

House of Representatives

- GRF and non-GRF funding increases by 3.9 percent in FY 2002 and 4.5 percent in FY 2003

OVERVIEW

The role of the House of Representatives, in conjunction with the Ohio Senate, is to enact the laws of the state, the authority of which is provided in the Ohio Constitution. The House considers bills, which may alter or create state law, as well as resolutions that are formal expressions of the wishes and opinions of the legislature.

The House of Representative's budget contains three line items. GRF line item 025-321, Operating Expenses, constitutes 93 percent of the House's total budget, the majority of which is for personal services expenses such as pay and benefits for legislators and their staff. Of the two remaining lines items, which are non-GRF, one involves reimbursements for expenses and the other includes revenue from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, and so forth.

The total funding request for FY 2002 is \$20,069,312, a 3.9 percent increase over projected FY 2001 spending of \$19,311,456. The House has requested \$20,982,275 in FY 2003, a 4.5 percent increase over FY 2002 appropriations. Section 107.03 (B) of the Revised Code requires that the Governor make no alterations to the House of Representatives' budget request.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

House of Representatives						
Category	1997	1998	1999	2000	<i>Estimated</i>	
					2001	2002
Members	99	99	99	99	99	99
Administrative Staff	265	265	265	254	254	254
Totals	364	364	364	353	353	353

The numbers reflected in the table above represent average employment counts for the House of Representatives as provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW SECTION

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

There are no permanent or temporary law provisions with fiscal effects on this agency.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

In accordance with Section 107.03 (B) of the Revised Code, the Governor made no alterations to the House of Representatives' budget request. All of the House of Representative's requests were fully funded.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Estimated 2001</i>	<i>Executive 2002</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002</i>	<i>Executive 2003</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003</i>
<i>REP House of Representatives</i>								
GRF	025-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 17,112,986	\$17,989,966	\$ 18,747,822	4.2%	\$ 19,660,785	4.9%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 17,112,986	\$ 17,989,966	\$ 18,747,822	4.2%	\$ 19,660,785	4.9%
103	025-601	House Reimbursement	\$ 595,737	\$1,287,500	\$ 1,287,500	0.0%	\$ 1,287,500	0.0%
4A4	025-602	Miscellaneous Sales	\$ 19,349	\$33,990	\$ 33,990	0.0%	\$ 33,990	0.0%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 615,086	\$ 1,321,490	\$ 1,321,490	0.0%	\$ 1,321,490	0.0%
<i>Total All Budget Fund Groups</i>			\$ 17,728,072	\$ 19,311,456	\$ 20,069,312	3.9%	\$ 20,982,275	4.5%

General Revenue Fund

GRF 025-321 Operating Expenses

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$15,617,864	\$14,781,488	\$17,112,986	\$17,989,966	\$18,747,822	\$19,660,785
	-5.4%	15.8%	5.1%	4.2%	4.9%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: Ohio Constitution

Purpose: This line item funds the operations of the House of Representatives.

General Services Fund Group

103 025-601 House Reimbursement

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$318,245	\$730,106	\$595,737	\$1,287,500	\$1,287,500	\$1,287,500
	129.4%	-18.4%	116.1%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GSF: refunds from the Department of Administrative Services for overpayment of medical insurance premiums for state representatives; amounts received for salvage and recycling of equipment, materials, and supplies; and payments from members and employees for incidental use of equipment or facilities.

Legal Basis: ORC 101.272(A) (originally established by Am. Sub. S.B. 336 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: This fund is used to pay operating expenses of the House. The revenue stream surges every other fiscal year, while spending has historically been highly variable, running well under total available receipts.

4A4 025-602 Miscellaneous Sales

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$20,251	\$12,869	\$19,349	\$33,990	\$33,990	\$33,990
	-36.5%	50.4%	75.7%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: GSF: moneys collected by the Executive Secretary of the House from the sale of flags, insignia, seals, frames for resolutions, and similar items.

Legal Basis: ORC 101.69 (originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 111 of the 118th G.A.)

Purpose: Moneys credited to the fund may be used solely to pay for the costs of procuring such items.