

- Over 60% of the Adjutant General's budget comes from federal funds
- Both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard strength levels are over 100%

Adjutant General

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ROLE

The Adjutant General's Department, administrative headquarters of the Ohio National Guard, was organized in 1803. The Adjutant General has a threefold mission that includes federal, state, and community components. Through the federal mission the agency supports U.S. national security objectives. In 2001 and 2002, several Ohio National Guard units were activated in order to provide airport security for Operation Noble Eagle in the aftermath of the events of September 11, 2001. To fulfill its state mission, the agency is the state's largest emergency response team. The Governor can activate guard units to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order, and public safety. In 2002, units were activated to assist in the recovery efforts in Stark, Ottawa, and Van Wert counties as a result of the tornados that hit these counties. To fulfill its community mission, the Adjutant General participates in many community service projects, such as GuardCare that provides free health care to Ohio's medically underserved population.

The major state-sponsored recruiting inducement for the National Guard is the Ohio National Guard Scholarship program funded by the Board of Regents at \$13.3 million in FY 2004 and \$14.6 million in FY 2005. This amount exceeds the amount of GRF funding that is provided directly to the Adjutant General's Department. The scholarship program was upgraded in the FY 2000-2001 budget when the reimbursement for tuition went from 60% to 100%.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
345	\$34.1 million	\$35.2 million	\$10.0 million	\$10.0 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The Adjutant General's total appropriation is \$34.1 million in FY 2004, an 8.7% increase over the FY 2003 spending level and is \$35.2 million in FY 2005, a 3.0% increase over the FY 2004 appropriation. GRF appropriations decrease 0.6% from FY 2003 to FY 2004 and increase 0.5% from FY 2004 to FY 2005.

BUDGET ISSUES

NATIONAL GUARD FUNDING

Federal appropriations fund approximately 60% of the budget for the Adjutant General's Department. In addition to the appropriated federal funding, there is other federal spending for military pay and equipment, which is not appropriated by the state and is spent directly by the federal government. Federal funding supports the need for well-trained military personnel who can be called to duty when needed. Ohio's ability to continue to play a role in the national military structure depends on the state's willingness to support a National Guard presence.

Continued state support is necessary to retain a National Guard presence in Ohio. The National Guard Bureau measures the state's commitment towards its National Guard units by an assessment of the state's ability to maintain the human and physical assets entrusted to it. This requires the National Guard to keep adequate staffing levels and to maintain the armories and air bases that house its military personnel. If the state fails to maintain these standards, guard units will be moved to other states. The loss of guard units means the loss of personnel and equipment that can be used to respond to state emergencies. Current strength levels for Ohio, however, are excellent, and the possibility of Ohio adding units from other states is good.

OHIO NATIONAL GUARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Beginning in FY 2001, the tuition grant program was renamed the Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program and was moved into the budget for the Board of Regents. In addition the tuition costs for a National Guard member at an Ohio public university are now covered 100%, as opposed to 60% before FY 2001. In the FY 2004-2005 biennium, the appropriation for this program is \$27,831,124, a 20.3% increase over the spending in the FY 2002-2003 biennium. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: FY 2002: FY 2003: FY 2004 % Change FY 2005 % Change
Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: 2003 to 2004: Appropriations: 2004 to 2005:

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	745-401	Ohio Military Reserve	\$ 8,992	\$ 22,294	\$10,142	\$ 14,889	46.81%	\$ 15,188	2.01%
GRF	745-403	Armory Deferred Maintenance	\$ 939,657	\$ 200,143	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	745-404	Air National Guard	\$ 1,868,422	\$ 1,857,552	\$1,885,328	\$ 1,915,177	1.58%	\$ 1,939,762	1.28%
GRF	745-409	Central Administration	\$ 4,075,230	\$ 3,939,731	\$4,203,119	\$ 3,976,734	-5.39%	\$ 3,899,590	-1.94%
GRF	745-499	Army National Guard	\$ 4,040,553	\$ 3,866,297	\$3,859,071	\$ 3,987,516	3.33%	\$ 4,086,222	2.48%
GRF	745-502	Ohio National Guard Unit Fund	\$ 121,392	\$ 101,350	\$99,000	\$ 100,953	1.97%	\$ 102,973	2.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 11,054,247	\$ 9,987,367	\$ 10,056,660	\$ 9,995,269	-0.61%	\$ 10,043,735	0.48%
537	745-604	Ohio National Guard Maintenance	\$ 567,082	\$ 370,401	\$384,306	\$ 219,826	-42.80%	\$ 219,826	0.00%
534	745-612	Armory Improvements	\$ 175,147	\$ 321,057	\$697,970	\$ 534,304	-23.45%	\$ 534,304	0.00%
536	745-620	Camp Perry/Buckeye Inn Operations	\$ 1,011,226	\$ 1,076,985	\$1,075,860	\$ 1,094,970	1.78%	\$ 1,094,970	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 1,753,455	\$ 1,768,444	\$ 2,158,136	\$ 1,849,100	-14.32%	\$ 1,849,100	0.00%
3S0	745-602	Higher Ground Training	----	\$ 4,639	\$28,871	\$ 10,937	-62.12%	\$ 10,937	0.00%
3R8	745-603	Counter Drug Operations	\$ 3,442	\$ 20,163	\$8,474	\$ 25,000	195.02%	\$ 25,000	0.00%
341	745-615	Air National Guard Base Security	\$ 1,755,066	\$ 1,445,342	\$1,162,804	\$ 2,181,960	87.65%	\$ 2,312,877	6.00%
342	745-616	Army National Guard Service Agreeeme	\$ 3,288,847	\$ 4,915,054	\$6,181,594	\$ 8,109,221	31.18%	\$ 8,686,892	7.12%
343	745-619	Army National Guard Training Site Agr	\$ 2,791,188	----	\$0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
3E8	745-628	Air National Guard Operations & Maint	\$ 10,629,676	\$ 11,022,038	\$11,488,007	\$ 11,901,459	3.60%	\$ 12,174,760	2.30%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 18,468,218	\$ 17,407,235	\$ 18,869,750	\$ 22,228,577	17.80%	\$ 23,210,466	4.42%
528	745-605	Marksmanship Activities	\$ 61,225	\$ 8,940	\$151,711	\$ 66,078	-56.44%	\$ 66,078	0.00%
5U8	745-613	Community Match Armories	----	----	\$163,898	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 61,225	\$ 8,940	\$ 315,609	\$ 66,078	-79.06%	\$ 66,078	0.00%
Adjutant General Total			\$ 31,337,145	\$ 29,171,985	\$ 31,400,155	\$ 34,139,024	8.72%	\$ 35,169,379	3.02%