

# Redbook

## LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

### Department of Commerce

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    Catalog of Budget Line Items (COBLI)

    Appropriation Spreadsheet

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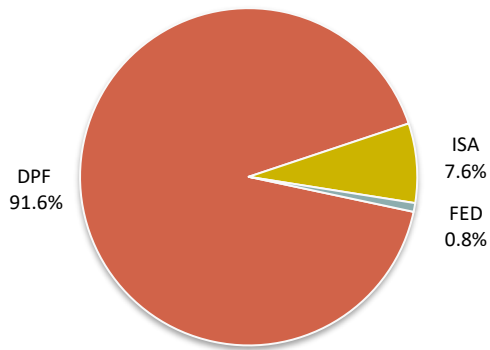
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### Quick look...

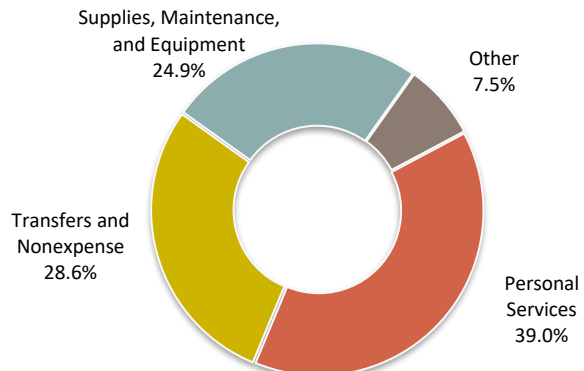
- The Department of Commerce (COM) regulates a diverse range of industries and professions in the state. It also regulates the liquor industry as well as the state’s medical and adult-use marijuana programs. In addition, COM houses the State Fire Marshal’s Office.
- Total budget recommendations are approximately \$317.1 million in FY 2026 and \$321.8 million in FY 2027.
  - The Department operates with no GRF money.
  - Almost all the budget is funded through fees from regulated businesses and professions.
- H.B. 96 provides funding for COM to continue investment in information technology (IT) infrastructure for the Division of Industrial Compliance and the Construction Industry Licensing Board.
- The Governor’s proposal provides funding for the regulation of adult-use marijuana through the Adult Use Tax Fund (Fund QG18).

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$308,943,180	\$264,285,756	\$290,197,368	\$294,753,114
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$20,766,033	\$23,004,433	\$24,261,410	\$24,374,428
Federal (FED)	\$2,938,122	\$2,886,798	\$2,678,636	\$2,678,636
Total	\$332,647,336	\$290,176,987	\$317,137,414	\$321,806,178
% change	--	-12.88%	9.3%	1.5%

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



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



Biennial total: \$638.9 million

## Overview

### Agency overview

The Department of Commerce (COM) regulates a wide array of industries and professions across Ohio. It oversees (1) state-chartered financial institutions, (2) the securities market in the state, (3) Ohio's Unclaimed Funds Program, (4) the building trades, including state labor laws, (5) the Ohio Fire Code, including fire and explosion investigations and firefighter training, (6) the alcoholic beverage industry in the state, and (7) the state's medical and adult-use marijuana programs. Overall, there are seven operating divisions corresponding to these regulatory responsibilities, as well as the Division of Administration which provides department-wide management oversight. As of February 2025, the Department of Commerce employs over 1,000 total employees with 823 full-time and part-time permanent staff and 180 intermittent employees.

### Appropriation summary

The executive budget provides a total appropriation of \$317.1 million in FY 2026 and \$321.8 million in FY 2027. Chart 1 on the previous page shows that \$585.0 million (91.6%) of all appropriations is for the Department's regulatory and oversight functions supported by fees and other revenues deposited into funds of the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. Chart 2 shows the executive recommended appropriations by object of expense. Totaling \$249.4 million for the biennium, payroll and employee fringe benefits comprise the largest share of expenses at 39.0% of the agency's biennial budget. Transfers and nonexpense items account for \$182.9 million (28.6%) of the recommended budget. Almost all the funding in this category is for the Unclaimed Funds Program. Supplies, maintenance, and equipment costs among the Department's operating divisions amount to \$159.4 million (24.9%) of proposed spending. Other expenses, which include those for purchased personal services and various subsidies (for grant programs) and shared revenue combined, amount to 7.5% of proposed biennial appropriations.

Table 1 below shows the executive recommendations for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium by functional category. These categories correspond to the eight operating divisions within the Department, except for the Division of Financial Institutions and the Division of Securities, which are grouped together in this Redbook. Overall, the Unclaimed Funds Program accounts for the greatest share of the budget at \$213.0 million (33.3%) of the proposed spending for FY 2026-FY 2027. Regulatory activities under the divisions of (1) Industrial Compliance and Labor, (2) State Fire Marshal's Office, (3) Financial Institutions & Securities, (4) Real Estate and Professional Licensing, as well as (5) the Division of Cannabis Control, combined account for \$305.0 million (47.8%) of the FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal. The Division of Liquor Control's liquor permitting and spirituous liquor franchise operations account for \$72.3 million (11.3%) of the recommended budget. Finally, the Division of Administration accounts for \$48.6 million (7.6%) of proposed spending.

<b>Table 1. Executive Recommendations by Functional Category (in millions)</b>				
<b>Functional Category</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>Biennial Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Unclaimed Funds	\$106.8	\$106.2	\$213.0	33.3%
Industrial Compliance and Labor	\$33.5	\$33.7	\$67.2	10.5%
State Fire Marshal	\$47.0	\$47.9	\$94.9	14.9%
Financial Institutions & Securities	\$38.4	\$39.4	\$77.8	12.2%
Liquor Control	\$36.1	\$36.2	\$72.3	11.3%
Real Estate and Professional Licensing	\$8.7	\$8.9	\$17.6	2.8%
Cannabis Control	\$22.4	\$25.1	\$47.5	7.4%
Administration	\$24.2	\$24.4	\$48.6	7.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$317.1</b>	<b>\$321.8</b>	<b>\$638.9</b>	

Note: Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

## **Budget highlights**

### **Division of Cannabis Control**

Over the prior biennium, the Department of Commerce assumed the duties previously held by the State Board of Pharmacy with respect to the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP). Additionally, the passage of Issue 2 during the November 7, 2023 general election legalized adult-use recreational marijuana. COM assumed oversight responsibility of this industry. As a result of these changes, COM established the Division of Cannabis Control to house both medical and recreational marijuana oversight programs.

#### **Medical Marijuana Control Program**

The MMCP has now fully transitioned into the newly formed Division of Cannabis Control. Previously, oversight was split, with COM regulating cultivators, processors, and testing laboratories, and the State Board of Pharmacy (PRX) regulating medical marijuana patients, caregivers, and dispensaries. This consolidation was the result of H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, the main operating budget for the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, which transferred all oversight of the medical marijuana industry to COM as of December 31, 2023.

#### **Adult-use marijuana**

At the November 2023 general election, voters approved Issue 2, legalizing adult-use of recreational marijuana. Under the proposed budget, the regulatory costs the Division of Cannabis Control and the Department of Taxation incur for overseeing the adult-use marijuana industry would be supported by 2.5% of the adult-use marijuana excise tax deposited into the Adult Use Tax Fund (Fund QG18). The current tax rate is 10% whereas the executive budget proposes a 20% tax rate.

## **Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) classifications**

H.B. 96 contains a provision that allows a PERS member who, on the bill's effective date, is employed as a State Fire Marshal law enforcement officer to elect to participate in the PERS law enforcement or PERS public safety division, rather than regular PERS, for the member's future service. The bill also includes a provision that in the PERS law enforcement and public safety divisions a PERS member who, after the bill's effective date, becomes employed full time as a State Fire Marshal law enforcement officer. The State Fire Marshal's (SFM) Office indicates that there are 30 employees that would qualify to participate in these classification provisions.

## **Kids Internet and Data Safety Commission**

H.B. 96 contains a provision that creates the Kids Internet and Data Safety Commission within the Department of Commerce consisting of 11 members. The Commission would see to it that: (1) "covered platforms" accessed by a child or teen, take certain measures to prevent foreseeable harms to children, (2) covered platforms undergo third-party audits and issue annual reports concerning compliance with these requirements, (3) "online platforms" provide notices about algorithms used to display content on the platform, (4) certain practices by operators of websites, online services, and applications and mobile applications related to the collection, use, disclosure, and deletion of personal information are prohibited, and (5) any such operators receive "verifiable consent" from the teen or parent of a child before collecting such personal information.

The bill delays the implementation of these provisions until FY 2027. It also creates the Kids Internet and Data Safety Fund in the state treasury, to pay the Commission's expenses related to administering these provisions. The fund will consist of money collected through administrative penalties under the bill. However, the bill does not provide an initial source of cash to capitalize the fund until those penalties are levied and collected.

# 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 Department of Commerce’s (COM) budget. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into eight 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 COM 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 COM’s Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget Proposal

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Category
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group</b>			
4B20	800631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	6:3 Real Estate and Professional Licensing
4H90	800608	Cemeteries	6:5 Real Estate and Professional Licensing
4X20	800619	Financial Institutions	4:1 Financial Institutions and Securities
5430	800602	Unclaimed Funds – Operating	1:1 Unclaimed Funds
5430	800625	Unclaimed Funds – Claims	1:2 Unclaimed Funds
5440	800612	Banks	4:2 Financial Institutions and Securities
5460	800610	Fire Marshal	3:1 State Fire Marshal
5460	800639	Fire Department Grants	3:2 State Fire Marshal
5480	800611	Real Estate Recovery	6:2 Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5490	800614	Real Estate	6:1 Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5500	800617	Securities	4:6 Financial Institutions and Securities
5520	800604	Credit Union	4:3 Financial Institutions and Securities
5530	800607	Consumer Finance	4:4 Financial Institutions and Securities
5560	800615	Industrial Compliance	2:1 Industrial Compliance and Labor
5BG1	800659	Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	3:3 State Fire Marshal
5F10	800635	Small Government Fire Departments	3:4 State Fire Marshal



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

Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
5FW0	800616	Financial Literacy Education	4:5	Financial Institutions and Securities
5GK0	800609	Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	4:7	Financial Institutions and Securities
5HV0	800641	Cigarette Enforcement	3:6	State Fire Marshal
5LC0	800644	Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	5:2	Liquor Control
5LN0	800645	Liquor Operating Services	5:1	Liquor Control
5LP0	800646	Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	5:3	Liquor Control
5SJ0	800648	Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	8:3	State Fire Marshal
5SY0	800650	Medical Marijuana Control Program	7:1	Medical Marijuana Control
5VD0	800653	Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	6:4	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5X60	800623	Video Service	6:6	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5XK0	800657	Ohio Investor Recovery	4:8	Financial Institutions and Securities
6530	800629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	3:5	State Fire Marshal
QG18	800660	Marijuana Control Administration – COM	7:2	Marijuana Control Administration
<b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group</b>				
1630	800620	Division of Administration	8:1	Administration
1630	800637	Information Technology	8:2	Administration
<b>Federal Fund Group</b>				
3480	800622	Underground Storage Tanks	3:5	State Fire Marshal
3480	800624	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	3:5	State Fire Marshal

## Category 1: Unclaimed Funds

This category of ALIs provides for the safekeeping and return of moneys designated as “unclaimed” to their rightful owners. In the meantime, the Division of Unclaimed Funds uses a portion of reported unclaimed funds to support housing loan guarantees. The funds have also been used in recent years to support operations of other state programs through transfers to the GRF.

### C1:1: Unclaimed Funds – Operating (ALI 800602)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5430 ALI 800602, Unclaimed Funds – Operating	\$14,039,257	\$16,777,906	\$16,249,752
% change	--	19.5%	-3.1%

This ALI pays the operating and administrative expenses of the Division of Unclaimed Funds. The Division is comprised of administrative, claims processing, compliance, and

accountability sections. The Division is a part of the Ohio Business Gateway, which allows businesses to electronically file reports and remit funds into the state’s unclaimed funds account using the Automated Clearing House (ACH). The Division currently uses an information technology (IT) system to manage the entire unclaimed property process (from the initial loading of reports and receipts to the payment of claims). The recommended appropriations for this ALI will support a new IT system that will integrate the system with COM’s current website and include identification verification and fraud prevention reporting and analytics.

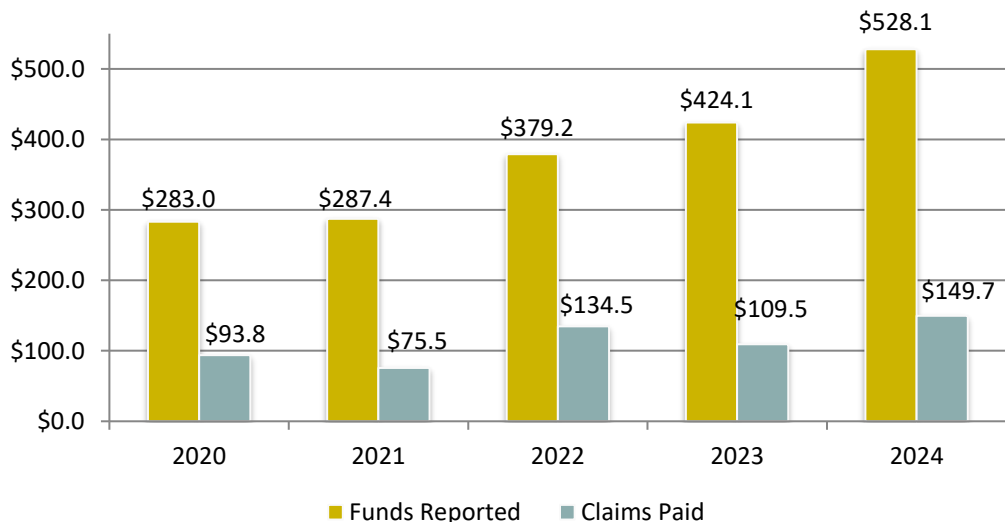
**C1:2: Unclaimed Funds – Claims (ALI 800625)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5430 ALI 800625, Unclaimed Funds – Claims	\$70,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
% change	--	28.6%	0.0%

This ALI pays for claims of money under the Unclaimed Funds Law, including the interest that accumulated while the money was held in trust by the state. Because there is always the potential that claims made exceed the amount appropriated, H.B. 96 includes the language appropriating the additional amounts as needed.

The Unclaimed Funds Program is statutorily responsible for the safekeeping and return of moneys designated as unclaimed due to death, inadvertence, or forgetfulness. Common sources of unclaimed funds include dormant checking and savings accounts, insurance proceeds, unclaimed wages and employment benefits, uncashed checks and money orders, undelivered stock and dividends, forgotten rent or utility deposits, and intangible contents of safe deposit boxes. These unclaimed funds are held in a custodial account under the Treasurer of State. As Chart 3 below shows, the program collected \$528.1 million and paid \$149.7 million in claims to current or former Ohio residents in FY 2024. Chart 3 also summarizes the unclaimed funds reported and claims paid from FY 2020 to FY 2024.

**Chart 3: Unclaimed Funds Reported and Claimed (in millions)**



Until the rightful owner is located, unclaimed funds support economic development throughout Ohio. The Ohio Housing Finance Agency use these resources to guarantee and fund low- and moderate-income housing programs. Unclaimed funds also guarantee performance bonds for the Minority Business Bonding Fund under the Ohio Department of Development.

### Unclaimed funds civil penalties

H.B. 96 contains several provisions that modify the Unclaimed Funds Law. First, the bill modifies the civil penalties for violations of the Unclaimed Funds Law to expand the not more than \$500 per day fine to specify that it is not more than \$500 per day for each offense. The bill also allows the COM Director to impose a civil penalty of \$500 for each day from the date a fraudulent unclaimed funds report was filed until the date it is corrected, up to a maximum of \$25,000, and impose an additional penalty of 25% of the amount unreported or underreported. These changes may provide the Director greater discretion to impose civil penalties.

## Category 2: Industrial Compliance and Labor

This category of appropriations funds the building code development, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial and residential construction industry and manufactured homes industry. The Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, which enforces the prevailing wage, minimum wage, and minor labor laws, is also included in this category.

### C2:1: Industrial Compliance (ALI 800615)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5560 ALI 800615, Industrial Compliance	\$32,337,310	\$33,508,390	\$33,692,610
% change	--	3.6%	0.5%

This ALI supports the operations of the Division of Industrial Compliance. This includes oversight of building code development, inspection, plan, review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial and residential construction industry and manufactured homes industry. The Division also houses the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, which enforces the prevailing wage, minimum wage, and minor labor laws. The costs for these activities are covered by fees assessed on the regulated entities. This includes elevator inspection fees, plan examination fees, boiler fees, Board of Building Standards fees, bedding fees, Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board fees, and so forth. The exception is the Program Administration area, which is funded by an administrative charge based on cumulative annual payroll assessed to all boards and sections within the Division.

Funding levels for the various bureaus and programs under the auspices of the Division of Industrial Compliance are provided in Table 2 below. Of the funding under this ALI, approximately \$53.2 million (79.1%) over the biennium is for personnel, \$12.7 million (18.9%) is for supplies and maintenance, and \$1.3 million (2.0%) is for purchased personal services, equipment, and other expenses.

Table 2. Industrial Compliance Program Funding Summary (in millions)		
Program	FY 2026	FY 2027
Operations and Maintenance	\$13.7	\$14.3
Program Administration	\$5.2	\$5.3
Building Code Compliance	\$7.1	\$7.6
Board of Building Standards	\$3.4	\$2.9
Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board	\$2.6	\$2.1
Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration	\$1.5	\$1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33.5</b>	<b>\$33.7</b>

**BBS Grant Program and minimum wage filings**

The proposed budget contains a provision that allows the Board of Building Standards (BBS) to establish a grant program to assist local building departments in the recruitment, training, and retention of qualified personnel. In particular, it allows fees credited to Fund 5560 for inspections and approval of plans and specifications by local building departments to be used to award grants under the program.

**Wage and hour records**

H.B. 96 requires an employer who fails to retain records related to wages and hours to pay a fine of not more than \$100 per day of the violation and limits these total fines to \$5,000. These fines would be deposited into Fund 5560.

**Category 3: State Fire Marshal**

This category of ALIs provides funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, which provides protection to the citizens of Ohio from the dangers of fire and explosions and protects the environment from releases of petroleum from underground storage tanks. The State Fire Marshal analyzes fire-related criminal evidence, enforces the Ohio Fire Code, investigates the cause and origin of fires and explosions, regulates underground storage tanks, trains firefighters, and provides fire safety education to businesses, industry, and the public. Additionally, it will provide monthly death benefits to survivors of volunteer peace officers killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to disabled volunteer peace officers.

**C3:1: Fire Marshal (ALI 800610)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5460 ALI 800610, Fire Marshal	\$29,102,147	\$30,366,505	\$31,171,353
% change	--	4.3%	2.7%

This ALI provides primary operating funds for the administration of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and programs operated by the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal

Fund (Fund 5460) is the Division’s primary operating fund and is supported by a 0.75% surcharge on fire insurance premiums, 20.0% of retaliatory (or “reciprocity”) taxes on out-of-state insurance companies, and fees from fireworks licenses, building inspections, course fees, and federal and state grants. Initial program allocations are shown in Table 3 below.

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>
Program Administration	\$7.9	\$7.9
Ohio Fire Academy	\$5.5	\$5.6
Code Enforcement	\$5.4	\$5.7
Investigations	\$5.8	\$6.1
Fire Prevention	\$2.3	\$2.4
Forensic Lab	\$2.2	\$2.3
Testing and Registration	\$1.3	\$1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30.4</b>	<b>\$31.2</b>

### **C3:2: Fire Department Grants (ALI 800639)**

<b>Fund/ALI</b>	<b>FY 2025 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2026 Introduced</b>	<b>FY 2027 Introduced</b>
DPF Fund 5460 ALI 800639, Fire Department Grants	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to provide grants to local fire departments to offset the cost of training and equipment. Volunteer fire departments, fire departments, joint fire districts, or local governments responsible for fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, and certain other fire service providers are eligible for the grants. These grants must be used to (1) purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, (2) provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or (3) at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in that grant recipient’s jurisdiction. Grants for firefighting or rescue equipment, gear, or the provision of fire protection services are limited to \$15,000 per fiscal year unless an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded. In those cases, grants are limited to \$25,000 per fiscal year. Grants for reimbursement of firefighter training costs are limited to \$15,000 per fiscal year. Eligible entities may receive grants for both purposes. For each fiscal year, the State Fire Marshal will determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.

**Earmarks**

This ALI also provides the funding for the MARCS Grant Program. Of the amount appropriated, up to \$4.0 million in each fiscal year can be used for MARCS grants. This grant program helps offset the costs that local fire departments incur for MARCS-related radio equipment and services and to promote the interoperability between fire responders. Eligible recipients are the same as fire equipment and training grants as mentioned above. However, grants are limited to \$50,000 in each fiscal year per grant recipient.

Lastly, up to \$1.3 million in each fiscal year may go towards the Firefighter I Training Grant Program. These grants are awarded to fire training schools to provide training to newly hired or volunteer firefighters at no cost to the local government. Fire training schools apply through the State Fire Marshal and are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

**C3:3: Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training (ALI 800659)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5BG1 ALI 800659, Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used by the State Fire Marshal to carry out firefighter training programs and cover the expenses attributable to administering the Fireworks Law as established by H.B. 172 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. These programs are funded through a fee of 4% of the gross receipts on retail sales of consumer-grade fireworks by licensed retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers deposited into the Fireworks Fee Receipts Fund (Fund 5BG1). Fund 5BG1 collected \$2.3 million in FY 2024 and \$2.6 million thus far in FY 2025. Under the law, seven/eighths of the fee revenue collected is required to be used to conduct firefighter training programs with the remaining portion used to regulate the fireworks industry.

**C3:4: Small Government Fire Departments (ALI 800635)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5F10 ALI 800635, Small Government Fire Departments	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program, which makes no interest loans to small governments for up to 95.0% of the cost of firefighter equipment or the construction or renovation of fire department buildings. The Small Government Fire Departments Fund (Fund 5F10) is replenished by loan repayments. To provide loan funding, H.B. 96 gives the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director the authority, upon the request of the Director of Commerce, to transfer up to \$600,000 from Fund 5460 to Fund 5F10 for the purpose of this program during the biennium.

### C3:5: Underground Storage Tanks (ALIs 800629, 800622, and 800624)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 6530 ALI 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee	\$2,539,151	\$2,813,369	\$2,824,398
% change	--	10.8%	0.4%
Fund 3480 ALI 800622, Underground Storage Tanks	\$831,359	\$779,620	\$779,620
% change	--	-6.2%	0.0%
Fund 3480 ALI 800624, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$2,055,439	\$1,899,016	\$1,899,016
% change	--	-7.6%	0.0%
Total Underground Storage Tanks	\$5,425,949	\$5,492,005	\$5,503,034
% change	--	1.2%	2.0%

These three ALIs provide support for the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation (BUSTR), which regulates the installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of underground storage tank (UST) systems as well as the investigation and cleanup of petroleum products released from UST systems into the environment. BUSTR oversees over 21,000 USTs.

Fund 6530 ALI 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee, provides funding for underground storage tank regulation and is supported by annual tank registration fees and permits. It provides the state matching funds required for BUSTR's federal funding.

Fund 3480 ALI 800622, Underground Storage Tanks, provides the federal funds used for the regulation of underground storage tanks, including the permitting of tank installation, removal, upgrade, or major repair. Federal funding for this program requires a 25% state match.

Fund 3480 ALI 800624, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, provides the federal funds necessary to evaluate and clean up leaking underground storage tanks containing petroleum. Federal funding for this program requires a 10% state match.

### C3:6: Cigarette Enforcement (ALI 800641)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5HV0 ALI 800641, Cigarette Enforcement	\$27,324	\$27,324	\$27,324
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports the functions of the Cigarette Enforcement Program, which certifies cigarettes as meeting reduced ignition propensity standards. Cigarettes passing the ignition propensity standards are not as likely to set fire to certain types of fabrics, such as upholstered furniture or mattresses. To be certified by the state, each cigarette manufacturer must (1) test cigarettes through a laboratory or an alternative testing method to ensure the cigarettes meet

the standards specified in law, (2) indicate on the packaging that the cigarettes meet fire safety standards, and (3) submit written certification to the State Fire Marshal’s Office within the Department of Commerce that each type of cigarette tested meets the standards. Manufacturers must recertify each type of cigarette every three years. To offset the State Fire Marshal’s costs for administering the certification program, manufacturers pay a \$1,000 fee for each type of brand family included in an application. Proceeds from the fee are deposited into the Cigarette Enforcement Fund (Fund 5HV0), which as of February 2025, has a cash balance of \$234,500.

### Category 4: Financial Institutions and Securities

This category of appropriations provides funding to oversee state-chartered banks, savings institutions, credit unions, and various consumer finance organizations through the Division of Financial Institutions as well as securities and securities professionals through the Division of Securities. These ALIs fund programs that ensure the overall safety and soundness of these institutions and individuals and provide education regarding financial literacy, home mortgage lending practices, and securities investing to reduce the number of consumers falling victim to abusive practices.

#### Division of Financial Institutions

##### C4:1: Financial Institutions (ALI 800619)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 4X20 ALI 800619, Financial Institutions	\$2,217,605	\$2,129,695	\$2,138,176
% change	--	-4.0%	0.4%

This ALI provides centralized administrative support to the Division of Financial Institutions’ various sections, which include Banks, Credit Union, and Consumer Finance. The executive staff, facilities management, front desk operations, and centralized records retention and administration are all funded out of this line item. The Financial Institutions Fund (Fund 4X20) receives revenue from quarterly assessments on the Banks Fund (Fund 5440), the Credit Unions Fund (Fund 5520), and the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530). Quarterly assessments are prorated among these operating funds based on the budgeted headcount for each fund.

##### C4:2: Banks (ALI 800612)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5440 ALI 800612, Banks	\$12,557,393	\$11,467,455	\$11,775,392
% change	--	-8.7%	2.7%

This ALI supports the regulation of state-chartered banks, trust companies, and money transmitters. The Banks Fund (Fund 5440) receives revenue from application and examination fees paid by state-chartered banks, assessments charged to all banks subject to examination by the Division, and money transmitter fees.



The Banks Program oversees the sound operation of 104 state-chartered banks, including the review of new bank charters, mergers, new branch ventures, and other activities. The Banks Program does not have jurisdiction over federal thrifts or national banks. Its main responsibility is to review and approve new bank charters, mergers, branch ventures, and other activities. The program also determines the safety and soundness of each bank and monitors institution adherence to applicable laws and regulations through regular onsite field examinations and off-site surveillance and monitoring. Program staff coordinate supervisory activities with the applicable federal regulatory agencies, the Federal Reserve, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). While Banks Program staff coordinate with their federal counterparts, they also compete with them to maintain bank charters due to the dual regulatory environment within the financial services industry.

The Money Transmitters Program provides for the licensing, supervision, and regulation of money transmitters operating within the state. The program’s funding is derived from annual license fees and investigation fees for money transmitter licenses. The fee for a new money transmitter license is \$6,000. The renewal fee is based on the transmitter’s volume of business in the state.

Over the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, part of the funding under Fund 5440 ALI 800612, Banks, was used in combination with amounts from the Credit Unions Fund (Fund 5520) and the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530), to replace outdated IT systems and create a centralized system to manage the work of the Division of Financial Institutions. These upgrades, when completed, will enable the Division to interact with required federal applications, examinations, rating, and storage of historical data. COM allocated funding was over \$452,000 in FY 2024 and \$3.2 million in FY 2025. This project is scheduled to be completed by FY 2027, using this previously allocated funding.

**C4:3: Credit Union (ALI 800604)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5520 ALI 800604, Credit Union	\$5,213,603	\$5,194,284	\$4,831,282
% change	--	-0.4%	-7.0%

This ALI supports the Credit Union Program which monitors the financial safety and soundness of Ohio’s state-chartered credit unions. The program is funded by a semiannual assessment on the gross assets of credit unions, which generated over \$3.9 million in FY 2024. Activities include onsite field examinations, off-site surveillance and monitoring, and coordination of supervisory activities with the appropriate federal agency, the National Credit Union Administration. While the program coordinates with its federal counterparts, the Division of Financial Institutions is also in competition for credit union charters as these institutions have the option to be regulated either by the state or by the federal government. The program supervised and regulated 95 state-chartered credit unions with total aggregated assets of \$33.3 billion as of the end of the beginning of CY 2024. While the number of state-chartered credit unions has declined because of an industry trend of mergers and acquisitions, total assets under supervision has increased, as has the complexity of these institutions’ operations.

### C4:4: Consumer Finance (ALI 800607)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5530 ALI 800607, Consumer Finance	\$6,139,757	\$6,440,712	\$7,215,971
% change	--	4.9%	12.0%

This ALI supports the costs associated with regulating the consumer finance or nondepository lending industries. These regulatory functions are funded through annual fees paid by various consumer finance providers. The receipts are deposited into Fund 5530. The ALI also supports the Office of Consumer Affairs, which educates Ohioans on borrowing, refers borrowers to credit counseling services, receives complaints of alleged violations of Division-administered statutes, contacts the persons that are the subject of the complaint, and forwards possible violations for administrative action. As of the end of FY 2024, this section issued over 19,600 licenses and completed 314 examinations.

### C4:5: Financial Literacy Education (ALI 800616)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5FW0 ALI 800616, Financial Literacy Education	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports various adult financial literacy education programs. At least half of the programs must be presented by or made available at public community colleges or state institutions of higher education throughout the state. The initial funding for these programs was provided through a transfer of 5.0% of the cash balance (just under \$500,000) from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0) in FY 2009. The funding is derived from two sources.

#### Cash transfers

To provide sufficient funding for this type of programming, H.B. 96 allows the COM Director to request that the OBM Director transfer up to \$150,000 cash in each fiscal year from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0). In addition, the bill also allows the COM Director to request a quarterly cash transfer of up to 15% of the fees and charges received by the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to Fund 5FW0.

## Division of Securities

### C4:6: Securities (ALI 800617)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5500 ALI 800617, Securities	\$8,918,450	\$9,782,453	\$10,204,710
% change	--	9.7%	4.3%

This ALI supports the Division of Securities, which regulates the sale of securities in Ohio, licenses securities professionals in Ohio who sell securities and provide advice about investing in securities, and promotes investor education. These appropriations are supported by revenue from license application and renewal fees for various securities industry professionals and from securities registration and exemption filings that are deposited into the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500). During the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, with an initial \$2.1 million budget, the Division has been working on a comprehensive IT system enabling the Division to register securities for sale; credential brokers, dealers, securities salespersons, and investment advisers; track required professional training; provide data analytics; and enforce the Securities Law. Work on this system is ongoing and scheduled for completion in FY 2027.

The Division oversees a community of over 250,000 professionals in the securities and investment trade. It pursues administrative sanctions against those persons and entities violating the securities laws and can refer cases for criminal prosecution. Customarily, the income from fees collected each year exceeds the funding required to operate the Division. This allows for cash transfers of the excess to the GRF, as well as two other Division of Securities funds, as detailed below.

#### Cash transfers

H.B. 96 requires the OBM Director to transfer \$5.0 million cash from Fund 5500 to the Investor Education and Enforcement Expense Fund (Fund 5GK0).

### C4:7: Securities Investor Education/Enforcement (ALI 800609)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5GK0 ALI 800609, Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	\$2,182,150	\$742,863	\$542,863
% change	--	-66.0%	-26.9%

Fund 5GK0 ALI 800609 supports the Division's efforts to educate securities investors about and enforce the Securities Law. The ALI is funded by moneys the state receives in settlements related to violations of securities laws. These sums are subsequently deposited into Fund 5GK0.

### Cash transfers

As noted immediately above, Fund 5GK0 is periodically seeded with cash transfers from Fund 5500. H.B. 96 requires a \$5.0 million cash transfer in FY 2026. In addition, the bill allows the OBM Director to make quarterly cash transfers of up to 5% of the fees and charges received by Fund 5500 to Fund 5GK0.

#### C4:8: Ohio Investor Recovery (ALI 800657)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5XK0 ALI 800657, Ohio Investor Recovery	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

Ohio Investor Recovery Fund (Fund 5XK0) ALI 800657, Ohio Investor Recovery, is used to provide restitution assistance to victims of securities crimes who are identified in final administrative orders issued by the Division of Securities or final court orders. The money in the fund provides compensation and provides partial restitution assistance (up to \$25,000 or 25% of monetary loss, whichever is less) to victims who have not received the full amount of any restitution ordered in a final order before the application for restitution assistance is due.

#### Cash transfer and elimination of statutory cap

H.B. 96 allows the OBM Director, on request of the COM Director, to transfer up to \$2.5 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 from Fund 5500 to Fund 5XK0 to support this ALI. Related to this process, H.B. 96 also lifts the statutory cap of \$2.5 million on the cash transfers that can be made from Fund 5500.

### Category 5: Liquor Control

This category of appropriations funds the control of the manufacture, distribution, pricing, and sale of alcoholic beverages in Ohio, functions overseen by the Division of Liquor Control. In FY 2013, the state transferred Ohio's exclusive liquor merchandising rights to JobsOhio, the state's private, nonprofit economic development corporation, for 25 years in exchange for an estimated \$1.3 billion. Under this Operating Services Agreement, JobsOhio has become the state's sole purchaser and distributor of spirituous liquor. Consequently, JobsOhio is responsible for using a share of liquor profits to pay for liquor inventory and shipping, as well as liquor agency store commissions. However, JobsOhio contracts with the Division of Liquor Control to merchandise spirituous liquor and provide ongoing regulatory oversight of sales. The state receives payments from JobsOhio for these services.

#### C5:1: Liquor Operating Services (ALI 800645)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5LNO ALI 800645, Liquor Operating Services	\$20,583,022	\$18,105,130	\$18,371,853
% change	--	-12.0%	1.5%

This ALI supports the costs of the Division’s liquor merchandising operations under the Operating Services Agreement with JobsOhio. The Agreement calls for JobsOhio to make quarterly payments to cover these expenses. The Division’s budget for liquor merchandising is agreed upon biennially to align with state budget periods, but may be adjusted when necessary after consulting with JobsOhio. Payments from JobsOhio are made quarterly and deposited into the Liquor Operating Services Fund (Fund 5LN0) to support the merchandising operations.

**C5:2: Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance (ALI 800644)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5LC0 ALI 800644, Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	\$396,154	\$200,000	\$200,000
% change	--	-49.5%	0.0%

This ALI serves as a contingency account as part of the Operating Services Agreement with JobsOhio. As described above, the quarterly payments received from JobsOhio are deposited into the Liquor Operating Services Fund (Fund 5LN0). However, 4.0% of these payments are set aside as a contingency and placed in a separate state fund, the Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Fund (Fund 5LC0) at the beginning of each fiscal year. Specifically, Fund 5LC0 ALI 800644, Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance, is tapped to pay for costs that cannot be covered by the quarterly payments JobsOhio makes to Fund 5LN0. This provides a stopgap until the Controlling Board authorizes additional appropriations from Fund 5LN0.

**C5:3: Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses (ALI 800646)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5LP0 ALI 800646, Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	\$26,134,409	\$17,782,397	\$17,681,629
% change	--	-32.0%	-0.6%

This ALI supports the Division of Liquor Control’s permitting and compliance duties relating to the regulation of the state Liquor Control Law. The program (1) licenses the manufacture, distribution, and sale of all alcoholic beverages in Ohio, (2) issues new liquor permits, and (3) renews and transfers existing liquor permits. In FY 2024, the Division issued, renewed, and transferred over 32,000 permits for manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of alcoholic beverages throughout the state.

In contrast to the ALIs that support the cost of liquor merchandising, this ALI is funded by liquor permit fee revenue received into the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066). Of those amounts, 45% goes to the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0). Of the remainder, 35% goes to the local taxing district where the permit is issued, and 20% goes to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750) used by the Department of Behavioral Health. After accounting for the Division’s permitting oversight costs covered under this ALI and the operating costs of the Liquor Control Commission, excess Fund 5LP0 revenue is credited to the GRF.

During the FY 2024-FY 2025 budget period, this ALI supported the completion of the replacement of the Liquor Licensing system, the old mainframe system with a new online portal. This project was budgeted for approximately \$6.4 million in FY 2024 and \$3.4 million in FY 2025. The online portal will support all permit application types. The Department anticipates having this new system in place and fully functional by the beginning of FY 2026.

**Proposed liquor permit fee increases**

The proposed budget bill contains a series of fee increases related to liquor permits. All these receipts are deposited into Fund 7066 and subsequently distributed to other sources as detailed above. The first fee increase pertains to F-4 (wine festival) and F-11 (craft beer festival) permits. These permits are currently issued for \$60 per day for a maximum of three days. The bill changes this to a flat fee of \$180 regardless of if the festival is less than three days. The final fee increase is the S-2 liquor permit renewal fee (wineries producing more than 250,000 gallons a year). The bill increases the renewal fee from \$100 to \$250, the same as the initial permit. In totality, according to the latest permit fee data, all three fees combined generated less than \$100,000 annually. Fund 5LP0 would see a proportional share of the gains from the increased permit fees.

**Category 6: Real Estate and Professional Licensing**

This category of appropriations provides funding for the licensure and regulation of real estate brokers, salespersons, and appraisers; registers foreign real estate property; and registers and investigates complaints involving Ohio cemeteries. Additionally, it provides funding for the Video Authorization Program. These activities are regulated by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.

**C6:1: Real Estate (ALI 800614)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5490 ALI 800614, Real Estate	\$8,031,650	\$7,808,917	\$8,014,934
% change	--	-2.8%	2.6%

Fund 5490 ALI 800614, Real Estate, covers the cost the Division incurs for overseeing professionals in the real estate industry. This includes: (1) licensing of real estate brokers and salespersons and those dealing in foreign real estate, (2) advancing education and research in real estate, (3) regulating manufactured housing brokers, dealers, and salespersons, (4) licensing home inspectors, and (5) licensing real estate appraisers and real estate appraiser assistants. All of these regulatory activities were consolidated under Fund 5490 under H.B. 33, the main operating budget for FY 2024-FY 2025. The bulk of revenue comes from real estate salespersons licenses. In FY 2024, Fund 5490 collected over \$6.0 million from fees and other sources. During the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, just under \$1.5 million was budgeted for IT projects to license or register, audit, and educate the professions and industries the Division regulates. These enhancements should be fully implemented prior to FY 2026.

**C6:2: Real Estate Recovery (ALI 800611)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5480 ALI 800611, Real Estate Recovery	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to reimburse persons that obtain a court judgment against a licensed or certified real estate broker or salesperson. The Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) receives a \$10 assessment on real estate broker and salesperson license renewals, fines, and civil penalties against persons participating in unlicensed activity. The \$10 assessment is required if the Fund 5480 cash balance falls below \$250,000. Additionally, the bill allows the OBM Director with Controlling Board approval, upon request of the COM Director and if the cash balance in Fund 5480 exceeds \$250,000 during the biennium, to transfer cash from Fund 5480 to Fund 5490. As of February 2025, the cash balance in Fund 5480 was just over \$1.5 million.

**C6:3: Real Estate Appraisal Recovery (ALI 800631)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4B20 ALI 800631, Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to reimburse persons who obtain a court judgment against a licensed or certified appraiser. The Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) is supported through a \$50 assessment on new real estate appraiser license/certification applications. As of February 2025, the cash balance in Fund 4B20 was just under \$1.2 million. If the cash balance in Fund 4B20 exceeds \$200,000, the budget provides authority for the COM Director to ask the OBM Director to transfer cash from Fund 4B20 to Fund 5490.

**C6:4: Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery (ALI 800653)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5VD0 ALI 800653, Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used to pay judgments against home inspectors when granted by the court. In such instances, a home inspector’s license is suspended until that individual repays the amount ordered, plus applicable interest, to the Home Inspection Recovery Fund (Fund 5VD0). Judgments are limited to \$40,000.

### C6:5: Cemeteries (ALI 800608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 4H90 ALI 800608, Cemeteries	\$453,275	\$326,349	\$332,990
% change	--	-28.0%	2.0%

This ALI supports the registration of all active cemeteries in Ohio and the investigation of complaints or disputes involving registered cemeteries. Complaints against cemeteries are investigated and referred to the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission. The program also audits cemetery trust records, sets guidelines for cemetery maintenance, and provides education to consumers concerning their rights, responsibilities, and options when interacting with a cemetery. As of FY 2025, there were over 4,100 registered cemeteries.

This ALI also supports the Cemetery Grant Program. The program provides grants to not-for-profit cemeteries to defray the costs of exceptional maintenance and train cemetery personnel in the maintenance and operation of cemeteries. In FY 2024, COM awarded over \$104,000 in such grants.

#### Burial permit fee increase

Burial permit fees are the main source of revenue for this program. During FY 2024, revenue to the Cemetery Registration Fund (Fund 4H90) from burial permits and cemetery registrations and renewals were approximately \$345,000. The amount collected thus far in FY 2025 is \$196,400. The budget contains a provision that increases the burial permit fee from \$3.00 to \$4.50, which would generate additional revenue for Fund 4H90.

### C6:6: Video Service (ALI 800623)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5X60 ALI 800623, Video Service	\$452,720	\$429,981	\$441,076
% change	--	-5.0%	2.6%

This ALI supports the Video Service Authorization Program. This system, which permits video service areas to span multiple counties, municipalities, or townships, is being phased in to replace a licensing process under which cable television providers negotiated franchise agreements and fees with individual local governments. To compensate local governments for the forgone fee revenue that had been generated under the old agreements, a video service provider fee is paid to each municipality and township in which a provider offers video service. Video service providers make these payments directly to local governments on a quarterly basis. On the state level, applicants pay a \$2,000 fee to apply for and a \$100 fee to amend each authorization. These fees are deposited in the Video Service Authorization Fund (Fund 5X60).



## Category 7: Cannabis Control

This category of appropriations funds the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) which was created in H.B. 523 of the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and adult-use marijuana, which was passed on November 7, 2023. The Division of Cannabis Control (DCC) currently has 55 employees to regulate both of these programs.

### C7:1: Medical Marijuana Control Program (ALI 800650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
DPF Fund 5SY0 ALI 800650, Medical Marijuana Control Program	\$9,050,379	\$16,339,688	\$16,180,201
% change	--	80.5%	-1.0%

This ALI supports regulatory oversight of both licensed medical and adult-use cultivators, processors, testing labs, dispensaries, as well as patients and caregivers registered under the MMCP. The approximately \$16.3 million recommended in FY 2026 is substantially higher, accounting for both growth in the medical marijuana industry as well as initial regulation of adult-use marijuana products. The bulk of the funding would go to personnel (about \$6.8 million in FY 2026 and \$7.2 million in FY 2027) and supplies and maintenance expenses (about \$7.1 million in FY 2026 and \$7.1 million in FY 2027). This ALI is supported by license and enforcement fees deposited into the Medical Marijuana Control Fund (Fund 5SY0).

There are currently 132 “dual use” dispensaries licensed in the state. It is unclear how many additional dispensaries will ultimately be licensed as the market for adult-use marijuana grows. As part of integrating operators in the adult-use marijuana industry into the state’s regulatory system for marijuana, COM allowed currently licensed medical marijuana dispensaries to apply to convert licenses into dual use certificates of operation, permitting them to sell both medicinal and adult-use marijuana. COM did not require any license fees for this license conversion. This is largely a result of these dispensaries already passing inspection and meeting the requirements to obtain a certificate of operation. The currently established biennial renewal fee of the dual use license is \$70,000, the same current renewal fee for medical marijuana dispensaries.

### C7:2: Marijuana Control Administration (ALI 800660)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund QG18 ALI 800660, Marijuana Control Administration – COM	\$0	\$6,043,950	\$8,946,600
% change	--	--	48.0%

Under the proposed budget, this ALI would be used to cover the Division of Cannabis Control for administering the adult-use marijuana program. The purpose is newly established in the budget, as it amends R.C. 3780.23, which was enacted by State Issue 2, approved by Ohio

voters on November 7, 2023. The executive proposal would dedicate 2.5% of tax receipts from the adult-use cannabis tax to cover the Division’s costs, as well as those the Department of Taxation would see for administering the tax. The current tax rate is 10% whereas the executive budget proposes a 20% tax rate.

**Category 8: Administration**

This category of appropriations provides direction, administration, support, and coordination of the activities of the Department’s operating divisions and to serve as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities.

**C8:1: Division of Administration (ALI 800620)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
ISA Fund 1630 ALI 800620, Division of Administration	\$9,572,488	\$11,532,983	\$11,239,902
% change	--	20.5%	-2.5%

This ALI supports the costs of administering, supporting, and coordinating activities of the various operating divisions of the Department. Functions associated with human resources, support services, fiscal operations, public information, employee training and development, legislative services, legal counsel, and the Director’s office are funded through this ALI. All of these services are funded by assessments charged to the operating divisions based on a percentage of the actual operating appropriation of each individual fund used by the Department. These assessments generated approximately \$21.8 million in FY 2024.

**C8:2: Information Technology (ALI 800637)**

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
ISA Fund 1630 ALI 800637, Information Technology	\$13,431,945	\$12,728,427	\$13,134,526
% change	--	-5.2%	3.2%

This ALI supports the Information Technology Group (ITG), which is responsible for developing, maintaining, and protecting the Department’s computer systems, network, electronic business applications, and electronic data. ITG is also responsible for the way these systems interface with, and are aligned to, the state’s overall IT direction and enterprise structure. As with appropriation item 800620, Division of Administration, this ALI is funded by the assessments levied on the seven operating divisions within the Department.

### C8:3: Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund (ALI 800648)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5SJ0 ALI 800648, Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI provides monthly death benefits to survivors of volunteer, part-time, and reserve police officers, sheriffs' deputies, constables, and deputy marshals killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to such officers and deputies if they become disabled. Specifically, the benefit amounts are: (1) to surviving spouses, a lump-sum award of \$1,000 plus a \$300 benefit per month, (2) dependent children, a benefit of \$125 per month, and (3) to disabled volunteer peace officers, a disability benefit of \$300 per month.

The Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund (Fund 5SJ0) was created in S.B. 11 of the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and is funded by assessments collected from peace officer departments that are part of the fund. Each fund member (peace officer departments) is required to contribute an initial premium to Fund 5SJ0 depending on each member's assessed property valuation. The total initial premiums form what is referred to as the basic capital account for Fund 5SJ0. No further contributions are required from fund members until claims against Fund 5SJ0 have reduced its balance to 95% or less of its basic capital account. In that event, the Director of Commerce is required to certify additional premiums based on current property valuation. There have been no expenditures under this line item since its inception in March 2016.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4B20 800631 Real Estate Appraisal Recovery

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Assessments against certificate holders; transfers from the Real Estate Appraiser Operating Fund (Fund 6A40)

**Legal Basis:** As needed line item

**Purpose:** This line item is used to reimburse any person who obtains a final court judgment against a certificate holder, registrant or licensee in the real estate appraisal field who is regulated by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, but it may not be used to pay punitive or exemplary damages.

#### 4H90 800608 Cemeteries

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$263,281	\$277,881	\$176,451	\$453,275	\$326,349	\$332,990
% change	5.5%	-36.5%	156.9%	-28.0%	2.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees from cemetery registrations and burial permits

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4767.03; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover expenses associated with the registration of cemeteries, enforcement of cemetery laws, and the administration of the Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission within the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing. Starting in FY 2024, this line item is also used for the Cemetery Grant Program that was previously funded under Fund 5SE0 line item 800651, Cemetery Grant Program.

#### 4X20 800619 Financial Institutions

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,846,079	\$1,759,382	\$1,918,306	\$2,217,605	\$2,129,695	\$2,138,176
% change	-4.7%	9.0%	15.6%	-4.0%	0.4%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Assessments upon the operating funds within the Division of Financial Institutions (Funds 5440, 5520, and 5530) based upon the budgeted headcount for each fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1181.06; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides centralized administrative support to the Banks, Credit Union, and Consumer Finance sections of the Division of Financial Institutions. Administrative activities supported by this line item include executive management, facilities management, legal services, human resources functions, and records management.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5430 800602 Unclaimed Funds - Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,659,337	\$14,840,074	\$13,000,784	\$14,039,257	\$16,777,906	\$16,249,752
% change	53.6%	-12.4%	8.0%	19.5%	-3.1%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Funds allocated from the unclaimed funds custodial account under the Treasurer of State

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 169.05; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for the operating and administrative expenses of the Division of Unclaimed Funds, which is responsible for the safekeeping and return of monies designated as "unclaimed" due to death, inadvertence, or forgetfulness. The Division is comprised of administrative, claims processing, compliance, and accountability sections.

#### 5430 800625 Unclaimed Funds - Claims

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$133,331,054	\$109,359,277	\$149,382,722	\$70,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
% change	-18.0%	36.6%	-53.1%	28.6%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Funds allocated from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 169.05; Sections 243.10 and 243.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for claims of money under the Unclaimed Funds Law, including the interest that accumulated while the money was held in trust by the state. Common examples of unclaimed funds are dormant checking and savings accounts, forgotten rent and utility deposits, uncashed checks, undelivered stock certificates, and uncashed insurance policies.

#### 5440 800612 Banks

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$7,609,283	\$9,563,295	\$8,901,031	\$12,557,393	\$11,467,455	\$11,775,392
% change	25.7%	-6.9%	41.1%	-8.7%	2.7%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Application and examination fees paid by state-chartered banks, plus an assessment charged to all banks subject to examination by the division; money transmitter fees

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1121.30; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item funds the regulation of state-chartered banks, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and money transmitters by the Division of Financial Institutions. The Division determines the safety and soundness of each bank, monitors adherence to applicable laws and regulations, and approves new bank charters, mergers, branch ventures, and other activities.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5460 800610 Fire Marshal

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$21,876,027	\$25,085,492	\$28,247,491	\$29,102,147	\$30,366,505	\$31,171,353
% change	14.7%	12.6%	3.0%	4.3%	2.7%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Taxes from insurance companies selling fire insurance in Ohio (0.75% of the gross premium receipts received from the sale of fire insurance); 20% of "reciprocity" revenues collected and deposited in the GRF from out-of-state insurance companies that sell fire insurance in Ohio; revenue from inspection fees, hotel permits, and fireworks licenses; FAL 97.044, Fire Prevention & Safety Grants; FAL 10.664, Cooperative Forestry Assistance

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.02, 3737.71, and 3901.86; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support the Division of the State Fire Marshal, including the Ohio Fire Academy. Activities funded under this line item include (1) Ohio Fire Code enforcement; (2) training courses for emergency responders through the Ohio Fire Academy; (3) investigation of fire, explosives, and fireworks incidents in Ohio; (4) examination of materials and evidence involved in suspected arson, fire explosive incidents, or hazardous situations; (5) fire prevention and safety programs; and (6) licensing of companies and individuals in the fire protection and fireworks industries, as well as hotels and motels.

#### 5460 800639 Fire Department Grants

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,650,798	\$6,300,956	\$7,514,557	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000
% change	-5.3%	19.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Identical to those listed under the preceding Fund 5460 line item 800610, Fire Marshal

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.02, 3737.71, and 3901.86; Sections 243.10 and 243.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides annual grants to certain local governments or private entities responsible for the provision of fire protection services. The grants are used (1) to purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear; (2) to provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training; (3) at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, to cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in that grant recipient's jurisdiction; (4) to purchase MARCS equipment or services; and (5) to provide the full cost of firefighter I or other firefighter certification classes to qualifying recipients. In addition, the line item contains an earmark in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium for \$15,000 in each fiscal year for the Northwestern Ohio Volunteer Firemen's Association fire school.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5470 800603 Real Estate Education/Research

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,565	\$24,319	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	270.4%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: A portion of the revenue from real estate broker and salesperson application fees and license renewal fees; certain other real estate-related fees; transfers from the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490)

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item (originally established in R.C. 4735.06, 4735.15, and 4735.211)

**Purpose:** This line item was used to share information with licensees and the public regarding commission decisions and activities, notify licensees regarding changes in federal and state civil rights laws, publish booklets on housing remedies available to dissatisfied clients, provide training to commission members and division employees on issues related to the real estate industry, and advance education and research in real estate by contracting with higher education institutions or trade organizations in the state to conduct real estate research. Starting in FY 2024, these activities are supported under the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) line item 800614, Real Estate.

#### 5480 800611 Real Estate Recovery

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fines levied against real estate licensees; special assessments on real estate brokers and salespersons

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4735.12; Sections 243.10, 243.20, and 243.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to reimburse any person (except a bonding company when it is not a principal in a real estate transaction) who obtains a final court judgment against any broker or salesperson licensed by the state.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5490 800614 Real Estate

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,875,562	\$4,193,397	\$6,322,723	\$8,031,650	\$7,808,917	\$8,014,934
% change	8.2%	50.8%	27.0%	-2.8%	2.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: License and other fees charged to real estate brokers and salespersons; civil penalties collected from unlicensed individuals and entities

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4735.211; Sections 243.10 and 243.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays the costs associated with licensing and regulating real estate brokers and salespersons and those dealing in foreign real estate (properties located outside Ohio but marketed to Ohio residents), including the review and approval of continuing education courses, the investigation of complaints, and the issuance of enforcement orders. H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. abolished the (1) Real Estate Education and Research Fund (Fund 5470); (2) Manufactured Homes Regulatory Fund (Fund 5SU0); (3) Home Inspectors Fund (Fund 5VC0); and (4) Real Estate Appraiser Operating Fund (Fund 6A40), and transferred the cash of these funds and redirects deposits going to these funds to the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490). Starting in the FY 2024 -FY 2025 biennium, this line item may be used for purposes under Fund 5470, Fund 5SU0, Fund 5VC0, and Fund 6A40.

#### 5500 800617 Securities

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$6,676,863	\$7,262,481	\$8,346,355	\$8,918,450	\$9,782,453	\$10,204,710
% change	8.8%	14.9%	6.9%	9.7%	4.3%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Various fees associated with the regulation of securities

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1707.37; Sections 243.10 and 243.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover operating costs of the Division of Securities. The Division regulates the sale of securities in Ohio, licenses securities professionals, promotes investor education, pursues administrative sanctions for violations of the securities laws in Ohio, and makes referrals for criminal prosecution.



## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5520 800604 Credit Union

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,330,610	\$3,768,016	\$3,450,952	\$5,213,603	\$5,194,284	\$4,831,282
% change	13.1%	-8.4%	51.1%	-0.4%	-7.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Semi-annual assessments on the gross assets of credit unions, with the total assessment in any year determined by the Division's appropriation for that year

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1733.321; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for the regulatory and administrative costs incurred in regulating state-chartered credit unions. This includes on-site field examinations, off-site surveillance and monitoring, and coordination of supervisory activities with the National Credit Union Administration.

#### 5530 800607 Consumer Finance

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$4,025,834	\$4,980,186	\$4,826,154	\$6,139,757	\$6,440,712	\$7,215,971
% change	23.7%	-3.1%	27.2%	4.9%	12.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Investigation and annual license or registration fees charged to consumer loan companies, pawnbrokers, precious metals dealers, check-cashing businesses, mortgage brokers, loan officers, and credit service organizations

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1321.21; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for the costs associated with regulating the consumer finance industry. Regulatory actions include examinations and investigations of licensees to ensure compliance with statutory requirements and consumer protection. One-half of the fees collected from pawnbrokers and precious metal dealers are returned to the local governments where these licensees reside.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5560 800615 Industrial Compliance

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$26,670,177	\$28,110,890	\$31,103,955	\$32,337,310	\$33,508,390	\$33,692,610
% change	5.4%	10.6%	4.0%	3.6%	0.5%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fee revenues from building and construction plan review, and the testing, certification, or licensing of bedding and upholstered products, plumbing, electrical and structural systems, boilers, and elevators

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 121.084; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for the costs associated with the Division of Industrial Compliance, which regulates individuals and companies who build, modify, and maintain structures and building systems within Ohio, and which enforces Ohio's wage laws. Entities housed under the Division include the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, the Board of Building Standards, the Board of Building Appeals, and the Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board.

#### 5BG1 800659 Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fee of 4% of the gross receipts on retail sales of consumer-grade fireworks by licensed retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3743.22 (Originally established by H.B. 172 of the 134th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item is used by the State Fire Marshal to (1) carry out firefighter training programs and (2) cover expenses related to administering the Fireworks Law. Specifically, 7/8 of the fee remitted to the Fireworks Fee Receipts Fund is required to be used for firefighter training programs, with the remainder to be used for regulating the fireworks industry.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5F10 800635 Small Government Fire Departments

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$543,846	\$372,424	\$572,986	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
% change	-31.5%	53.9%	4.7%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Loan repayments from small governments and private fire departments; cash transfers from the State Fire Marshall Fund (Fund 5460)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.17; Sections 243.10 and 243.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to make interest-free loans to small governments or private fire departments for up to 95% of the cost of major equipment for firefighting, ambulance, emergency medical, rescue services, or the construction or renovation of fire department buildings under the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program.

#### 5FW0 800616 Financial Literacy Education

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$75,953	\$50,800	\$43,726	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	-33.1%	-13.9%	243.0%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Quarterly transfers of 5% of revenue deposited into the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 121.085; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to support adult financial literacy education programs. At least half of the financial literacy education programs must be presented by or made available at public community colleges or state institutions of higher education throughout the state.

#### 5GK0 800609 Securities Investor Education/Enforcement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,123,420	\$2,326,660	\$587,138	\$2,182,150	\$742,863	\$542,863
% change	107.1%	-74.8%	271.7%	-66.0%	-26.9%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Moneys received in settlement of any violation of the Securities Law; cash transfers from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1707.37; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for expenses that the Division of Securities incurs for overseeing programs relating to education and enforcement of laws applying to the securities industry and investors.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5HV0 800641 Cigarette Enforcement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,324	\$27,324	\$27,324
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$1,000 fee for each cigarette brand family certified (may be adjusted annually to ensure it is sufficient to defray the actual costs of certification, up to a maximum of \$2,500 per brand family)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3739.18; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to carry out the cigarette enforcement program, which may include the administration of the reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards program, the acceptance of certifications filed by manufacturers, the testing of cigarettes, and enforcement activities.

#### 5LC0 800644 Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$396,154	\$200,000	\$200,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-49.5%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Payments from JobsOhio equal to 4% of annual payments to Liquor Operating Services Fund (Fund 5LN0), pursuant to the Operations Services Agreement between JobsOhio and the Department of Commerce

**Legal Basis:** Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established by the Controlling Board on January 30, 2012)

**Purpose:** This line item may be used to pay for extraordinary expenses associated with rendering the state liquor merchandising services and operations for JobsOhio. The Division of Liquor Control may use funding under this line item only if appropriations under Fund 5LN0 line item 800645, Liquor Operating Services, are insufficient for the Division to continue its ordinary merchandising duties.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5LN0 800645 Liquor Operating Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$16,974,533	\$23,107,889	\$17,407,712	\$20,583,022	\$18,105,130	\$18,371,853
% change	36.1%	-24.7%	18.2%	-12.0%	1.5%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Quarterly payments from JobsOhio, pursuant to the Operations Services Agreement between JobsOhio and the Department of Commerce

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4313.02; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays for liquor merchandising costs incurred by the Division of Liquor Control, including payroll, maintenance, and related costs. Under law, JobsOhio is required to contract with the Division to manage merchandising operations. This contract, called the Operating Services Agreement, went into effect in February 2013, when JobsOhio's 25-year lease of the spirituous liquor merchandising enterprise commenced.

#### 5LP0 800646 Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$14,471,609	\$13,848,086	\$17,669,530	\$26,134,409	\$17,782,397	\$17,681,629
% change	-4.3%	27.6%	47.9%	-32.0%	-0.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers from the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066), which receives liquor permit fees

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 4301.30; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for Division of Liquor Control operating expenses relating to the regulation of the state liquor control law, including licensing and compliance. The Division regulates the production, importation, and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the state. When the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0) contains excess amounts after accounting for the operating expenses under this line item and Liquor Control Commission Fund 5LP0 line item 970601, Commission Operating Expense, the amounts are credited to the GRF.

#### 5SE0 800651 Cemetery Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$129,914	\$118,097	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-9.1%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$1 of each \$2.50 burial permits

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item was used to provide grants to not-for-profit cemeteries to (1) defray the costs of exceptional maintenance or (2) train cemetery personnel in the maintenance and operation of cemeteries. Starting in FY 2024, this purpose is supported under the Cemetery Registration Fund (Fund 4H90) line item 800608, Cemeteries.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5SJ0 800648 Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Assessments collected from peace officer departments who are part of the fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 143.02; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. (originally established in S.B. 11 of the 131st G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to provide death benefits to survivors of volunteer peace officers killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to disabled volunteer peace officers. The benefit amounts that are paid from the fund are: (1) to surviving spouses, a lump-sum award of \$1,000, plus \$300 benefit per month, (2) to dependent children, a benefit of \$125 per month, and (3) to disabled volunteer peace officers, a disability benefit of \$300 per month.

#### 5SU0 800649 Manufactured Homes Regulation

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$200,165	\$155,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-22.1%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: License fees from manufactured housing dealers, brokers, and salespersons

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item was used by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing to administer and enforce the law for manufactured housing dealers, brokers, and salespersons. Starting in FY 2024, this purpose is supported under the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) line item 800614, Real Estate.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5SY0 800650 Medical Marijuana Control Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,715,223	\$3,681,806	\$6,392,189	\$9,050,379	\$16,339,688	\$16,180,201
% change	-0.9%	73.6%	41.6%	80.5%	-1.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfer from the Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0); license fees from medical marijuana cultivators, processors, patients, caregivers, retail dispensaries, and laboratories that test medical marijuana

**Legal Basis:** Sections 243.10 and 243.20 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used for the administrative costs of the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) created by H.B. 523 of the 131st G.A. Starting in FY 2024, this line item supports the operation of the new Division of Marijuana Control (DMC), including expenditures related to the transfer of the medical marijuana control program under PRX into COM. H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A. created DMC within COM to oversee COM's MMCP responsibilities (licensing medical marijuana cultivators, processors, and laboratories that test medical marijuana) and PRX's former MMCP responsibilities (licensing medical marijuana patients, caregivers, and retail dispensaries).

#### 5VC0 800652 Real Estate Home Inspector Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,654	\$42,054	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	1,484.7%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees from home inspector licenses

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item was used to enforce the Ohio Home Inspector Law created by S.B. 255 of the 132nd G.A. and license home inspectors. Starting in FY 2024, the cost of these activities are covered under the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) line item 800614, Real Estate.

#### 5VD0 800653 Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery

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

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: \$3 to \$5 annual assessment on an initial or renewal home inspector license

**Legal Basis:** As needed line item

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay judgements against home inspectors when a final judgement is granted by the court.

## Department of Commerce

### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 5X60 800623 Video Service

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$410,516	\$415,208	\$393,339	\$452,720	\$429,981	\$441,076
% change	1.1%	-5.3%	15.1%	-5.0%	2.6%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Assessments on video service providers; video service authorization application and amendment fees

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1332.25; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item funds the video service regulation program, which regulates cable television providers that have obtained video service authorization and investigates alleged violations to enforce customer service standards.

#### 5XK0 800657 Ohio Investor Recovery

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$1,254,703	\$339,410	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	N/A	-72.9%	636.6%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers from the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500)

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 1707.47 and 1707.471; Sections 243.10 and 243.30 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used for restitution assistance to victims who (1) are identified in a final administrative order issued by the Division of Securities or a final court order in a civil or criminal proceeding initiated by the Division as a purchaser damaged by a sale or contract for sale made in violation of the Securities Law, and (2) have not received the full amount of any restitution ordered in a final order before the application for restitution assistance is due.

#### 6530 800629 UST Registration/Permit Fee

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$1,299,994	\$2,169,550	\$2,345,669	\$2,539,151	\$2,813,369	\$2,824,398
% change	66.9%	8.1%	8.2%	10.8%	0.4%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Underground storage tank registration fees

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.02 and 3737.88; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item provides state funding for the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR), which regulates the safe operation of underground storage tanks and ensures appropriate investigation and cleanup of releases from underground storage tanks. The line item also provides the required state match to federal funding provided under the following: Fund 3480 line item 800622, Underground Storage Tanks, and 800624, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks.



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### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 6A40 800630 Real Estate Appraiser-Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$924,243	\$990,976	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	7.2%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees from the certification and licensing of real estate appraisers

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item funded the licensure and certification of all general and residential appraisers in the state, including the investigation of complaints against licensees and the holding of disciplinary hearings. Starting in FY 2024, this purpose is supported under the Division of Real Estate Operating Fund (Fund 5490) line item 800614, Real Estate.

#### QG18 800660 Marijuana Control Administration - COM

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,043,950	\$8,946,600
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	48.0%

**Source:** Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: 2.5% of the excise tax generated from adult use marijuana Adult Use Tax Fund

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3780.23

**Purpose:** This line item will be used by the Division of Cannabis Control to license and regulate the adult use marijuana industry.

### Internal Service Activity Fund Group

#### 1630 800620 Division of Administration

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$8,585,688	\$8,874,546	\$9,296,398	\$9,572,488	\$11,532,983	\$11,239,902
% change	3.4%	4.8%	3.0%	20.5%	-2.5%

**Source:** Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Indirect cost assessments applied to each operating fund of the Department

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 121.08; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item pays the costs of administering, supporting, and coordinating the activities of the seven operating divisions of the Department. Functions associated with human resources, support services, fiscal operations, public information, employee training and development, legislative services, legal counsel, and the director's office are all funded through this line item.

## Department of Commerce

### Internal Service Activity Fund Group

#### 1630 800637 Information Technology

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$9,181,580	\$10,303,257	\$11,469,635	\$13,431,945	\$12,728,427	\$13,134,526
% change	12.2%	11.3%	17.1%	-5.2%	3.2%

**Source:** Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Indirect cost assessments applied to each operating fund of the Department

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 121.08; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item funds the Information Technology Group, part of the Division of Administration, responsible for developing, maintaining, and protecting the Department's computer systems, network, electronic business applications, and electronic data. The Group provides technical support to Division staff on industry standards regarding the purchase of hardware and software, and maintains the Department's web site.

### Federal Fund Group

#### 3480 800622 Underground Storage Tanks

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$768,044	\$839,267	\$773,260	\$831,359	\$779,620	\$779,620
% change	9.3%	-7.9%	7.5%	-6.2%	0.0%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.804, Underground Storage Tank Prevention, Detection, and Compliance Program

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.02 and 3737.88; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for the regulation of underground storage tanks, including the permitting of installation, removal, upgrade, or major repair. In addition, the program monitors leaking underground tank sites, administered by the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations (BUSTR) in the office of the State Fire Marshal. A 25% state match is maintained in line item 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee.

#### 3480 800624 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$2,119,155	\$1,905,037	\$2,164,862	\$2,055,439	\$1,899,016	\$1,899,016
% change	-10.1%	13.6%	-5.1%	-7.6%	0.0%

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 66.805, Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Corrective Action Program

**Legal Basis:** R.C. 3737.02 and 3737.88; Section 243.10 of H.B. 33 of the 135th G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover the costs associated with evaluating and cleaning up leaking underground storage tanks containing petroleum. A 10% state match is maintained in line item 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee.

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### Federal Fund Group

#### 3HK0 800654 911 Grant Program

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
\$3,395,448	\$372,601	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-89.0%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** Federal Fund Group: FAL 20.615

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This line item was used, in cooperation with DAS, to administer the 911 Grant Program as authorized by the federal Next Generation 911 (NG911) Advancement Act of 2012. This grant program allows local emergency call centers to apply for grants to upgrade to Next Generation 911 (NG 9-1-1) technology. The reimbursable grants fund 60% of the costs associated with eligible new projects that aid local communities in the transition to NG 9-1-1.

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

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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
<b>COM Department of Commerce</b>								
4B20	800631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	0.00%	0.00%
4H90	800608	Cemeteries	\$176,451	\$453,275	\$326,349	\$332,990	-28.00%	2.03%
4X20	800619	Financial Institutions	\$1,918,306	\$2,217,605	\$2,129,695	\$2,138,176	-3.96%	0.40%
5430	800602	Unclaimed Funds - Operating	\$13,000,784	\$14,039,257	\$16,777,906	\$16,249,752	19.51%	-3.15%
5430	800625	Unclaimed Funds - Claims	\$149,382,722	\$70,000,000	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000	28.57%	0.00%
5440	800612	Banks	\$8,901,031	\$12,557,393	\$11,467,455	\$11,775,392	-8.68%	2.69%
5460	800610	Fire Marshal	\$28,247,491	\$29,102,147	\$30,366,505	\$31,171,353	4.34%	2.65%
5460	800639	Fire Department Grants	\$7,514,557	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000	\$7,515,000	0.00%	0.00%
5480	800611	Real Estate Recovery	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	0.00%
5490	800614	Real Estate	\$6,322,723	\$8,031,650	\$7,808,917	\$8,014,934	-2.77%	2.64%
5500	800617	Securities	\$8,346,355	\$8,918,450	\$9,782,453	\$10,204,710	9.69%	4.32%
5520	800604	Credit Union	\$3,450,952	\$5,213,603	\$5,194,284	\$4,831,282	-0.37%	-6.99%
5530	800607	Consumer Finance	\$4,826,154	\$6,139,757	\$6,440,712	\$7,215,971	4.90%	12.04%
5560	800615	Industrial Compliance	\$31,103,955	\$32,337,310	\$33,508,390	\$33,692,610	3.62%	0.55%
5BG1	800659	Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	0.00%	0.00%
5F10	800635	Small Government Fire Departments	\$572,986	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	0.00%	0.00%
5FW0	800616	Financial Literacy Education	\$43,726	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	0.00%	0.00%
5GK0	800609	Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	\$587,138	\$2,182,150	\$742,863	\$542,863	-65.96%	-26.92%
5HV0	800641	Cigarette Enforcement	\$0	\$27,324	\$27,324	\$27,324	0.00%	0.00%
5LCO	800644	Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	\$0	\$396,154	\$200,000	\$200,000	-49.51%	0.00%
5LNO	800645	Liquor Operating Services	\$17,407,712	\$20,583,022	\$18,105,130	\$18,371,853	-12.04%	1.47%
5LPO	800646	Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	\$17,669,530	\$26,134,409	\$17,782,397	\$17,681,629	-31.96%	-0.57%
5SJ0	800648	Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%	0.00%
5SY0	800650	Medical Marijuana Control Program	\$6,392,189	\$9,050,379	\$16,339,688	\$16,180,201	80.54%	-0.98%
5VD0	800653	Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%	0.00%
5X60	800623	Video Service	\$393,339	\$452,720	\$429,981	\$441,076	-5.02%	2.58%

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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
<b>COM Department of Commerce</b>						
5XK0 800657 Ohio Investor Recovery	\$339,410	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	0.00%	0.00%
6530 800629 UST Registration/Permit Fee	\$2,345,669	\$2,539,151	\$2,813,369	\$2,824,398	10.80%	0.39%
QG18 800660 Marijuana Control Administration - COM	\$0	\$0	\$6,043,950	\$8,946,600	N/A	48.03%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$308,943,180</b>	<b>\$264,285,756</b>	<b>\$290,197,368</b>	<b>\$294,753,114</b>	<b>9.80%</b>	<b>1.57%</b>
1630 800620 Division of Administration	\$9,296,398	\$9,572,488	\$11,532,983	\$11,239,902	20.48%	-2.54%
1630 800637 Information Technology	\$11,469,635	\$13,431,945	\$12,728,427	\$13,134,526	-5.24%	3.19%
<b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$20,766,033</b>	<b>\$23,004,433</b>	<b>\$24,261,410</b>	<b>\$24,374,428</b>	<b>5.46%</b>	<b>0.47%</b>
3480 800622 Underground Storage Tanks	\$773,260	\$831,359	\$779,620	\$779,620	-6.22%	0.00%
3480 800624 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$2,164,862	\$2,055,439	\$1,899,016	\$1,899,016	-7.61%	0.00%
<b>Federal Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$2,938,122</b>	<b>\$2,886,798</b>	<b>\$2,678,636</b>	<b>\$2,678,636</b>	<b>-7.21%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Department of Commerce Total</b>	<b>\$332,647,336</b>	<b>\$290,176,987</b>	<b>\$317,137,414</b>	<b>\$321,806,178</b>	<b>9.29%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>
<b>Main Operating Appropriations Bill Total</b>	<b>\$332,647,336</b>	<b>\$290,176,987</b>	<b>\$317,137,414</b>	<b>\$321,806,178</b>	<b>9.29%</b>	<b>1.47%</b>