

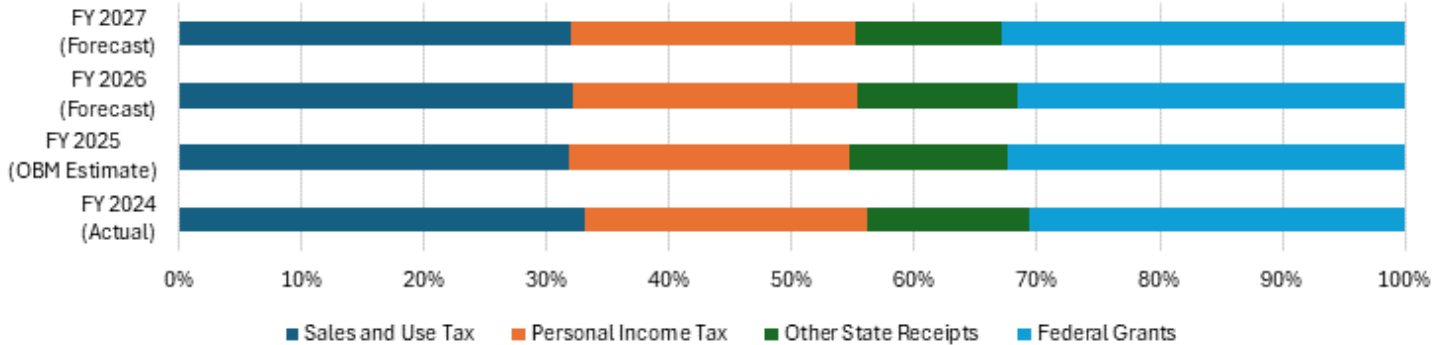
Legislative Budget Office of the Legislative Service Commission

Main Operating Budget House Bill 96 – As Passed by the House

Budget in Brief

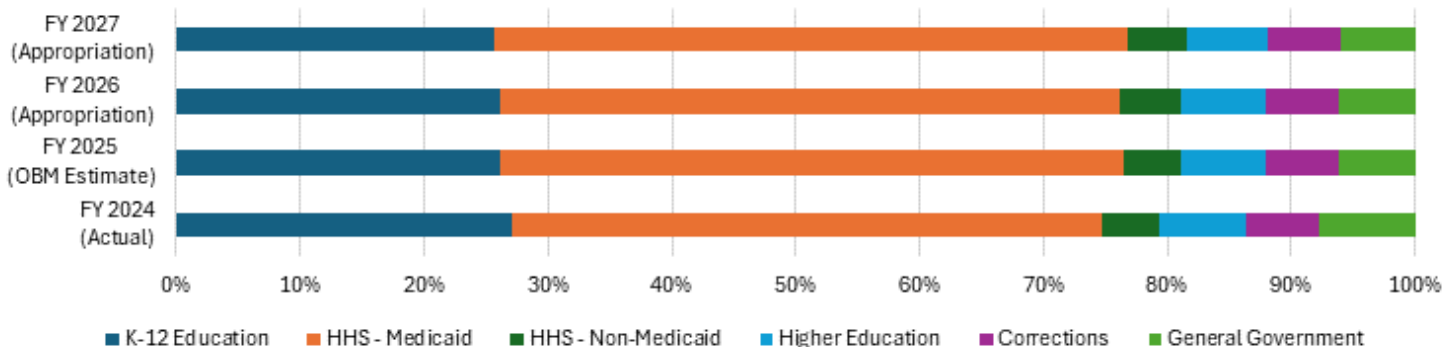
Where do GRF moneys come from?

Revenue Source	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (OBM Estimate)	FY 2026 (Forecast)	FY 2027 (Forecast)
Sales & Use Tax	\$13,700.5	\$13,934.0	\$14,791.0	\$15,184.0
Personal Income Tax	\$9,519.3	\$9,987.0	\$10,631.3	\$11,038.5
Other State Receipts	\$5,467.5	\$5,630.9	\$5,933.7	\$5,680.6
Federal Grants	\$12,645.7	\$14,121.4	\$14,537.5	\$15,673.7
GRF Source Total	\$41,333.0	\$43,673.3	\$45,893.4	\$47,576.8
% Change		5.7%	5.1%	3.7%
<i>GRF Tax Total</i>	<i>\$27,944.5</i>	<i>\$28,442.8</i>	<i>\$30,211.0</i>	<i>\$31,238.1</i>
<i>% Change</i>		<i>1.8%</i>	<i>6.2%</i>	<i>3.4%</i>



Where do GRF moneys go?

Program Category	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (OBM Estimate)	FY 2026 (Appropriation)	FY 2027 (Appropriation)
K-12 Education	\$11,004.5	\$11,348.7	\$11,693.4	\$11,964.6
HHS - Medicaid	\$19,329.5	\$21,921.9	\$22,376.8	\$23,985.1
HHS - Non-Medicaid	\$1,887.7	\$2,062.4	\$2,224.7	\$2,189.1
Higher Education	\$2,824.2	\$2,961.3	\$3,044.2	\$3,040.7
Corrections	\$2,392.3	\$2,545.8	\$2,653.7	\$2,797.4
General Government	\$3,179.5	\$2,693.7	\$2,733.9	\$2,785.6
GRF Program Total	\$40,617.7	\$43,533.8	\$44,726.9	\$46,762.6
% Change		7.2%	2.7%	4.6%



Note: Revenues may not equal expenditures in a given fiscal year due to factors such as carryover balances, encumbrances, and transfers.

Appropriation Highlights

H.B. 96, as passed by the House, provides state and federal GRF appropriations totaling \$44.73 billion for FY 2026 and \$46.76 billion for FY 2027, increases of 2.7% and 4.6%, respectively. Medicaid (50.7%) and K-12 Education (25.9%) together make up 76.5% of the biennial total. State-source GRF appropriations total \$30.13 billion in FY 2026 and \$31.03 billion in FY 2027, increases of 2.7% and 3.0%, respectively. K-12 Education and Medicaid represent 38.7% and 26.2%, respectively, of the biennial total. Across all funds, appropriations total \$100.38 billion in FY 2026 and \$102.37 billion in FY 2027, increases of 1.0% and 2.0%.

Medicaid, Health, and Other Human Services

- Across all agencies and funds, H.B. 96 funding for Medicaid totals \$46.12 billion in FY 2026 and \$48.77 billion in FY 2027, increases of 5.8% and 5.7%. The federal share is expected to be 69.4% over the biennium. The GRF portion is \$22.38 billion (48.5%) in FY 2026 and \$23.99 billion (49.2%) in FY 2027. The state share of GRF Medicaid spending is \$7.78 billion in FY 2026 and \$8.25 billion in FY 2027, increases of 0.7% and 6.0%.
- H.B. 96 increases the Medicaid hospital franchise fee, which shifts appropriations from the GRF to non-GRF funds. There will also be an additional hospital payment, which is estimated to increase the state share from non-GRF funds by \$531.0 million in FY 2026 and \$608.3 million in FY 2027. H.B. 96 provides non-GRF funding for a state directed payment program for Bon Secours Mercy Health, including state share funding of \$16.0 million in FY 2026 and \$32.0 million in FY 2027. An increase in the personal needs allowance from \$50 to \$75 is estimated to increase the state share from the GRF by \$4.7 million in FY 2026 and \$6.2 million in FY 2027, enhanced dental and vision benefits for children are estimated to increase the state share from the GRF by \$2.1 million over the biennium, and an add-on payment for dialysis services in nursing facilities is estimated to increase the state share from the GRF by \$600,000 over the biennium. .
- H.B. 96 increases GRF funding for programs targeting infant mortality, including appropriating \$63.6 million in FY 2026 and \$63.0 million in FY 2027 for Help Me Grow, an increase of 13.5% in FY 2026. In addition, the Infant Vitality appropriation is \$20.0 million each year, an increase of 19.0% over FY 2025. H.B. 96 also provides new GRF funding of \$5.0 million in FY 2026 for pediatric cancer research and increases GRF funding for early intervention services to \$30.6 million in FY 2026 and \$32.7 million in FY 2027, increases of 30.9% and 6.8%. The Parenting and Pregnancy appropriation also increases by 42.9% to \$10.0 million each year.
- H.B. 96 establishes a new Child Care Cred Program, with GRF appropriations of \$10.0 million in FY 2026 to assist in the provision of child care to participating employees and their employers. It also establishes a Child Care Provider Recruitment and Mentorship Grant Program with appropriations of \$3.2 million in FY 2026.
- In addition, H.B. 96 provides \$304.0 million in FY 2026 and \$299.0 million in FY 2027, an increase of 18.7% in FY 2026 for the Family and Children Services appropriation. This appropriation includes \$20.0 million in FY 2026 and \$10.0 million in FY 2027 of new GRF funding for the establishment of regional wellness campuses throughout the state. H.B. 96 also increases funding for early childhood education to \$130.3 million each year, an increase of 19.6% over FY 2025.
- H.B. 96 sets up a new state block grant structure for providing funding to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services from the newly named Department of Behavioral Health. H.B. 96 also appropriates \$15,000,000 of new GRF funding in FY 2026 to establish health information systems for behavioral health providers.
- H.B. 96 provides new GRF funding for the Department of Health of \$12.0 million in FY 2026 and \$8.0 million in FY 2027 for vision care services for children and \$3.0 million in each year for children's dental services. It also increases funding for school-based health centers to \$10.0 million each year, an increase of 33.3% over FY 2025.

K-12 Education

- H.B. 96 appropriates \$11.24 billion in FY 2026 and \$11.49 billion in FY 2027 for bridge formula funding to school districts, joint vocational school districts (career centers), and community and STEM schools, and for support to students who attend participating nonpublic schools through state scholarship programs and, beginning in FY 2027, educational savings accounts. These appropriations are funded through a combination of GRF, including a transfer from the GRF to the Student Wellness and Success Fund of \$600.0 million in each fiscal year, and lottery and sports gaming profits.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$1.29 billion in FY 2026 and \$1.31 billion in FY 2027 for property tax rollbacks and the homestead exemption for school districts.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$133.2 million in each year from lottery profits, an increase of 50.4% over FY 2025, for community school facilities, increasing the annual per pupil amount for brick-and-mortar schools from \$1,000 to \$1,500 compared to FY 2025 and providing an annual per pupil amount of \$25 for e-schools. Other new funding from lottery profits includes \$12.0 million in each year for literacy coaches and \$10.0 million in FY 2026 for school bus safety.

- H.B. 96 provides \$9.6 million in each year for tech prep regional centers to expand access to career-technical education, an increase of 257% over FY 2025.

Higher Education

- The state share of instruction (SSI) is funded in H.B. 96 at \$2.16 billion in FY 2026 and \$2.20 billion in FY 2027, increases of 2.0% in each fiscal year. Included in that appropriation is \$100.0 million each year distributed according to a new formula based on retention and employment outcomes of graduates and \$10.0 million each year distributed according to a new retention-based formula providing \$10,000 bonuses per graduate for technician-aligned associate degrees.
- H.B. 96 requires state colleges and universities to restrain increases in instructional and general fees over the biennium and limits increases to \$5 per credit hour per year for community colleges.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$220.6 million in FY 2026 and \$207.4 million in FY 2027, an increase of 11.8% in FY 2026, for OCOG, Ohio's needs-based financial aid program.
- H.B. 96 provides new GRF funding of \$14.0 million in FY 2026 to establish the Ohio Institute for Quantum Computing Research, Talent, and Commercialization at Miami University and \$1.0 million in each fiscal year to enhance the nursing workforce. It also increases funding for The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine to \$15.0 million in each year, an increase of 182.8% over FY 2025.
- H.B. 96 expands funding for the Governor's Merit Scholarship to \$47.0 million in FY 2026 and \$70.0 million in FY 2027, increases of 107.0% and 48.9%. The bill provides funding for the War Orphans and Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarships of \$25.0 million in FY 2026 and \$30.0 million in FY 2027, increases of 21.4% and 20.0%.

Local Government, Corrections, and Other Initiatives

- H.B. 96 increases the percentage of GRF tax revenue going to the Local Government Fund from 1.70% to 1.75%, which is expected to provide \$531.7 million in FY 2026 and \$549.1 million in FY 2027 for the fund. H.B. 96 also provides funding for public libraries of \$490.0 million in FY 2026 and \$500.0 million in FY 2027 through GRF transfers.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$687.8 million in FY 2026 and \$698.8 million in FY 2027 for property tax rollbacks and the homestead exemption for local governments other than school districts.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$1.47 billion in FY 2026 and \$1.54 billion in FY 2027 for the operation of Ohio's prisons, increases of 5.1% and 4.9%. GRF appropriations for medical services for inmates are \$377.8 million in FY 2026 and \$402.4 million in FY 2027, increases of 7.2% and 6.5%. The bill increases GRF funding for education services in prisons by 18.0% to \$53.5 million in FY 2026 and by 8.3% to \$57.9 million in FY 2027. H.B. 96 also provides \$207.0 million in FY 2026 and \$218.0 million in FY 2027, increases of 5.4% and 5.3% for juvenile correction facilities and related programs through RECLAIM Ohio.
- H.B. 96 appropriates \$195.5 million in FY 2026 and \$200.7 million in FY 2027 from the GRF for reimbursements to counties for indigent defense, increases of 13.7% and 2.7%. H.B. 96 also creates the Northwest Regional Hub to provide indigent defense services in Allen, Hardin, and Putnum counties, and provides new GRF funding to support the Hub of \$3.4 million each year.
- H.B. 96 increases GRF funding for the Ohio History Connection, providing \$8.3 million each year for operations of historical sites and museums, an increase of 10.0% over FY 2025 and \$7.8 million in FY 2026 and \$2.5 million in FY 2027, an increase of 158.3% in FY 2026, for the Ohio Commission for the U.S. Semiquincentennial. H.B. 96 also provides GRF funding for UNESCO World Heritage Sites of \$3.3 million in FY 2026 and \$2.6 million in FY 2027.
- H.B. 96 provides \$10.0 million in FY 2026 and \$12.0 million in FY 2027 through a GRF transfer for TourismOhio, increases of 33.3% and 20.0%.
- H.B. 96 provides \$10.5 million each year through a GRF transfer to reduce MARCS subscriber fees for local governments.
- H.B. 96 continues to support the TechCred Program with GRF appropriations of \$25.2 million each year. It provides new GRF development funding of \$2.8 million each year for the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, \$2.5 million each year for housing development incentives, and \$7.0 million in FY 2026 to support cybersecurity for local governments.
- H.B. 96 provides \$10.0 million in new GRF funding for a program to incentive the sale of motor fuel with at least 15% ethanol blend. It also provides \$500,000 in each year for the Ohio-Israel Agricultural Initiative an increase of 100% over FY 2025.
- H.B. 96 provides new GRF funding for water system cybersecurity grants of \$2.0 million in FY 2026 and \$6.0 million in FY 2027 and \$1.0 million each year to assist local communities with hazard mitigation projects.
- H.B. 96 provides new GRF funding of \$5.0 million in each year for matching funds for federal airport infrastructure grants and \$2.5 million in FY 2026 for a Drones for First Responders pilot program.

Total (State and Federal) GRF Appropriations by Agency

Agency	FY 2024 (Actual)	FY 2025 (OBM Estimate)	FY 2026 (Appropriation)	FY 2027 (Appropriation)
Department of Medicaid	\$18,352,954,630	\$20,790,632,762	\$21,126,546,462	\$22,720,215,695
Department of Education and Workforce	\$9,479,672,747	\$9,783,298,319	\$10,044,666,670	\$10,323,341,205
Department of Higher Education	\$2,824,220,362	\$2,961,313,939	\$3,044,237,563	\$3,040,731,792
Department of Rehabilitation and Correction	\$2,148,569,630	\$2,281,770,000	\$2,383,797,816	\$2,515,266,669
Revenue Distribution Fund	\$1,873,728,354	\$1,885,992,000	\$2,029,929,521	\$2,057,283,908
Department of Developmental Disabilities	\$925,989,408	\$1,049,901,000	\$1,178,130,217	\$1,188,588,356
Department of Children and Youth	\$0	\$863,186,421	\$954,816,875	\$933,470,604
Department of Behavioral Health	\$573,312,406	\$592,296,238	\$661,874,033	\$653,828,824
Department of Job and Family Services	\$1,046,897,140	\$510,141,690	\$508,140,494	\$510,084,425
Ohio Facilities Construction Commission	\$408,011,278	\$338,750,000	\$303,671,298	\$278,942,393
Public Works Commission	\$273,440,160	\$286,135,000	\$271,500,000	\$279,000,000
Department of Youth Services	\$243,684,685	\$264,043,179	\$269,926,593	\$282,146,118
Judiciary/Supreme Court	\$197,140,018	\$214,242,000	\$219,804,388	\$226,851,250
Ohio Public Defender Commission	\$175,791,563	\$183,349,000	\$212,046,460	\$217,497,940
Attorney General	\$163,330,733	\$189,242,152	\$176,955,419	\$180,400,663
Department of Natural Resources	\$162,596,583	\$179,368,083	\$156,888,445	\$176,432,482
Department of Development	\$730,513,012	\$120,540,500	\$144,526,962	\$134,871,228
Department of Administrative Services	\$146,711,970	\$149,066,000	\$112,196,833	\$130,773,404
Department of Health	\$147,637,412	\$95,572,832	\$101,241,562	\$97,299,934
Department of Public Safety	\$88,007,577	\$105,111,870	\$99,050,809	\$99,130,841
Department of Taxation	\$57,440,659	\$60,684,000	\$63,840,392	\$67,593,994
Department of Transportation	\$92,030,238	\$53,762,136	\$63,014,636	\$58,514,636
Department of Veterans Services	\$59,085,608	\$62,878,000	\$59,643,989	\$59,814,297
Department of Agriculture	\$50,749,481	\$49,682,000	\$58,537,500	\$48,966,900
Auditor of State	\$34,326,234	\$38,422,000	\$45,139,278	\$48,727,204
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency	\$29,916,357	\$35,520,000	\$44,270,000	\$44,270,000
Legislative Service Commission	\$33,952,872	\$58,032,838	\$43,309,000	\$43,234,000
Pension Subsidies	\$37,255,139	\$36,183,000	\$40,152,300	\$40,152,300
House of Representatives	\$28,122,454	\$37,300,000	\$35,100,000	\$36,210,000
Deaf and Blind Education Services	\$29,859,052	\$30,634,000	\$33,200,258	\$33,454,668
Ohio History Connection	\$21,117,000	\$20,604,000	\$29,887,827	\$23,837,547
Senate	\$15,612,362	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000	\$27,000,000
Department of Aging	\$24,566,189	\$25,357,000	\$26,548,887	\$26,462,126
Ohio Arts Council	\$24,650,422	\$25,563,000	\$26,210,595	\$26,281,201
Adjutant General	\$13,480,577	\$14,984,924	\$16,788,909	\$16,992,853
Secretary of State	\$12,934,332	\$14,090,000	\$15,705,147	\$16,210,274
Environmental Protection Agency	\$12,158,956	\$13,908,000	\$15,232,534	\$19,265,775
Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board	\$5,901,787	\$9,467,772	\$12,953,530	\$7,162,135
Broadcast Educational Media Commission	\$10,836,761	\$10,633,000	\$10,980,106	\$11,053,969
Ohio Civil Rights Commission	\$6,965,487	\$7,822,000	\$7,464,880	\$7,763,235
Commission on Minority Health	\$6,426,992	\$7,288,000	\$7,284,577	\$7,299,944
State Library Board	\$5,262,889	\$5,335,000	\$6,850,746	\$6,937,184
Treasurer of State	\$7,648,404	\$11,053,250	\$5,432,000	\$5,432,000
State Employment Relations Board	\$4,199,611	\$4,375,000	\$4,533,029	\$4,655,023
Court of Claims	\$9,732,447	\$4,690,000	\$4,463,374	\$4,668,266
Office of Budget and Management	\$4,350,860	\$4,592,000	\$4,400,000	\$4,842,000
Office of the Governor	\$3,184,456	\$3,481,221	\$3,481,221	\$3,580,624
Ethics Commission	\$2,726,000	\$2,788,000	\$2,788,000	\$2,788,000
Board of Tax Appeals	\$2,295,557	\$2,305,000	\$2,480,744	\$2,603,142
Inspector General	\$1,842,264	\$2,146,000	\$2,110,000	\$2,160,000
Judicial Conference of Ohio	\$1,865,525	\$2,078,000	\$2,079,000	\$2,158,000
Veterans' Organizations	\$1,140,683	\$1,231,000	\$1,398,265	\$1,475,131
Environmental Review Appeals Commission	\$660,706	\$701,000	\$745,000	\$795,000
Joint Legislative Ethics Committee	\$619,243	\$713,000	\$713,000	\$713,000
Commission on Service and Volunteerism	\$682,000	\$694,000	\$694,000	\$694,000
Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review	\$450,249	\$670,000	\$620,000	\$620,000
Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee	\$308,648	\$591,000	\$530,532	\$654,606
Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs	\$338,343	\$490,000	\$466,248	\$483,670
Expositions Commission	\$368,960	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$380,000
New African Immigrants Commission	\$0	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors	\$32,000	\$1,000,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Ohio Elections Commission	\$414,998	\$432,000	\$0	\$0
<i>GRF - State</i>	<i>\$28,020,723,313</i>	<i>\$29,337,514,941</i>	<i>\$30,132,492,781</i>	<i>\$31,027,149,387</i>
GRF - Total	\$40,617,722,470	\$43,533,764,125	\$44,726,877,924	\$46,762,564,435
<i>Medicaid GRF - State</i>	<i>\$6,732,476,370</i>	<i>\$7,725,612,816</i>	<i>\$7,782,433,657</i>	<i>\$8,249,679,247</i>
<i>Medicaid GRF - Federal</i>	<i>\$12,596,999,157</i>	<i>\$14,196,249,184</i>	<i>\$14,594,385,143</i>	<i>\$15,735,415,048</i>
Medicaid GRF - Total	\$19,329,475,527	\$21,921,862,000	\$22,376,818,800	\$23,985,094,295
<i>Medicaid Non-GRF - Total</i>	<i>\$19,548,916,566</i>	<i>\$21,692,902,606</i>	<i>\$23,746,632,253</i>	<i>\$24,783,706,075</i>
Medicaid All-Funds - Total	\$38,878,392,093	\$43,614,764,606	\$46,123,451,053	\$48,768,800,370