resident educator license for industry experts and other nonteachers. ODHE may give priority to education consortia that include economically disadvantaged schools with limited computer science courses or a need for computer science teachers. The executive proposal expands the purpose of the program to support increasing the number of teachers qualified to teach computer science or expanding the knowledge of existing teachers. It also specifically permits grants to be used for coursework, materials, exams, teacher stipends, performance-based incentives, and other purposes as determined by the Chancellor to support the expansion of computer science education. In addition to providing awards, the executive proposal expressly authorizes this line item be used for administrative purposes.

GRF 235414 Grants and Scholarship Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$857,657	\$890,813	\$983,882	\$994,000	\$922,538	\$985,378
% change	3.9%	10.4%	1.0%	-7.2%	6.8%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.90 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the administration costs of various student financial aid, scholarship, and loan programs, including Ohio's need-based financial aid programs, the Ohio National Guard Scholarship, and federal programs.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235417 Technology Maintenance and Operations

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,308,477	\$3,725,608	\$4,397,808	\$4,500,000	\$4,520,396	\$4,528,397
% change	12.6%	18.0%	2.3%	0.5%	0.2%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.110 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the development and implementation of information technology solutions designed to improve ODHE's performance and capacity, which is provided by OH-TECH. The purpose of this line item is to provide Shared Infrastructure (SI) services to ODHE through application and server infrastructure, endpoint management, program management, and local area network (LAN) services. Portions of this line item also are used to support eStudent Services (a state-of-the-art statewide collaborative electronic education system) and various services associated with the Higher Education Information (HEI) system. Since FY 2020, \$150,000 in each fiscal year has been earmarked for Ohio Reach to provide mentoring and support services to former foster youth attending college. The executive proposal continues this earmark in the next biennium.

GRF 235419 Mental Health Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$9,956,905	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.130 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item provides resources and support to address behavioral health needs at public and private, nonprofit universities and colleges. ODHE must prioritize behavioral health services, including expansion of telehealth options, increased awareness of telephone and text message care line services, expansion of certified peer educator programs, and direct aid to students who are unable to afford care. Institutions receiving funds are prohibited from (1) changing their mental health support services to shift the cost of those services to state funding and (2) reducing their mental health support services below what they provided in the most recent academic year. From FY 2021 to FY 2023, a total of \$13.5 million was provided for the same purposes through federal coronavirus relief funds in Fund 3HQ0 line item 235512, Governor's Emergency Education Relief-Higher Education Mental Health, and Fund 5CV1 line item 235557, COVID Response-Higher Education Mental Health.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235425 Ohio Work Ready Grant

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$9,635,147	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.24; Sections 381.10 and 381.160 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to award grants of up to \$3,000 to eligible students enrolled at a community college, state university branch campus, or an Ohio technical center (OTC) in a credit or noncredit program that leads to an industry recognized credential, certificate, or degree and prepares the student for a job that is either (1) identified as "in-demand" or "critical" by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation (OWT) or (2) submitted by a community college, state university branch campus, or OTC and meets regional workforce needs, as determined by the Chancellor. A student cannot receive a grant for more than six semesters or the equivalent of three academic years. The executive proposal requires a student who receives a first-time grant to be enrolled in a program that meets alternative criteria established by the Chancellor, in consultation with OWT, based on the emerging workforce needs of the state. In addition, it authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to support the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative using funds from this line item as well as other ODHE line items: 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program, 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, C23529, Workforce Based Training and Equipment, and 195556, TechCred Program, under the budget of the Department of Development.

GRF 235428 Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,041,600	\$4,041,600	\$4,243,000	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000
% change	0.0%	5.0%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.180 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds to promote economic development in Appalachia through integrated investments that are designed to improve the region's information technology and knowledge infrastructure. Led by Ohio University's Voinovich School, the program supports existing and new private-public technology partnerships among Ohio's public and private campuses, private industry, local government, and school districts within the 32-county Appalachia region. Since FY 2020, \$500,000 in each fiscal year has been earmarked from this item for the Mahoning Valley Innovation and Commercialization Center. The executive proposal continues this earmark for the next biennium.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235438 Choose Ohio First Scholarship

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$17,032,634	\$17,003,193	\$20,797,069	\$32,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$36,000,000
% change	-0.2%	22.3%	53.9%	6.3%	5.9%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.60 through 3333.69; Sections 381.10 and 381.190 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 119 of the 127th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides scholarships to Ohio residents studying in the fields of science (including health science), technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine (STEM) and STEM education at selected Ohio public and private institutions of higher education. Selected institutions receive the funds through a competitive grant process based on their STEM student recruitment and retention plans and then award the scholarships to eligible students. Since FY 2020, certain students enrolled in an approved certificate program in the STEM and dentistry fields at a state university, NEOMED, or a nonpublic college or university have also been eligible for a scholarship. Any unused balance of this line item at the end of a fiscal year may be transferred to the Choose Ohio First Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PV0). In addition, the executive proposal authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to support the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative using funds from this line item as well as other ODHE line items: 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program, 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, C23529, Workforce Based Training and Equipment, and 195556, TechCred Program, under the budget of the Department of Development.

GRF 235443 Aspire - State

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,083,344	\$7,083,344	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.200 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports adult basic and literacy education, and provides the state match for federal funds in Fund 3120 line item 235641, Aspire - Federal. These two items fund adult education courses in basic math, reading, and writing skills; workplace literacy; life skills; family literacy; English for speakers of other languages (ESOL); and high school equivalency test preparation.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235444 Ohio Technical Centers

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$21,310,120	\$21,810,120	\$22,464,000	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000
% change	2.3%	3.0%	3.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3313.52 and 3313.53; Sections 381.10 and 381.210 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds for adult career-technical training programs and adult workforce education centers known as Ohio technical centers (OTCs). School districts, joint vocational school districts, and other public educational institutions are eligible for this funding and participate by providing services such as career guidance and counseling, job placement, and financial aid assistance. OTCs receive state funding through a performance-based model that takes into account each OTC's share of job placements, program completions, students retained, and industry-recognized credentials earned. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 earmarks the following from this line item: (1) up to 2.38% of the appropriation in each fiscal year for the Ohio Central School System (a school district operating within the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction providing education programs for prisoners), (2) up to \$48,000 each fiscal year for assistance for OTCs, and (3) up to \$3.0 million each fiscal year for OTCs that provide business consultation with matching local dollars, with preference given to industries with in-demand jobs or regionally emerging fields. The executive proposal continues these earmarks in the next biennium.

GRF 235474 Area Health Education Centers Program Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$873,000	\$873,000	\$899,000	\$900,000	\$899,000	\$899,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.220 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 694 of the 114th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds for the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program, which coordinates the placement of students of medicine and other health professions into community-based training sites, with an emphasis on sites of rural and inner-city areas that have physician shortages. The program is intended to improve the geographic distribution and quality of health care personnel and delivery in the state.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235475 Campus Security Support Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 4 of S.B. 94 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: These funds are distributed by ODHE to institutionally sanctioned student organizations affiliated with communities that are at risk for increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment to enhance security measures and increase student safety at institutions of higher education throughout the state. ODHE may use a portion of these funds to administer the program.

GRF 235476 Campus Student Safety Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.80; Section 4 of S.B. 94 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used by ODHE to award grants to institutions of higher education that demonstrate increased threats of violent crime, terror attacks, hate crimes, or harassment toward students and institutionally sanctioned student organizations at the institution to enhance security measures and increase student safety.

GRF 235492 Campus Safety and Training

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$392,230	\$620,848	\$597,640	\$700,000	\$656,504	\$661,950
% change	58.3%	-3.7%	17.1%	-6.2%	0.8%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.230 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds for the development and implementation of best practices for preventing and responding to sexual violence on the campuses of public and private institutions of higher education in Ohio.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235495 Northeast Ohio Medical University Dental School

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item was distributed to the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) to support the creation of its dental school, which must meet all of the accreditation standards of the Commission on Dental Accreditation to train dental students and award only Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degrees. Prior to the distribution of funds from line item 235495, NEOMED was required to submit a plan describing the creation of its dental school to the Chancellor for approval. Since FY 2024, support for NEOMED's dental school has been provided in Fund 5AO1 line item 235613, Northeast Ohio Medical University Dental School.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235501 State Share of Instruction

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,054,632,520	\$2,073,715,806	\$2,094,658,776	\$2,117,706,343	\$2,119,751,939	\$2,119,751,939
% change	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	0.1%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.04; Sections 381.10, 381.240, 381.250, and 381.270 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item provides unrestricted subsidies to state-assisted colleges and universities to help offset the operating costs of serving approximately 292,000 full-time equivalent students enrolled in those campuses. In-state undergraduate students as well as both in-state and out-of-state graduate students are eligible for the subsidies. The State Share of Instruction (SSI) is the main state subsidy to public colleges and universities. H.B. 33 earmarks \$1.61 billion in FY 2024 and \$1.63 billion in FY 2025 for universities and their regional campuses, of which 50% is allocated based on degree completions, 30% for course completions, and the remainder for doctoral and medical education and other factors. The community and technical college campuses' earmark of \$485.0 million in FY 2024 and \$491.9 million in FY 2025 is allocated based on course completions (50%), success factors (25%), and completion milestones (25%). In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 also permits the OBM Director, upon request of the Chancellor, to transfer \$2.0 million from this line item to the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency for the College2Careers Program. The executive budget proposes the following earmarks from this line item: (1) up to \$100.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula based on employment and wage outcomes of the graduates, using data from the U.S. Census Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes project; (2) up to \$10.0 million in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027 to be distributed to state institutions according to a formula that provides funding bonuses of \$10,000 per graduate for certain technician-aligned associate degrees; and (3) the remainder to be distributed according to the traditional SSI formula. For each component, 23.2% must be distributed to the community colleges and 76.8% distributed to the universities.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235504 War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$14,239,330	\$14,930,779	\$17,486,342	\$20,600,000	\$25,000,000	\$30,000,000
% change	4.9%	17.1%	17.8%	21.4%	20.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 5910.01 through 5910.08; Sections 381.10 and 381.280 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item provides college scholarships for the children of deceased or disabled veterans of wartime military service in the U.S. armed forces. In FY 2025, scholarship amounts for eligible students attending state-assisted colleges and universities are equal to 79% of the amount of undergraduate instructional and general fees charged at those institutions while eligible students attending independent non-profit and proprietary institutions receive an award amount of \$6,618. Additionally, any recipient that had a veteran parent killed in action is awarded 100% of instructional and general fees. Any unused balance of this line item at the end of a fiscal year may be transferred to the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5PW0).

GRF 235505 State Share of Instruction Reconciliation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$2,441,115	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: As needed line item; Section 381.290 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports reconciliation payments to public higher education institutions for any outstanding prior-year obligations owed to them under the State Share of Instruction (SSI) formulas. In FY 2024, ODHE made reconciliation payments totaling over \$2.4 million to remedy two prior-year SSI obligation issues. First, ODHE distributed over \$2.0 million to all universities, except for Kent State University (KSU), due to an issue related to KSU's reporting of graduates of its College of Podiatric Medicine, which led to the other universities collectively receiving over \$2.0 million less in SSI payments than they otherwise would have received in FY 2023. Second, certain students at Eastern Gateway Community College were incorrectly counted as subsidy eligible in each of FY 2021 and FY 2022. As a result, the other community colleges collectively received approximately \$0.4 million less than they otherwise would have received in those same fiscal years.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235507 OhioLINK

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,654,164	\$5,752,427	\$6,140,000	\$6,447,000	\$6,447,000	\$6,447,000
% change	1.7%	6.7%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.04(T); Sections 381.10 and 381.300 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 810 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the operations of the OhioLINK electronic library information and retrieval system. Created in 1988, OhioLINK provides statewide access to the library holdings of Ohio’s public colleges and universities, some private institutions, and the State Library of Ohio. Offerings include a library catalog, research databases, electronic journal and digital media centers, e-books, and an electronic theses and dissertations center. A portion of the funds appropriated are used to support core statewide electronic content licenses, including electronic journals and research databases, courier services, or information technology costs.

GRF 235508 Air Force Institute of Technology

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,824,219	\$1,863,387	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	2.1%	7.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.310 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 282 of the 123rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. AFIT, a joint research program between the state of Ohio and the United States Air Force, provides graduate-level education in logistics and engineering for Air Force personnel. The program’s purpose is to ensure that Air Force personnel have access to critical training and graduate-level education in those subjects. This line item also supports the Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators (DAGSI), an engineering consortium that includes AFIT, Wright State University, the University of Dayton, the University of Cincinnati, and the Ohio State University. Since FY 2020, \$75,000 in each fiscal year has been earmarked from this item for the Aerospace Professional Development Center (APDC) in Dayton for statewide workforce development services in the aerospace industry. APDC works with the aerospace and defense community to attract and connect high-tech job seekers to jobs across Ohio. The executive proposal continues this earmark in the next biennium.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235510 Ohio Supercomputer Center

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,294,160	\$4,422,984	\$4,844,000	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000
% change	3.0%	9.5%	5.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.04(T); Sections 381.10 and 381.320 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 171 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the operations of the Ohio Supercomputer Center, located at the Ohio State University. The center is a statewide high-performance computing resource available to faculty, students, and researchers at Ohio's public and private colleges and universities. The resource is also made available to private industry on a cost-recovery basis.

GRF 235511 The Ohio State University Extension Service

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$24,563,453	\$24,761,619	\$25,504,000	\$26,269,000	\$25,504,000	\$25,504,000
% change	0.8%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.330 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the Ohio State University's Cooperative Extension Service (OSU Extension). OSU Extension, operating under its land grant university mandate, aims to help people improve their lives through research-based education including family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth guidance, community development, and agricultural and natural sciences. OSU Extension covers each of Ohio's 88 counties and supports thousands of volunteers. OSU Extension was authorized by the federal Smith-Lever Act in 1914; the state subsidy was originally created in the early 1950's.

GRF 235514 Central State Supplement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$11,551,202	\$11,685,515	\$12,036,000	\$12,397,000	\$12,768,910	\$13,151,977
% change	1.2%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.340 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 31 in 1969)

Purpose: This line item provides a supplemental subsidy to Central State University to help the university provide affordable access to higher education to African-Americans and others. This subsidy enables Central State to maintain relatively low tuition, as well as increase scholarships and other related outreach efforts for minority students.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235515 Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,038,940	\$2,038,940	\$2,100,000	\$2,163,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.10; Sections 381.10 and 381.350 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in 1969)

Purpose: This line item provides supplemental state funding for the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. In return, the university agrees to use the funds to improve the clinical experiences of its medical students and to increase medical outreach to the residents of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. The university submits an annual report to ODHE providing descriptions and costs of the services provided during the preceding year.

GRF 235519 Family Practice

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,007,876	\$3,007,876	\$3,098,000	\$3,191,000	\$3,098,000	\$3,098,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.11; Sections 381.10 and 381.360 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in 1974)

Purpose: This line item supports family practice residencies and instructional costs in the departments of family medicine within public and private medical colleges in Ohio. State-assisted medical schools are required to establish and maintain departments of family practice. The funds are used to provide an incentive-based subsidy that rewards medical schools based on the numbers of medical school graduates who (a) go on to family practice residencies, (b) establish family medicine practices in Ohio, and (c) serve underserved populations or geographic areas of Ohio.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235520 Shawnee State Supplement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,636,500	\$5,409,250	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,270,000	\$9,548,100
% change	16.7%	66.4%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.370 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in 1987)

Purpose: This line item provides a supplemental subsidy to Shawnee State University to enable the university to maintain lower undergraduate fees and to fund scholarships that increase access for Appalachian Ohioans and other populations that have been historically under-represented in educational attainment.

GRF 235525 Geriatric Medicine

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$496,043	\$496,043	\$511,000	\$526,000	\$511,000	\$511,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	2.9%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.111; Sections 381.10 and 381.380 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in 1978)

Purpose: This line item supports the offices of geriatric medicine in public medical colleges. The creation of these offices has been mandated by the state for all state-assisted medical colleges. Each office is responsible for ensuring that all Ohio medical students receive specific education and training regarding the care of older adults within their medical school curricula.

GRF 235526 Primary Care Residencies

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,425,000	\$1,425,000	\$1,468,000	\$1,512,000	\$1,468,000	\$1,468,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.390 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 191 of the 112th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports medical student education and clinical training in the primary care specialties of internal medicine and pediatrics. It provides an incentive-based subsidy that rewards medical schools based on the numbers of medical school graduates who (a) go on to primary care residencies in pediatrics, internal medicine, pediatric internal medicine, and osteopathic medicine and (b) establish primary care practices in Ohio.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235530 Governor's Merit Scholarship

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,700,000	\$47,000,000	\$70,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	107.0%	48.9%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.400 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item provides individual scholarships of \$5,000 per academic year to eligible students determined to be in the top 5% of each public or chartered nonpublic high school's graduating class, as determined by ODHE in consultation with the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). The executive proposal requires eligibility be based upon rankings at the end of students' junior year, as determined by the schools, using criteria established by the Chancellor and DEW. Each eligible student receives an award for up to the equivalent of four academic years at a public or private, nonprofit college or university, contingent on satisfactory academic progress. ODHE and DEW must also determine the eligibility for home-schooled high school graduates to provide them with a level of access to the scholarship. The scholarships are applied to eligible expenses included within the institution's published cost of attendance. In addition to supporting scholarships, the executive proposal expressly authorizes the Chancellor to use this line item to administer the program.

GRF 235533 Program and Project Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,540,925	\$853,000	\$17,000,000	\$15,100,000	\$24,500,000	\$10,500,000
% change	-44.6%	1,893.0%	-11.2%	62.3%	-57.1%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.410 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item generally supports various higher education and workforce development programs at several higher education institutions and other schools throughout the state. In the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, it supports 18 earmarks. The executive proposal continues six of these earmarks in the next biennium and adds one new one.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235535 Ohio State Agricultural Research

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$35,785,072	\$36,086,454	\$37,169,000	\$38,284,000	\$37,169,000	\$37,169,000
% change	0.8%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3335.56; Sections 381.10 and 381.420 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC), which is the research arm of the Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences. To carry out its land-grant university mandate, OSU operates OARDC and various agricultural research and development initiatives to help Ohio's agricultural industries improve their competitiveness and profitability. Located at ten Ohio facilities including OSU's main campus, OARDC is active in various basic and applied research areas, such as agricultural, environmental, and development economics; food, agricultural and biological engineering; food science and technology; horticulture; and human and community resource development. OARDC dates back to 1882, when it was created as the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. The station was renamed OARDC in 1965 and became part of OSU in 1982.

GRF 235536 The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,185,494	\$9,185,494	\$9,461,000	\$9,745,000	\$9,461,000	\$9,461,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at the Ohio State University's medical college. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235537 University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,334,944	\$8,334,944	\$8,085,000	\$8,343,000	\$8,085,000	\$8,085,000
% change	0.0%	-3.0%	3.2%	-3.1%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at the University of Cincinnati's medical college. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy. In FY 2022 and FY 2023, this line item supported an earmark of \$500,000 in each fiscal year for the People Working Cooperatively for the Safe and Healthy at Home Initiative. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 earmarks \$4.0 million in each fiscal year in GRF line item 195406, Helping Ohioans Stay in Their Homes, in the Department of Development's budget, for the same purpose.

GRF 235538 University of Toledo Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,888,670	\$5,888,670	\$6,065,000	\$6,247,000	\$6,065,000	\$6,065,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at the University of Toledo's medical college. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy.

GRF 235539 Wright State University Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,860,830	\$2,860,830	\$4,447,000	\$4,535,000	\$4,447,000	\$4,447,000
% change	0.0%	55.4%	2.0%	-1.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at Wright State University's (WSU) medical college. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy. In the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, this line item also supports an earmark of \$1.5 million in each fiscal year to support the Aerospace Medicine and Human Performance Center at WSU. The executive proposal continues this earmark in the next biennium.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235540 Ohio University Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,765,651	\$2,765,651	\$2,849,000	\$2,934,000	\$2,849,000	\$2,849,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at Ohio University's medical college. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy.

GRF 235541 Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,844,469	\$2,844,469	\$2,930,000	\$3,018,000	\$2,930,000	\$2,930,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.430 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports the laboratory and clinical components of medical and other professional education in facilities at the Northeast Ohio Medical University. The laboratory and clinical education is conducted in community facilities. Patient care is not funded by this subsidy.

GRF 235543 Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$450,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	11.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides state funding for the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM). KSUCPM offers a four-year, graduate level program leading to a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree. KSU acquired the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine and renamed it KSUCPM in 2012. KSUCPM's campus is located in Independence, a suburb of Cleveland.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235546 Central State Agricultural Research and Development

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,883,340	\$4,883,340	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000
% change	0.0%	19.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.440 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 235548, Central State Cooperative Extension Services, as the state match required for Central State University's status as an 1890 land grant university and the federal funding that comes along with it. Central State University was designated as an 1890 land grant university under the 2014 federal farm bill (H.R. 2642). The funds in this line item are combined with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for agriculture research projects.

GRF 235548 Central State Cooperative Extension Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$5,084,568	\$5,084,568	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000
% change	0.0%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.440 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used in conjunction with GRF line item 235546, Central State Agricultural Research and Development, as the state match required for Central State University's status as an 1890 land grant university and the federal funding that comes along with it. Central State University was designated as an 1890 land grant university under the 2014 federal farm bill (H.R. 2642). The funds in this line item are combined with federal funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to conduct extension programs and activities that educate and train farmers and other groups on agricultural research and technology.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235552 Capital Component

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,630,087	\$3,630,087	\$3,629,566	\$3,629,596	\$3,629,566	\$3,629,566
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10, 381.240, and 381.450 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides an eligible campus with the difference between its formula-determined debt service amount under the capital allocation formula used prior to 2012, and the actual debt service amount received by the campus. The funds can be used by the campus only for capital projects. From 1999 to 2012, ODHE implemented an incentive-based capital funding policy that determined each campus's debt service amount through a formula. Campuses that received debt service amounts higher than their formula-determined amounts have the difference deducted from their SSI subsidy allocations. These deducted funds are transferred into this line item. The transferred funds and the original appropriation for this item are distributed to campuses that received debt service amounts less than their formula-determined amounts. The executive proposal modifies this process by requiring that 50% of the sum of the total amount deducted from line item 235501 for the remainder of the program be transferred to this line item in each fiscal year, except that the deduction and transfer can be reduced if there is sufficient appropriation under this line item to cover payments. Any adjustments must be made proportionately to each institution's share of the total amount adjusted, if the Chancellor determines that the transfer and deduction can be reduced. The executive budget requires that any amounts provided from this line item in FY 2026 and FY 2027 to campuses cover any remaining obligations for the program, which will cease to exist on June 30, 2027.

GRF 235555 Library Depositories

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,310,702	\$1,326,762	\$1,100,000	\$900,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000
% change	1.2%	-17.1%	-18.2%	22.2%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.460 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports a collaborative effort among Ohio's public universities to provide high-density storage for rarely used and duplicative library materials, thereby providing an economical alternative to the traditional library space that would be needed to store such materials. This line item provides funding for the storage operations at five regional depositories located at the campuses of Miami University, the Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio University, and the Ohio State University, and at the Northwestern Ohio Book Depository, which serves Bowling Green State University and the University of Toledo main campus and medical campus.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235556 Ohio Academic Resources Network

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,915,605	\$2,978,512	\$3,262,000	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000
% change	2.2%	9.5%	9.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.04(T); Sections 381.10 and 381.470 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the operations of the Ohio Academic Resources Network (OARnet), a networking division of the Ohio Supercomputer Center. OARnet provides Internet access to millions of Ohioans, including students, researchers, and the general public. OARnet provides high-quality fiber-optic backbone Internet services to help link Ohio's academics to global information resources, distance learning, and state library networks such as OhioLINK. In addition to connecting institutions of higher education, OARnet also connects K-12 schools, local and state government, certain healthcare facilities, and public broadcasting stations.

GRF 235558 Long-term Care Research

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$309,035	\$309,035	\$318,000	\$327,000	\$318,000	\$318,000
% change	0.0%	2.9%	2.8%	-2.8%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.480 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 111 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supports the study of long-term care, including basic and applied research and graduate studies at Miami University's Scripps Gerontology Center. The center provides expertise, education, and research concerning issues of state and federal policy about long-term care.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235563 Ohio College Opportunity Grant

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$104,983,742	\$112,392,548	\$157,772,084	\$197,300,000	\$220,600,000	\$207,400,000
% change	7.1%	40.4%	25.1%	11.8%	-6.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.122 and 3333.124; Sections 381.10 and 381.490 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds need-based financial aid for higher education students through the Ohio College Opportunity Grant (OCOG) Program. In general, OCOG award amounts are determined by subtracting the sum of the student aid index (SAI) (or expected family contribution (EFC) prior to FY 2025) and associated Pell award amount from the average instructional and general fees charged by the student's respective institutional sector. OCOG award amounts are published on ODHE's website annually. H.B. 33 specifies the maximum OCOG awards per eligible, full-time student for each institutional sector as follows: \$3,200 in FY 2024 and \$4,000 in FY 2025 for an eligible student at a public institution of higher education; \$4,700 in FY 2024 and \$5,000 in FY 2025 for an eligible student at a private nonprofit institution; and \$1,850 in FY 2024 and \$2,000 in FY 2025 for an eligible student at a private career college. The executive proposes to keep OCOG awards for FY 2026 and FY 2027 at the same amounts as FY 2025. A portion of this item is also used by ODHE in each fiscal year to provide the following: (1) reimbursements to institutions under the Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund program, which provides tuition assistance to the children and spouses of peace officers, fire fighters and certain other safety officers who are killed in the line-of-duty, and, since FY 2024, (2) grants on behalf of eligible adopted resident students under the college grant program established by H.B. 45 of the 134th G.A. The executive proposal continues to support these programs in the next biennium. Any unused balance of this line item at the end of a fiscal year may be transferred to the Ohio College Opportunity Grant Program Reserve Fund (Fund 5PU0).

GRF 235569 The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$5,150,000	\$5,304,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000
% change	25.0%	3.0%	3.0%	277.1%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.500 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides supplemental support for education, research, and operations at the College of Veterinary Medicine at the Ohio State University.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235572 The Ohio State University Clinic Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$728,206	\$728,206	\$750,000	\$772,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	2.9%	-2.8%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.510 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 291 of the 115th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item helps support the clinical portions of the dental and veterinary medicine schools at the Ohio State University. The clinics provide practical education to dentistry, veterinary medicine, and dental hygiene students.

GRF 235578 Federal Research Network

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,950,000	\$4,950,000	\$5,099,000	\$5,251,000	\$5,099,000	\$5,099,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	-2.9%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.520 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides funds to the Ohio State University to collaborate with federal installations in Ohio, state and private nonprofit institutions of higher education, and the private sector to (1) align the state's research assets with emerging missions and job growth opportunities emanating from federal installations, (2) strengthen related workforce development and technology commercialization programs, and (3) better position the state's university system to directly impact new job creation in Ohio. A portion of this appropriation must be used to support the growth of small business federal contractors in the state and to expand the participation of Ohio businesses in the federal Small Business Innovation Research Program and related federal programs.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235585 Educator Preparation Programs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$335,316	\$2,650,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	N/A	N/A	690.3%	-5.7%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.048; Sections 381.10 and 381.525 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item supports two grant programs and ODHE’s additional responsibilities related to teacher preparation programs, with the goal of promoting the science of reading. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 earmarks the following from this line item: (1) \$250,000 in each fiscal year for competitive grants of up to \$10,000 to institutions of higher education to promote student teacher placement with teachers who received instruction in evidence-based strategies aligned to the science of reading, use high quality instructional materials aligned with the science of reading, and implement a structured literacy approach in their classrooms; (2) \$175,000 in each fiscal year for competitive grants of up to \$20,000 to institutions of higher education to assist with aligning their teacher preparation programs with the science of reading; and (3) the remainder (\$75,000 in FY 2024) for ODHE’s additional responsibilities related to teacher preparation programs and the science of reading. S.B. 94 of the 135th General Assembly increased the appropriation for this line item by a total of \$2.2 million in FY 2025, and earmarked \$150,000 for ODHE to conduct a survey of each educator preparation program to determine what instruction they are providing to students on mental and behavioral health, behavior management, and classroom management, including how they are incorporating education on adverse childhood experiences and trauma. In FY 2025, the remainder of the line item will be used, in conjunction with Fund 3HQ0 line item 2356A1, Science of Reading, to contract with the University of Texas at Austin to complete audits of 49 educator preparation programs. These audits, which began January 1, 2025, must document the degree to which each educator preparation program is effectively teaching the science of reading. The executive proposal discontinues the earmarks in the next biennium and requires the Chancellor to use this line item to implement and administer laws related to educator preparation programs, such as the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235591 Co-Op Internship Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$788,300	\$872,700	\$1,135,000	\$1,215,000	\$165,000	\$165,000
% change	10.7%	30.1%	7.0%	-86.4%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.530 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is generally used to provide funding to public policy schools, centers, or internship programs at various public universities. In the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, it supports 14 earmarks. The executive proposal continues the earmark of \$165,000 in each fiscal year to support the operations of Ohio University's Voinovich School.

GRF 235595 Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,420	\$2,383,503	\$3,663,846	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,486	\$2,550,651
% change	53,822.7%	53.7%	-30.4%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.125; Sections 381.10 and 381.540 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides a combination of a grant and a loan to certain eligible students enrolled in commercial driver training schools certified by the Director of Public Safety and other approved programs offered at state institutions of higher education; private, nonprofit and for-profit institutions; and career centers and joint vocational school districts. Under the program, ODHE makes awards to eligible schools that, in turn, distribute the funds in the form of a forgivable loan and a grant of equal amounts to each eligible student who commits to reside in and be employed in the state for a minimum of one year after completing a qualifying commercial driver license (CDL) training program. The total amount of the grant and loan awarded to each student cannot exceed the lesser of \$20,000 or the cost of tuition and related expenses of a CDL training program. A student who accepts aid under the program must sign a promissory note to pay back the loan funds if the student does not satisfy the residency, employment, or training program requirements. ODHE forgives an individual's loan after one year of documented employment and residency in Ohio.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235598 Rural University Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$400,000	\$400,000	\$412,000	\$424,000	\$412,000	\$412,000
% change	0.0%	3.0%	2.9%	-2.8%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.550 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used for the Rural University Program, a collaboration of Bowling Green State University, Kent State University, Miami University, and Ohio University, that provides rural communities with economic development, public administration, and public health services. Generally, each of the four participating universities receive one-quarter of the appropriation in each fiscal year to support their respective programs. The executive proposal continues providing \$103,000 to each of the four participating universities in each fiscal year of the next biennium.

GRF 235599 National Guard Scholarship Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$22,801,894	\$18,629,379	\$17,022,622	\$19,250,000	\$18,399,750	\$18,399,750
% change	-18.3%	-8.6%	13.1%	-4.4%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 5919.34 and 5919.341; Sections 381.10 and 381.560 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 282 of the 123rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides college scholarships to Ohio National Guard members. A Guard member attending a state college or university receives a scholarship for 100% of the state institution's tuition charges. A Guard member attending a private university is eligible for a scholarship equal to the average state tuition at public institutions. Since FY 2022, a Guard member who is actively enrolled as a full-time or part-time student for at least three credit hours of coursework in a semester or a quarter in a credential-certifying program, licensing program, trade certification program, or apprenticeship program for an in-demand occupation has also qualified for a scholarship. If funds are not sufficient to meet full tuition for all eligible applicants, scholarship amounts are reduced and the institutions enrolling the scholarship recipient must make up the difference in the recipient's award amount. The program serves as both a recruitment and retention tool for the Guard and has proven to be an effective incentive for enlisting. The executive proposal authorizes a portion of this line item be used to administer the program if both the Chancellor and the Adjutant General agree to it. Any unused balance of this line item at the end of each fiscal year may be transferred to the National Guard Scholarship Reserve Fund (Fund 5BM0).

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 2355A1 FAFSA Support Teams

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.303; Sections 381.10 and 381.565 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to administer a statewide system of Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) support teams to support school districts, community schools, and STEM schools with FAFSA completion and college access programming. At least one FAFSA support team is assigned to operate in each region of the state, as determined by the Chancellor. Each FAFSA support team must offer FAFSA programming and training to public schools in the team's region and perform other duties to promote and support FAFSA completion and college access in public schools.

GRF 2355A3 Campus Community Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.801; Section 4 of S.B. 94 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used by ODHE to provide funding to institutionally sanctioned student organizations at institutions of higher education to support intergroup and interfaith outreach and cultural competency between institutionally sanctioned student organizations.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

General Revenue Fund

GRF 235909 Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$324,738,589	\$298,721,240	\$248,294,999	\$275,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$210,000,000
% change	-8.0%	-16.9%	10.8%	-9.1%	-16.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Article VIII, Section 2n of the Ohio Constitution; R.C. 151.01 and 151.04; Sections 381.10 and 381.580 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides debt service payments to retire general obligation bonds issued for state-assisted colleges and universities. A 1999 constitutional amendment authorized the state to issue general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing capital needs of state-assisted colleges and universities. In contrast with special revenue bonds, which were paid by a dedicated revenue source, general obligation bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the state. Because of this additional backing, general obligation bonds can generally be issued at lower interest rates than special revenue bonds. Since 2000, the state has issued only general obligation bonds for capital needs of state-assisted colleges and universities. The last special revenue debt obligations were retired in FY 2014.

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

2200 235614 Program Approval and Reauthorization

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$532,996	\$570,133	\$615,764	\$882,000	\$769,126	\$789,679
% change	7.0%	8.0%	43.2%	-12.8%	2.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Remittances from higher education institutions seeking degree program approval and institutional reauthorization

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on February 12, 2001)

Purpose: This line item is used to contract with and reimburse consultants to review and evaluate degree program proposals, perform institutional oversight and conduct reviews of state-assisted colleges and universities, and to conduct institutional authorization and reauthorization reviews for private, proprietary, and out-of-state institutions pursuant to Chapter 1713. of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4560 235603 Sales and Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$100,887	\$100,817	\$120,000	\$199,250	\$129,725	\$133,017
% change	-0.1%	19.0%	66.0%	-34.9%	2.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Proceeds from Higher Education Information (HEI) system-related goods and services, conference fees, and the sale of publications

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board in January 1974)

Purpose: This line item is used to cover the costs of providing HEI-related services, the costs of producing official publications, and the miscellaneous expenses of conferences and meetings.

4E80 235602 Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$56,001	\$55,251	\$64,179	\$67,600	\$69,839	\$73,807
% change	-1.3%	16.2%	5.3%	3.3%	5.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by independent non-profit institutions and hospitals assisted by the commission, transferred from the HEFC Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 4610).

Legal Basis: R.C. 3377.02; Sections 381.10 and 381.600 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 298 of the 119th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds the operating expenses related to ODHE's support of the activities of the Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission (HEFC). ODHE staff support includes accounting and record keeping, scheduling and coordinating HEFC meetings and project applications, and preparing the HEFC's annual report. The mission of HEFC is to assist Ohio's independent non-profit colleges, universities, and hospitals in their efforts to reduce the costs of financing the construction of facilities by issuing tax-exempt revenue bonds.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5AH1 235688 Super RAPIDS

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$62,625,571	\$36,621,214	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	-41.5%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FY 2024 cash transfer of \$100.0 million from the GRF

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.635 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used mainly to train students and current workers for specific regional workforce needs by supporting regional, collaborative projects among state institutions of higher education, OTCs, and other secondary and postsecondary education and workforce-related entities. The funds support efforts that build capacity, remove employment and training barriers for prospective and unemployed workers, develop and strengthen business-led strategies in impacted industries, and provide local solutions to employment for communities in economic transition. A portion of the funding in each fiscal year is also used by the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to meet urgent workforce development and job creation needs throughout the state. In FY 2024, H.B. 33 also earmarks the following from this line item: (1) \$4.5 million to be distributed to Fairfield County to support building improvements, equipment purchases, and operating expenses for programs of the Fairfield County Workforce Center; and (2) \$1.0 million to be allocated to the Center for Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics for operating and equipment expenses incurred for providing workforce development, supply chain management, automation, research and development, and entrepreneurship to foster manufacturing and logistic industry jobs and company creation. The executive budget reappropriates the unused balance of this line item at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 for the same purpose in FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively.

5AO1 235613 Northeast Ohio Medical University Dental School

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FY 2024 cash transfer of \$4.0 million from the GRF

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.635 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is distributed to the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) to support the creation and operation of its dental school, which must meet all of the accreditation standards of the Commission on Dental Accreditation to train dental students and award only Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.) or Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degrees. NEOMED is required to report to the Chancellor on how it is using moneys it receives from item 235613. In FY 2023, support for the creation of NEOMED's dental school was provided in GRF line item 235495, Northeast Ohio Medical University Dental School. The executive proposal discontinues this line item.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5CJ1 2356A2 Strategic Square Footage Reduction

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,650,000	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfer of surplus funds from the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund

Legal Basis: Proposed by the Executive Budget

Purpose: This line item is to be used by the Chancellor, in consultation with the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC), to award revolving loans to state institutions of higher education to enable them to demolish campus facilities. The Chancellor and OFCC will establish a competitive process for ranking applicants and awarding the loans, with priority given to state institutions whose general student population has decreased. The executive proposal also requires the Chancellor and OFCC to consider eight factors in making the final awards. Recipient institutions must annually provide a summary of financial information regarding the loan. If any net proceeds arise from the demolition of real property under this initiative, the executive proposal requires, at the direction of the OBM Director, those proceeds to be credited to funds in the state treasury, or to accounts held by the state institution. A state institution that receives a loan under the initiative is prohibited from constructing any new facility at the same time demolition is occurring.

5D40 235675 Conference/Special Purposes

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$468,632	\$791,282	\$22,119	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
% change	68.8%	-97.2%	1,030.3%	-50.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Registration fees paid by conference and training participants and gifts and bequests for specific purposes

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for the costs associated with conferences and for the purposes specified by gifts and bequests. Prior to FY 2024, funds in this line item supported the costs of staging the annual Ohio Educational Technology Conference. In FY 2023, responsibility for organizing this event shifted from ODHE to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), renamed by H.B. 33 as the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). That year, ODHE paid \$750,000 from this line item to ODE through an intrastate transfer voucher (ISTV) for this purpose. Since FY 2024, the costs of the conference have been directly supported by Fund 4520 line item 200638, Charges and Reimbursements, in the DEW budget.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5FR0 235650 State and Non-Federal Grants and Awards

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$457,686	\$294,317	\$193,871	\$3,152,150	\$1,405,944	\$1,412,670
% change	-35.7%	-34.1%	1,525.9%	-55.4%	0.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Various temporary non-federal grants

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by the Controlling Board on August 17, 2015)

Purpose: This line item is used to spend the proceeds of various temporary non-federal grants. The grants typically focus on various completion, retention, and student success initiatives.

5HC8 659698 BOR Home and Community Based Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$12,939,752	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Special supplemental funding for state funds equivalent to the amount of federal funds attributable to the enhanced federal medical assistance percentage for home and community-based services granted by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Legal Basis: Section 333.150 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 45 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides federal ARPA funds to support students enrolled at Ohio institutions of higher education who are participating in the Great Minds Fellowship, which is a program available to students within two years of graduating with degrees or certificates in social work, marriage and family therapy, mental health counseling, psychiatric/mental health nursing, and substance abuse/addiction counseling. Under the program, Fellows at participating colleges and universities are eligible for up to \$15,000 (as of Fall 2024 semester) during their undergraduate and graduate studies for scholarship opportunities to assist with the costs of obtaining their degrees or certificates; paid internships at one of Ohio's Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHC) at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and the costs of required license and certification preparation and exams (and other costs related to the degree or certificate). Fellows must commit to at least one year of employment at a participating CBHC post-graduation. The executive proposal discontinues this line item.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5JC0 235649 MAGNET Apprenticeship Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Casino licensing revenue

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 110 of the 134th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supported the development and implementation of an apprenticeship program administered through the Manufacturing Advocacy and Growth Network’s (MAGNET) Early College Early Career Program. The program places high school students in a participating local private business that employs the student and provides the training necessary for the student to earn a technical certification in computer integrated manufacturing, machining, or welding. In FY 2020 and FY 2021, the MAGNET apprenticeship program was supported by an earmark of \$200,000 each fiscal year from GRF line item 235533, Program and Project Support. H.B. 33 again supports the program as an earmark from line item 235533 for \$400,000 in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5NH0 235517 Talent Ready Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,500,000	\$3,313,000	\$9,892,026	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	-5.3%	198.6%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: GRF cash transfers of \$7.0 million in FY 2022 and \$20.0 million in FY 2024; FY 2014 cash transfer of \$25 million in casino licensing revenues from the Economic Development Programs Fund (Fund 5JC0)

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.630 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides (1) formula-based funding to community colleges, university regional campuses, and OTCs to establish and operate workforce credential and certificate programs under 30 credit hours or less than 900 clock hours and (2) additional support to short-term certificate programs. The executive proposal requires programs to be prioritized based on how well they align with occupations determined to be most in-demand to meet statewide or regional workforce goals. Funds are allocated among institutions in approximate proportion to each entity's share of eligible short-term certificate programs, while also considering student enrollments, completions, past utilization of short-term certificate funding, and other factors. Prior to FY 2024, this item supported the Short-Term Certificate Grant Program, which awarded need-based financial aid to students enrolled in a community or technical college or an OTC in a program completed in less than one year and for which a certificate or industry-recognized credential was awarded in an in-demand job. Since FY 2020, TechCred, a similar financial assistance program, has been funded using a combination of GRF line item 195556, TechCred Program, and Fund 5HR0 line item 195606, TechCred Program, in the Department of Development's budget. The executive proposal also authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to support the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative using funds from this line item as well as other ODHE line items: 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, 235494, Second Chance Grant Program, C23529, Workforce Based Training and Equipment, and 195556.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5P30 235663 Variable Savings Plan

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,345,260	\$7,104,413	\$7,764,727	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034
% change	-3.3%	9.3%	9.8%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees and basis points revenues from the sales of Variable Savings Program investment options

Legal Basis: R.C. 3334.19; Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 153 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's expenses for operating the investment options within the Variable Savings Program. This program allows individuals to contribute money to a tax-advantaged investment account to save and pay for higher education and K-12 tuition expenses. Investment providers include BlackRock, Vanguard, Fifth Third Bank, and Dimensional Fund Advisors. Operations are structured into four departments: marketing, operations, information systems, and administration and finance.

5RA0 235616 Workforce and Higher Education Programs

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: FY 2022 cash transfer of \$2.0 million from the GRF

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.)

Purpose: This line item supported the STEM Entrepreneurship and Innovation Program for Students to Help Develop Ohio's Future Workforce to create an innovation pathway between Ohio's K-12 education system and Ohio's colleges and universities and postsecondary career centers and vocational schools. The program focused on students in grades 7-12 and included, in part: STEM Commercialization Plan and STEM Business Plan competitions, mentoring programs, and a STEM Scholarship Program. The funds were distributed to the Ohio Academy of Science, in collaboration with Entrepreneurial Engagement Ohio. In FY 2020 and FY 2021, a similar program was funded in GRF line item 235597, High School STEM Innovation and Ohio College Scholarship and Retention Program.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5UK0 235594 OhioCorps Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: GRF cash transfers of \$2.5 million in FY 2019 and \$150,000 in FY 2022

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Section 4 of S.B. 299 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item assisted eligible state institutions of higher education in establishing and administering the OhioCorps Program, which provided eligible at-risk middle and high school students with guidance to a pathway to higher education through mentorship programs operated by public universities and community colleges. OhioCorps also authorized a one-time college scholarship of \$1,000 for at-risk participants that completed the program, enrolled in a state institution of higher education, and met other academic and community service requirements. H.B. 110 earmarked up to \$50,000 in FY 2022 for ODHE to implement and administer the program. Per H.B. 110, OhioCorps was prohibited from adding new students after the 2020-2021 academic year and ceased to exist at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year. Each student that was otherwise eligible to receive a scholarship under OhioCorps received \$1,000 upon conclusion of the 2021-2022 academic year.

5Y50 235618 State Financial Aid Reconciliation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$692,885	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Refunds from all state financial aid programs administered by the Department of Higher Education

Legal Basis: As needed line item; R.C. 3333.121; Section 381.640 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to pay any outstanding prior-year obligations to higher education institutions with state financial aid awards smaller than necessary to fulfill the state's obligations for all eligible students. By September 1 of each fiscal year, or as soon as possible thereafter, ODHE is to certify to the OBM Director the amount necessary to pay these obligations. The certified amount is appropriated in this line item.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5YD0 235494 Second Chance Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$635,480	\$2,304,000	\$1,976,243	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	262.6%	-14.2%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: GRF cash transfers of \$3.0 million in FY 2022 and \$4.0 million in FY 2024

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.127; Sections 381.10 and 381.650 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item distributes funds to qualifying institutions of higher education and OTCs to provide grants to eligible students under the Second Chance Grant Program. In general, the program provides a one-time grant of up to \$3,000 to help certain individuals who have some college credit but no bachelor's degree reenroll in higher education to obtain a degree or credential. In addition, the executive proposal authorizes the Chancellor and Director of Development to support the proposed Ohio Tech Talent Initiative using funds from this line item as well as other ODHE line items: 235438, Choose Ohio First Scholarship, 235517, Talent Ready Grant Program, 235425, Ohio Work Ready Grant Program, C23529, Workforce Based Training and Equipment, and 195556, TechCred Program, under the budget of the Department of Development.

5ZY0 235592 Grow Your Own Teacher Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$30,975	\$686,539	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	2,116.4%	919.6%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: GRF cash transfers of \$5.0 million in FY 2024 and \$10.0 million in FY 2025

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.393 and 3333.394; Sections 381.10 and 381.655 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used for the Grow Your Own Teacher College Scholarship Program, which awards annual scholarships of up to \$7,500 for up to four years to certain qualifying high school seniors and district employees who commit to teaching in a qualifying school district for at least four years after graduating from a teacher training program. Any scholarship awarded under this program is converted into a loan if the recipient fails to fulfill the teaching commitment within six years after graduating. The Chancellor and Attorney General must collect payments on a converted loan, but are prohibited from charging interest on those payments. The executive proposal also requires ODHE to implement and administer the Ohio Teacher Apprenticeship Program under this line item.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

6450 235664 Guaranteed Savings Plan

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$894,180	\$823,142	\$797,842	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,132
% change	-7.9%	-3.1%	39.1%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers from the Ohio Tuition Trust Fund and Ohio Tuition Trust Reserve Fund, which are custodial funds that consist of the revenue from the sale of customer contracts, tuition units, and investment income earned from the Guaranteed Savings Plan

Legal Basis: R.C. 3334.11; Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 153 of the 129th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item pays the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority's expenses of operating the Guaranteed Savings Plan, which offered pre-paid tuition units as a tax-advantaged savings option for higher education expenses. Individuals that purchased the units can redeem them at a rate based on the current average tuition rate at public four-year universities. However, new enrollments and contributions to the Plan have been suspended since FY 2004 due to issues associated with the Plan's actuarial soundness. Operations are structured into four departments: marketing, operations, information systems, and administration and finance.

6820 235606 Nursing Loan Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$826,698	\$745,887	\$677,689	\$1,200,000	\$1,203,730	\$1,210,344
% change	-9.8%	-9.1%	77.1%	0.3%	0.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$5 surcharge on biennial license renewal fees paid by nurses

Legal Basis: R.C. 3333.28; Sections 381.10 and 381.660 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 298 of the 119th G.A.)

Purpose: These funds support the Nurse Education Assistance Loan Program (NEALP), which provides financial assistance to Ohio students enrolled in at least half-time study in approved prelicensure or postlicensure nurse education programs. The program's purpose is to encourage students to enter the nursing profession and provide affordable college access to nursing students.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Bond Research and Development Fund Group

7014 235639 Research Incentive Third Frontier - Tax

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,930,491	\$7,782,065	\$7,925,641	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
% change	-1.9%	1.8%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Bond Research and Development Fund Group: Transfers of federally-taxable Third Frontier bond proceeds from Fund 7011

Legal Basis: Sections 381.10 and 381.670 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by the Controlling Board on January 26, 2015)

Purpose: This line item supports collaborative research at institutions of higher education through the Research Incentive Program. The program rewards institutions' successes in attracting external research funds by fractionally matching those external funds obtained during the previous year. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, H.B. 33 earmarks the following from this line item: (1) up to \$2.5 million in each fiscal year for research regarding the improvement of water quality; (2) up to \$1.5 million in each fiscal year for spinal cord research; (3) up to \$1 million each fiscal year for research regarding the reduction of infant mortality; (4) up to \$1 million in each fiscal year for issues regarding opiate addiction issues; (5) up to \$750,000 in each fiscal year for research regarding cyber security initiatives; (6) up to \$300,000 in each fiscal year for the I-Corps@Ohio program; and (7) up to \$200,000 in each fiscal year for the Ohio Innovation Exchange Program. The executive proposal recommends eliminating the earmarks for infant mortality reduction and opiate addiction and reducing the earmarks for water quality improvement to \$2 million in each fiscal year and for spinal cord research to \$750,000 in each fiscal year. Prior to FY 2022, this line item, in conjunction with Fund 7011 line item 235634, Research Incentive Third Frontier, supported these purposes. In each of FY 2022 and FY 2023, the OBM Director transferred the \$5 million appropriated in item 235634 to this item. The administrative expenses of the Research Incentive Program are supported by GRF line item 235321, Operating Expenses.

Federal Fund Group

3120 235577 Education, Research, Development, and Dissemination

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,276	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.305, Education Research, Development, and Dissemination

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by the Controlling Board on December 16, 2019)

Purpose: These funds supported a research project conducted by ODHE and the RAND Corporation on the effectiveness of Ohio's stackable credential pathways in health, manufacturing, and information technology. Stackable credential pathways are sequences of aligned credentials that connect from short-term certificates to a bachelor's degree and beyond in a chosen field.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Federal Fund Group

3120 235611 Gear-up Grant

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,634,169	\$2,212,268	\$2,124,682	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000
% change	35.4%	-4.0%	39.1%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.334S, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (Gear-up)

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on November 12, 1999)

Purpose: This line item supports programs that encourage low-income middle and high school students to raise their academic expectations, stay in school, take challenging courses, and go to college. These funds provide for a comprehensive system of school and community-based services, including academic preparation, after-school and summer enrichment services, advising, tutoring, and mentoring in targeted communities in the state with low college participation and high remediation rates. Scholarships to Gear-up program high school graduates who attend a college or university are funded by Fund 3BG0 line item 235651, Gear-up Grant Scholarships. In FY 2022, a new grant award totaling \$28.0 million was awarded to support both programs. The new award is expected to fund both programs for seven years.

3120 235612 Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$967,271	\$921,053	\$846,681	\$1,350,000	\$1,371,939	\$1,388,525
% change	-4.8%	-8.1%	59.4%	1.6%	1.2%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.048, Career and Technical Education—Basic Grants to States

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on December 20, 2000)

Purpose: This line item is used to administer federal postsecondary career-technical education (CTE) funds obtained under the Carl D. Perkins Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V), as well as to provide technical assistance to Perkins V campus coordinators. Perkins V provides funding to develop the academic, career, and technical skills of secondary and postsecondary students who enroll in CTE programs to prepare themselves both for postsecondary education and for careers in high-skill, high-wage, or high-demand occupations. Perkins V funds are provided to states that, in turn, allocate funds by formula to secondary and postsecondary schools, the latter of which includes community and technical colleges, career centers, and some universities. ODHE receives the funds for this line item through intrastate transfer vouchers (ISTVs) from Fund 3L90, used by DEW to distribute Perkins V formula grants to secondary and postsecondary institutions and carry out administration and leadership activities.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Federal Fund Group

3120 235641 Aspire - Federal

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$15,827,163	\$18,208,014	\$17,974,840	\$18,600,000	\$18,996,799	\$18,996,799
% change	15.0%	-1.3%	3.5%	2.1%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.002, Adult Education Basic Grants to States

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on August 18, 2008)

Purpose: This line item supports adult basic and literacy education, including adult education courses in basic math, reading, and writing skills; workplace literacy; life skills; family literacy; English for speakers of other languages (ESOL); and high school equivalency test preparation. State matching funds for this program are provided through GRF line item 235443, Aspire - State.

3120 235669 Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides Initiative

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$149,698	\$83,417	\$132,011	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
% change	-44.3%	58.3%	127.3%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 17.258, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult Programs

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on August 2, 2021)

Purpose: This line item provides federal funds for the Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides (ITAGs) initiative, which guarantees the award of college level credit to students earning agreed upon industry-recognized credentials. The initiative provides a framework of articulation agreements to determine how credit is awarded for industry certifications and state licenses. Among the activities included under the initiative, ODHE develops and deploys statewide articulation agreements, modifies its Course Equivalency Management System to incorporate ITAGS, provides training to community colleges and universities on reporting credit obtained through the ITAGS process, and conducts a summative evaluation of the implementation and outcomes of ITAGS.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Federal Fund Group

3BG0 235651 Gear Up Grant Scholarships

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,429,188	\$1,391,831	\$1,179,363	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000
% change	-2.6%	-15.3%	162.9%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.334S, Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (Gear-up)

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on September 28, 2015)

Purpose: This line item provides scholarships to Gear-up program high school graduates who attend a college or university. Gear-up grant programmatic funding that provides a comprehensive system of school and community-based services is supported by Fund 3120 line item 235611, Gear-up Grant.

3HQ0 235509 GEER - Higher Education Initiatives

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,537,564	\$15,454,224	\$4,768,101	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	105.0%	-69.1%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.425C, Education Stabilization Fund - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on December 14, 2020)

Purpose: This line item provided federal funds to support a variety of initiatives that responded to COVID-19-related issues in higher education including: expanding broadband capacity at several of Ohio's higher education institutions, improving student retention rates at community colleges, statewide transfer guarantee and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) completion initiatives, and for OhioLINK to purchase additional materials for remote and hybrid courses.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Federal Fund Group

3HQ0 235512 Governor's Emergency Education Relief - Higher Education Mental Health

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,929,228	\$3,498,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-11.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.425C, Education Stabilization Fund - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item (originally established by Controlling Board on September 28, 2020)

Purpose: This line item provided federal funds to support the need for additional mental health and counseling support services for students enrolled at the state's public and private, non-profit institutions of higher education. Institutions used these funds to provide mental health support and capacity development, connect to community mental health resources, and implement behavioral health supports in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mental health supports funding from the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund, which had to be spent by December 30, 2020, was appropriated in Fund 5CV1 line item 235557, COVID Response - Higher Education Mental Health. In FY 2024 and FY 2025, \$10.0 million in each fiscal year is provided for mental health support at higher education institutions under GRF line item 235419, Mental Health Support.

3HQ0 2356A1 Science of Reading

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 84.425C, Education Stabilization Fund - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund

Legal Basis: Established by Controlling Board on September 9, 2024

Purpose: This line item is used, in conjunction with approximately \$2.0 million from GRF line item 235585, Educator Preparation Programs, to contract with the University of Texas at Austin to complete audits of 49 educator preparation programs. These audits document the degree to which each educator preparation program is effectively teaching the science of reading. The executive proposal discontinues this line item.

Ohio Department of Higher Education

Federal Fund Group

3N60 235658 John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$54,546	\$52,640	\$123,550	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$128,000
% change	-3.5%	134.7%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 16.816, John R. Justice Prosecutors and Defenders Incentive Act

Legal Basis: Section 381.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by the Controlling Board on October 25, 2010)

Purpose: This line item supports the federal John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program, which provides loan repayment assistance for state and federal public defenders and state prosecutors who agree to remain employed in hard-to-staff locations for at least three years. Recipients may be competitively selected. Award amounts depend on the number of qualified recipients.

**FY 2026 - FY 2027 Appropriations - As Introduced
All Fund Groups - Detail**

H.B. 96 - Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Detail by Agency			FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
BOR Ohio Department of Higher Education								
GRF	235321	Operating Expenses	\$7,939,352	\$8,444,000	\$9,155,067	\$9,331,598	8.42%	1.93%
GRF	235402	Sea Grants	\$308,000	\$317,000	\$308,000	\$308,000	-2.84%	0.00%
GRF	235406	Articulation and Transfer	\$2,066,893	\$2,225,000	\$2,269,500	\$2,314,890	2.00%	2.00%
GRF	235408	Midwest Higher Education Compact	\$115,000	\$118,000	\$115,000	\$115,000	-2.54%	0.00%
GRF	235413	Computer Science	\$4,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$4,004,863	\$4,006,508	0.12%	0.04%
GRF	235414	Grants and Scholarship Administration	\$983,882	\$994,000	\$922,538	\$985,378	-7.19%	6.81%
GRF	235417	Technology Maintenance and Operations	\$4,397,808	\$4,500,000	\$4,520,396	\$4,528,397	0.45%	0.18%
GRF	235419	Mental Health Support	\$9,956,905	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235425	Ohio Work Ready Grant	\$9,635,147	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235428	Appalachian New Economy Workforce Partnership	\$4,243,000	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000	\$4,455,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235438	Choose Ohio First Scholarship	\$20,797,069	\$32,000,000	\$34,000,000	\$36,000,000	6.25%	5.88%
GRF	235443	Aspire - State	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	\$7,083,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235444	Ohio Technical Centers	\$22,464,000	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000	\$23,138,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235474	Area Health Education Centers Program Support	\$899,000	\$900,000	\$899,000	\$899,000	-0.11%	0.00%
GRF	235475	Campus Security Support Program	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235476	Campus Student Safety Grant Program	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235492	Campus Safety and Training	\$597,640	\$700,000	\$656,504	\$661,950	-6.21%	0.83%
GRF	235501	State Share of Instruction	\$2,094,658,776	\$2,117,706,343	\$2,119,751,939	\$2,119,751,939	0.10%	0.00%
GRF	235504	War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships	\$17,486,342	\$20,600,000	\$25,000,000	\$30,000,000	21.36%	20.00%
GRF	235505	State Share of Instruction Reconciliation	\$2,441,115	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
GRF	235507	OhioLINK	\$6,140,000	\$6,447,000	\$6,447,000	\$6,447,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235508	Air Force Institute of Technology	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235510	Ohio Supercomputer Center	\$4,844,000	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000	\$5,086,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235511	The Ohio State University Extension Service	\$25,504,000	\$26,269,000	\$25,504,000	\$25,504,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235514	Central State Supplement	\$12,036,000	\$12,397,000	\$12,768,910	\$13,151,977	3.00%	3.00%

**FY 2026 - FY 2027 Appropriations - As Introduced
All Fund Groups - Detail**

H.B. 96 - Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Detail by Agency			FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
BOR Ohio Department of Higher Education								
GRF	235515	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	\$2,100,000	\$2,163,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235519	Family Practice	\$3,098,000	\$3,191,000	\$3,098,000	\$3,098,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235520	Shawnee State Supplement	\$9,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$9,270,000	\$9,548,100	3.00%	3.00%
GRF	235525	Geriatric Medicine	\$511,000	\$526,000	\$511,000	\$511,000	-2.85%	0.00%
GRF	235526	Primary Care Residencies	\$1,468,000	\$1,512,000	\$1,468,000	\$1,468,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235530	Governor's Merit Scholarship	\$0	\$22,700,000	\$47,000,000	\$70,000,000	107.05%	48.94%
GRF	235533	Program and Project Support	\$17,000,000	\$15,100,000	\$24,500,000	\$10,500,000	62.25%	-57.14%
GRF	235535	Ohio State Agricultural Research	\$37,169,000	\$38,284,000	\$37,169,000	\$37,169,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235536	The Ohio State University Clinical Teaching	\$9,461,000	\$9,745,000	\$9,461,000	\$9,461,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235537	University of Cincinnati Clinical Teaching	\$8,085,000	\$8,343,000	\$8,085,000	\$8,085,000	-3.09%	0.00%
GRF	235538	University of Toledo Clinical Teaching	\$6,065,000	\$6,247,000	\$6,065,000	\$6,065,000	-2.91%	0.00%
GRF	235539	Wright State University Clinical Teaching	\$4,447,000	\$4,535,000	\$4,447,000	\$4,447,000	-1.94%	0.00%
GRF	235540	Ohio University Clinical Teaching	\$2,849,000	\$2,934,000	\$2,849,000	\$2,849,000	-2.90%	0.00%
GRF	235541	Northeast Ohio Medical University Clinical Teaching	\$2,930,000	\$3,018,000	\$2,930,000	\$2,930,000	-2.92%	0.00%
GRF	235543	Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine Clinic Subsidy	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235546	Central State Agricultural Research and Development	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	\$5,828,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235548	Central State Cooperative Extension Services	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	\$5,168,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235552	Capital Component	\$3,629,566	\$3,629,596	\$3,629,566	\$3,629,566	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235555	Library Depositories	\$1,100,000	\$900,000	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	22.22%	0.00%
GRF	235556	Ohio Academic Resources Network	\$3,262,000	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000	\$3,568,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235558	Long-term Care Research	\$318,000	\$327,000	\$318,000	\$318,000	-2.75%	0.00%
GRF	235563	Ohio College Opportunity Grant	\$157,772,084	\$197,300,000	\$220,600,000	\$207,400,000	11.81%	-5.98%
GRF	235569	The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine Supplement	\$5,150,000	\$5,304,000	\$20,000,000	\$20,000,000	277.07%	0.00%
GRF	235572	The Ohio State University Clinic Support	\$750,000	\$772,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	-2.85%	0.00%
GRF	235578	Federal Research Network	\$5,099,000	\$5,251,000	\$5,099,000	\$5,099,000	-2.89%	0.00%

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BOR Ohio Department of Higher Education								
GRF	235585	Educator Preparation Programs	\$335,316	\$2,650,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	-5.66%	0.00%
GRF	235591	Co-Op Internship Program	\$1,135,000	\$1,215,000	\$165,000	\$165,000	-86.42%	0.00%
GRF	235595	Commercial Truck Driver Student Aid Program	\$3,663,846	\$2,550,000	\$2,550,486	\$2,550,651	0.02%	0.01%
GRF	235598	Rural University Program	\$412,000	\$424,000	\$412,000	\$412,000	-2.83%	0.00%
GRF	235599	National Guard Scholarship Program	\$17,022,622	\$19,250,000	\$18,399,750	\$18,399,750	-4.42%	0.00%
GRF	2355A1	FAFSA Support Teams	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	2355A3	Campus Community Grant Program	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
GRF	235909	Higher Education General Obligation Bond Debt Service	\$248,294,999	\$275,000,000	\$250,000,000	\$210,000,000	-9.09%	-16.00%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$2,824,220,362	\$2,961,313,939	\$3,012,625,519	\$2,976,386,704	1.73%	-1.20%
2200	235614	Program Approval and Reauthorization	\$615,764	\$882,000	\$769,126	\$789,679	-12.80%	2.67%
4560	235603	Sales and Services	\$120,000	\$199,250	\$129,725	\$133,017	-34.89%	2.54%
4E80	235602	Higher Educational Facility Commission Administration	\$64,179	\$67,600	\$69,839	\$73,807	3.31%	5.68%
5AH1	235688	Super RAPIDS	\$62,625,571	\$36,621,214	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
5AO1	235613	Northeast Ohio Medical University Dental School	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5CJ1	2356A2	Strategic Square Footage Reduction	\$0	\$0	\$82,650,000	\$0	N/A	-100.00%
5D40	235675	Conference/Special Purposes	\$22,119	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	-50.00%	0.00%
5FRO	235650	State and Non-Federal Grants and Awards	\$193,871	\$3,152,150	\$1,405,944	\$1,412,670	-55.40%	0.48%
5HC8	659698	BOR Home and Community Based Services	\$12,939,752	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
5NH0	235517	Talent Ready Grant Program	\$9,892,026	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
5P30	235663	Variable Savings Plan	\$7,764,727	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034	\$8,522,034	0.00%	0.00%
5YD0	235494	Second Chance Grant Program	\$1,976,243	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
5ZY0	235592	Grow Your Own Teacher Program	\$30,975	\$686,539	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	919.61%	0.00%
6450	235664	Guaranteed Savings Plan	\$797,842	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,131	\$1,110,132	0.00%	0.00%
6820	235606	Nursing Loan Program	\$677,689	\$1,200,000	\$1,203,730	\$1,210,344	0.31%	0.55%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$101,720,756	\$64,690,918	\$114,985,529	\$32,376,683	77.75%	-71.84%

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BOR Ohio Department of Higher Education						
7014 235639 Research Incentive Third Frontier - Tax	\$7,925,641	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
Bond Research and Development Fund Group Subtotal	\$7,925,641	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
3120 235611 Gear-up Grant	\$2,124,682	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000	\$2,956,000	0.00%	0.00%
3120 235612 Carl D. Perkins Grant/Plan Administration	\$846,681	\$1,350,000	\$1,371,939	\$1,388,525	1.63%	1.21%
3120 235641 Aspire - Federal	\$17,974,840	\$18,600,000	\$18,996,799	\$18,996,799	2.13%	0.00%
3120 235669 Industry Credential Transfer Assurance Guides Initiative	\$132,011	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	0.00%	0.00%
3BG0 235651 Gear Up Grant Scholarships	\$1,179,363	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	0.00%	0.00%
3HQ0 235509 GEER - Higher Education Initiatives	\$4,768,101	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A	N/A
3HQ0 2356A1 Science of Reading	\$0	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$0	-100.00%	N/A
3N60 235658 John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program	\$123,550	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$128,000	0.00%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal	\$27,149,228	\$30,934,000	\$26,852,738	\$26,869,324	-13.19%	0.06%
Ohio Department of Higher Education Total	\$2,961,015,987	\$3,064,938,857	\$3,162,463,786	\$3,043,632,711	3.18%	-3.76%