

- A continuation budget
- GRF appropriations comprise over 70% of the total budget for OEB

# Educational Telecommunications Network Commission, Ohio

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## ROLE

The Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission (OEB) was created in 1961 and is governed by an 11-member commission. The mission of OEB is to ensure the coherent development of public telecommunications services for the citizens of Ohio, with a particular commitment for their applications to education. To accomplish this, the Commission provides independent expertise and support to Ohio's educational television stations, educational radio stations, radio-reading services, instructional television foundations, and other agencies of state government. The Commission currently provides services and assistance to 12 public television services, 8 educational technology stations, 34 educational radio stations, 9 radio-reading services, the SchoolNet Commission, and the Statehouse News Bureau.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
26	\$12.4 million	\$12.3 million	\$9.2 million	\$9.1 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 overall budget for the Commission is \$12,399,292 in FY 2004, a 7.5% increase over spending in FY 2003, and \$12,301,362 in FY 2005, a 0.8% decrease from appropriations in FY 2004. The GRF budget in FY 2004 is \$9,181,845, a 1.0% increase over FY 2003, and \$9,083,915 in FY 2005, a 1.1% decrease from FY 2004.

A large portion of the increase in total appropriations for the Commission comes from general service fund group appropriation item 374-603, Affiliate Services (Fund 4F3). The appropriation for this line item is \$3,067,447 in each fiscal year, a 33.7% increase over FY 2003 spending. The primary reason for this large increase is a timing issue. This line item receives grants from the SchoolNet Commission for research, development, and production of interactive instructional programming series aligned with Ohio's academic standards. The programming is provided free to the 200 lowest wealth school districts. The FY 2003 grant of approximately \$300,000 has been encumbered and carried into the FY 2004 appropriation. The grant award is \$1,260,000 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005. The budget requires OEB to distribute these moneys equally among the 12 Ohio educational television stations.

The largest component of the Commission's budget is contained in GRF appropriation item 374-404, Telecommunications Operating Subsidy. In FY 2004, the appropriation is \$3,962,199, a 3.1% decrease from spending in FY 2003. In FY 2005, the appropriation is \$3,864,269, a 2.5% decrease from FY 2004. This line item comprises over 40% of the GRF appropriation for the Commission. These moneys are used to provide subsidy payments to OEB affiliates statewide. While the subsidy line item supports OEB affiliates in maintaining their current levels of operation, the appropriation does not support affiliates undertaking major new initiatives. Subsidy payments to OEB affiliates are determined and allocated by a formula, with 67.5% going to 12 educational television stations, 22.5% to 13 educational radio stations, and 10.0% to 9 radio-reading services. The educational television and radio stations also receive matching funds from the federal government. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<b>Line Item Detail by Agency</b>			<b>FY 2001:</b>	<b>FY 2002:</b>	<b>FY 2003:</b>	<b>FY 2004 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2003 to 2004:</b>	<b>FY 2005 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2004 to 2005:</b>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>						
<b>OEB Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission</b>									
GRF	374-100	Personal Services	\$ 1,688,926	\$ 1,519,034	\$1,364,245	\$ 1,300,000	-4.71%	\$ 1,300,000	0.00%
GRF	374-200	Maintenance	\$ 737,354	\$ 890,800	\$646,210	\$ 800,000	23.80%	\$ 800,000	0.00%
GRF	374-300	Equipment	\$ 21,632	\$ 46,654	\$27,793	\$ 97,500	250.81%	\$ 97,500	0.00%
GRF	374-401	Statehouse News Bureau	\$ 263,723	\$ 234,414	\$200,279	\$ 260,000	29.82%	\$ 260,000	0.00%
GRF	374-402	Ohio Government Telecommunications	----	\$ 297,997	\$762,146	\$ 762,146	0.00%	\$ 762,146	0.00%
GRF	374-403	Ohio SONET	----	----	\$1,999,975	\$ 2,000,000	0.00%	\$ 2,000,000	0.00%
GRF	374-404	Telecommunications Operating Subsid	\$ 5,490,552	\$ 4,786,970	\$4,087,528	\$ 3,962,199	-3.07%	\$ 3,864,269	-2.47%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,202,186</b>	<b>\$ 7,775,868</b>	<b>\$ 9,088,176</b>	<b>\$ 9,181,845</b>	<b>1.03%</b>	<b>\$ 9,083,915</b>	<b>-1.07%</b>
4F3	374-603	Affiliate Services	\$ 2,043,864	\$ 2,387,769	\$2,294,087	\$ 3,067,447	33.71%	\$ 3,067,447	0.00%
4T2	374-605	Government Television/Telecommunic	----	\$ 5,510	\$149,865	\$ 150,000	0.09%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,043,864</b>	<b>\$ 2,393,279</b>	<b>\$ 2,443,952</b>	<b>\$ 3,217,447</b>	<b>31.65%</b>	<b>\$ 3,217,447</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Com</b>			<b>\$ 10,246,051</b>	<b>\$ 10,169,147</b>	<b>\$ 11,532,128</b>	<b>\$ 12,399,292</b>	<b>7.52%</b>	<b>\$ 12,301,362</b>	<b>-0.79%</b>