

THE CATALOG OF BUDGET LINE ITEMS

PURPOSE

The State of Ohio appropriates moneys to more than 100 departments, boards, commissions and other organizations. These moneys are deposited into specific line items within funds for each agency. The purpose of this Catalog of Budget Line Items is to provide a history of these funding amounts, from FY 1998 to FY 2003, and a description of each line item detailing the legal basis, revenue source and purpose. The FY 1998 through FY 2001 amounts displayed in each table represent the actual amount of money spent, while the figures shown for FY 2002 and FY 2003 reflect the appropriations approved in the biennial budget appropriation acts of the 124th General Assembly:

The following table illustrates the type of information that can be found for each agency's line item:

<i>Fund</i>	<i>Agency number followed by the item number</i>		<i>Line Item Title</i>			
533	763-601	State Disaster Relief				
	1998 Actual	1999 Actual	2000 Actual	2001 Actual	2002 Appropriation	2003 Appropriation
	\$ 6,196,555	\$ 6,321,540	\$ 7,491,930	\$ 6,635,813	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 7,500,000
<i>Percent change in spending from previous year</i>		2.0%	18.5%	-11.4%	28.1%	-11.8%

Figures for FY 1998-FY 2001 represent actual dollars spent

Figures for FY 2002-FY 2003 represent appropriation amounts

In this catalog, each agency's line items are arranged according to the fund group to which the line item belongs. In general, the line items within the General Revenue Fund (GRF) appear first, followed by the General Services Fund Group (GSF), the Federal Special Revenue Fund Group (FED), and the State Special Revenue Fund Group (SSR). There are several other fund groups that may appear including the Lottery Profits/Education Fund Group and other smaller fund groups such as the Wildlife Fund Group.

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DEFINITIONS OF TERMS FOUND IN THE CATALOG

Appropriation: An authorization granted by the General Assembly to make budgetary expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation limits the amount that may be spent for a given purpose in a given period of time, generally a fiscal year. No appropriation may be made for a period of time longer than two years.

Appropriation Line Item (ALI): The specific purpose of the appropriation as authorized by law and accounted for within its fund. The ALI title indicates the general purpose of amounts appropriated or expended. ALI codes are used in the accounting system for budgetary reporting and control. The first three digits designate the agency or division within the agency to which the line item belongs and the next three digits are considered the line item number.

EXAMPLES OF ALI CODES:

FUND NAME	LINE ITEM NUMBER	CATEGORY
General Revenue Fund (GRF)	100	Personal Services
GRF	200	Maintenance
GRF	300	Equipment
GRF	320 or 321	Combination of Personal Services, Maintenance, and Equipment
GRF	400	Special Purpose Accounts
GRF	500	Subsidy Accounts
All Funds (except GRF)	600	Special Accounts
All Funds	700	Capital Improvements
All Funds	900	Non-expenses such as inter-fund transfers

Budget Fund Group: The categories used to group similar funds for Ohio's budgetary reporting purposes. Ohio's funds are categorized according to their revenue sources and the purposes for which they are used. The primary fund groups, in the general order by agency in which they are found in the Catalog are as follows:

General Revenue Fund (GRF): The General Revenue Fund Group accounts for all financial resources (except those required to be accounted for in another fund).

General Services Fund (GSF): The General Services Fund Group consists of funds, not easily classified into, or appropriately accounted for, in one of the other fund groups. Many of the funds in this group receive payments from other funds for services provided. Funds that receive interagency grants are also included.

Federal Special Revenue Fund (FED): The Federal Special Revenue Fund Group consists of funds that receive federal grants or entitlements. Expenditures from these funds are made in accordance with state and federal laws.

State Special Revenue (SSR): The State Special Revenue Fund Group consists of funds that are made in accordance with state and federal laws.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA): The CFDA is a government-wide compendium of all Federal programs, projects, services, and activities that provide assistance or benefits to the American public. These programs provide grants, loans, loan guarantees, services, information, scholarships, training, and insurance.

Fiscal Year (FY): A 12-month period of time used for fiscal planning purposes. The state fiscal year begins July 1 and ends the following June 30. The federal fiscal year begins October 1 and ends the following September 30.

Fund: A separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. A fund created in the state treasury usually has one or more appropriation line items facilitating expenditures from this fund. If the fund has only one appropriation line item the ALI name is often the same name as the fund.

General Assembly (G.A.): The Ohio legislative assembly, formed for a two-year period that begins on the first Monday of January (unless that day is a holiday, then the first Tuesday begins the G.A.) in odd-numbered years. The 124th G.A. began on January 2, 2001.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC): Administrative codes (also known as rules) provide additional guidelines or clarifications about laws that have been enacted in the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio Revised Code (ORC): The Ohio Revised Code contains all of the laws approved by the Ohio General Assembly and enacted by the Governor of Ohio.

Special Account: An appropriation line item, within a non-GRF fund, used to account for legally designated expenditures. The available balance of appropriations and the fund's cash balance limit these expenditures. If actual revenues to the account exceed the estimated revenues used to determine ALI funding levels during the budget process, the Controlling Board may increase the appropriation level. Most special accounts are grouped together in the GSF, SSR, or FED, but some exist in other fund groups. Special accounts are always numbered in the 600s (e.g. 100-607, Computer Services).

Special Purpose Account: An appropriation line item used to legally restrict appropriations and accounts for expenditures for a designated purpose. It is found most often in the GRF, but some exist in other fund groups such as Wildlife, Waterways Safety, and Workers' Compensation. Special purpose accounts are always numbered in the 400s (e.g. 700-401, Animal Disease Control).

Subsidy Account: An appropriation line item used to legally restrict appropriations and account distributions for designated purposes. They may not be used for the operating expenses of state agencies. Such distributions are made to individuals, organizations on behalf of individuals, school districts, higher education facilities, local governmental units, or other recipients. Subsidy accounts are most often found in the GRF, but also exist in other fund groups such as Wildlife or Waterways Safety. Subsidy accounts are always numbered in the 500s (e.g. 200-503, Bus Purchase Allowance).