

- The Office of the Notary Commission is transferred from the Governor's Office to the Secretary of State.

Governor

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ROLE

The Office of the Governor (GOV) oversees the operations of state government. Under the Ohio Constitution, the Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and is elected to four-year terms. The major duties of the Governor include:

- Formatting and implementing administrative policy for state agencies;
- Submitting biennial, capital, and operating budgets; and
- Appointing judges, certain agency officials, and board and commission members.

The Governor's office also funds the Office of Veterans' Affairs. Veterans' Affairs assists veterans in receiving services and benefits, and maintains burial records of Ohio's veterans.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
63	\$5.0 million	\$5.1 million	\$5.0 million	\$5.1 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

The Governor's Office will receive approximately \$10.1 million (after the 1.5 percent cuts) over the course of the biennium. The GRF appropriations for the previous biennium were approximately \$10.6 million, although actual GRF spending was only \$9.3 million. According to a spokesperson at the Governor's Office, the office will be forced to make adjustments within the office as a result of the enacted budget. It is not yet known what those adjustments will be.

The Notary Commission will be transferred from the Governor's Office to the Secretary of State. The Notary Commission is a non-GRF program that oversees the appointments of notaries public, keeps a record of such appointments, and collects license fees from Ohio's notaries public. Notaries public may administer oaths required or authorized by law; take and certify depositions; take and certify acknowledgements of deeds, mortgages, liens, powers of attorney, and other instruments of writing. The program is expected to receive approximately \$320,000 in license fees for the biennium. According to the Office of the Governor's budget testimony in Senate Finance and Financial Institutions, the transferal is due to a recommendation made by the Management Improvement Commission. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 1999: *FY 2000:* *FY 2001:* **FY 2002** *% Change* **FY 2003** *% Change*
Appropriations: *Appropriations:* *Appropriations:* *2001 to 2002:* *Appropriations:* *2002 to 2003:*

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

GOV Office of the Governor

GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 3,882,341	\$ 4,445,046	\$3,983,047	\$ 4,539,600	13.97%	\$ 4,677,328	3.03%
GRF	040-400	Office of the Lt. Governor	\$ 308,307	\$ 128,724		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	040-403	National Governors' Conference	\$ 142,622	\$ 145,945	\$151,825	\$ 174,001	14.61%	\$ 179,224	3.00%
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	\$ 238,368	\$ 226,765	\$266,986	\$ 267,525	0.20%	\$ 275,552	3.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 4,571,638	\$ 4,946,480	\$ 4,401,858	\$ 4,981,126	13.16%	\$ 5,132,103	3.03%
412	040-607	Notary Commission	\$ 131,614	\$ 120,449	\$123,843	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 131,614	\$ 120,449	\$ 123,843	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
Office of the Governor Total			\$ 4,703,252	\$ 5,066,929	\$ 4,525,701	\$ 4,981,126	10.06%	\$ 5,132,103	3.03%