

- GRF funding is increased to support Ohio's participation in national or regional associations
- A new GSF fund also supports Ohio's participation in national and regional associations

## Governor, Office of the

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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 operating and capital budgets;
- Ensuring the faithful execution of Ohio's laws; 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) |
|                      | 2004                           | 2005          | 2004               | 2005          |                       |
| 51**                 | \$5.4 million                  | \$5.5 million | \$4.9 million      | \$5.0 million | Am. Sub. H.B. 95      |

\*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

\*\*The Governor's Office reported 54 employees for the same time period.

### OVERVIEW

The Governor's Office will receive approximately \$10.9 million over the course of the biennium. Actual spending for the FY 2002 to 2003 biennium was approximately \$9.1 million. Total GRF funding increased by 13.8% from actual FY 2003 levels to FY 2004 appropriations. However, this is primarily due to the increase in GRF appropriation item 040-403, Federal Relations, which is used to support Ohio's participation in national or regional associations. GSF fund 412, Federal Relations, is created for the same purposes. The fund will receive fees from state agencies of the executive branch that use intrastate transfer vouchers. The other line items (all GRF) within the Governor's Office will receive inflationary increases for each fiscal year. 

**FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

**Line Item Detail by Agency**

**FY 2001:      FY 2002:      FY 2003:      FY 2004      % Change      FY 2005      % Change**  
**Appropriations:      Appropriations:      Appropriations:      2003 to 2004:      Appropriations:      2004 to 2005:**

**Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill**

**Version: Enacted**

**GOV Office of the Governor**

|  |         |                             |                     |                     |                     |                     |               |                     |              |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------|
| GRF                                      | 040-321 | Operating Expenses          | \$ 3,983,047        | \$ 4,362,900        | \$3,981,000         | \$ 4,112,358        | 3.30%         | \$ 4,235,726        | 3.00%        |
| GRF                                      | 040-403 | Federal Relations           | \$ 151,825          | \$ 163,056          | \$55,541            | \$ 510,000          | 818.24%       | \$ 510,000          | 0.00%        |
| GRF                                      | 040-408 | Office of Veterans' Affairs | \$ 266,986          | \$ 243,447          | \$267,670           | \$ 276,723          | 3.38%         | \$ 285,025          | 3.00%        |
| <b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>        |         |                             | <b>\$ 4,401,858</b> | <b>\$ 4,769,402</b> | <b>\$ 4,304,211</b> | <b>\$ 4,899,081</b> | <b>13.82%</b> | <b>\$ 5,030,751</b> | <b>2.69%</b> |
| 412                                      | 040-607 | Federal Relations           | \$ 123,843          | ---                 | \$0                 | \$ 500,000          | N/A           | \$ 500,000          | 0.00%        |
| <b>General Services Fund Group Total</b> |         |                             | <b>\$ 123,843</b>   | <b>---</b>          | <b>\$ 0</b>         | <b>\$ 500,000</b>   | <b>N/A</b>    | <b>\$ 500,000</b>   | <b>0.00%</b> |
| <b>Office of the Governor Total</b>      |         |                             | <b>\$ 4,525,701</b> | <b>\$ 4,769,402</b> | <b>\$ 4,304,211</b> | <b>\$ 5,399,081</b> | <b>25.44%</b> | <b>\$ 5,530,751</b> | <b>2.44%</b> |