

Ohio Elections Commission

General Revenue Fund

GRF 051321 Operating Expenses

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
\$335,690	\$328,145	\$418,774	\$427,496	\$435,221	\$435,221
% change	-2.2%	27.6%	2.1%	1.8%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: ORC 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for most of the Ohio Election Commission's personnel, maintenance, and equipment costs. A portion of these expenses is also funded under Fund 4P20 line item 051601, Operating Support. The Commission hears approximately 800 to 1,000 cases annually. The cases typically involve complaints brought against individual candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, or corporations that are required to file financial reports.

GRF 051602 False Statement Judgments

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
\$0	\$1,478,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	-100%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: This line item was used to cover court-ordered attorney's fees stemming from judgements against the state in FY 2017. There were two federal cases, one challenging the constitutionality of Ohio's candidate false statement statute and the other the constitutionality of the ballot issue false statement statute. The state lost both cases and in each instance was ordered by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio to pay the legal fees of the opposing counsel.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4P20 051601 Operating Support

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
\$256,276	\$223,571	\$152,133	\$168,413	\$199,460	\$199,460
% change	-12.8%	-32.0%	10.7%	18.4%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Filing fee revenue from declarations of candidacy, as well as ballot questions and issues; fine revenue derived from violations of Ohio's election laws

Legal Basis: ORC 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B.166 of the 133rd G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to supplement GRF funding for the operating expenses of the Ohio Elections Commission.