

**State Special Revenue Fund Group**

**554 820-601 Operating Expenses-OSHIIP**

FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000 Appropriation	FY 2001 Appropriation
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 418,193	<b>\$ 733,707</b>	<b>\$ 751,351</b>
	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>75.4%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

**Source:** State Special Revenue Fund Group: CFDA 93.779, Health Care Financing Research, Demonstrations, and Fund 554 (insurance agents fees).

**Legal Basis:** The program was established by executive order in 1992. The line item was created by Controlling Board action on September 14, 1998.

**Purpose:** The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program educates and counsels senior citizens on Medicare and other health insurance concerns, utilizing staff who in addition to actually counseling and conducting educational seminars provide telephone assistance. This program serves an eligible population of 1.4 million elderly Ohioans. These staff assemble and publish insurance information brochures, and recruit and train volunteers who serve as counselors at the county level. The program receives federal funding through an interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Aging (\$413,691 in FFY 1999) and the department's operating fund.

The OSHIIP operating line item which was created by Controlling board action on September 14th, 1998, was previously funded in Fund 554, Insurance Operating, along with the federal grants.

Operating Expenses, OSHIIP, 820-606, is partially funded by Fund 554, Insurance Operating.

**554 820-606 Operating Expenses**

FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000 Appropriation	FY 2001 Appropriation
\$ 12,716,050	\$ 13,165,677	\$ 15,893,861	\$ 16,879,187	<b>\$ 17,540,571</b>	<b>\$ 17,771,394</b>
	3.5%	20.7%	6.2%	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

**Source:** State Special Revenue Fund Group: Various fees

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3901.021 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 694 of the 114th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This appropriation line item became effective November 15, 1981. The fund receives up to \$15 of the \$20 fee assessed for the licensing of insurance agents, charges for continuing education of insurance agents, and fees for a variety of services or transactions performed by the Department for the regulation of insurance companies. These fees were first temporarily authorized by Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A., which enacted Section 3901.043 of the Revised Code, and are now permanently authorized by Am. Sub. H.B. 117 of the 121st G.A. The remaining \$5 of the agent licensing fee is deposited in the GRF. In addition, Sub. S.B. 375 of the 120th G.A., effective January 1st 1994, established the Insurance Agent Continuing Education program for which fees are charged and used to administer the program.

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### **555 820-605 Examination**

FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000 Appropriation	FY 2001 Appropriation
\$ 4,096,713	\$ 4,502,678	\$ 4,774,696	\$ 4,758,265	<b>\$ 6,147,608</b>	<b>\$ 6,090,979</b>
	9.9%	6.0%	-0.3%	<b>29.2%</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

**Source:** State Special Revenue Fund Group: insurance company fees

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3901.071 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 1267 of the 111th G.A.)

**Purpose:** This line item receives payments from insurance companies for the services of state examiners. The receipts are used to pay the salaries and fringe benefits of the examiners. This line item became effective May 21, 1976.