

# **Office of the Governor**

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# **LSC Redbook**

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**Compare Document: Permanent and Temporary Law, As Introduced to As Passed by the House**

**LSC Budget Spreadsheet, Executive to House Passed Comparison**

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Note: The estimated General Revenue Fund (GRF) spending for FY 2003 used in this LSC Redbook reflects the 2.5% reduction made as a result of the Governor's January 22, 2003 budget cut order. The executive reduction was applied across-the-board to FY 2003 GRF appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. Subsequent to such reductions (and not reflected in the Redbook), state agencies were permitted to reallocate the amount that each of their GRF appropriation line items was reduced, while still absorbing the 2.5 budget cut within the total amount of their GRF appropriations.

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- GRF funding is increased to support Ohio's participation in national or regional associations
- A new GSF fund, which will collect payments from state agencies, also supports Ohio's participation in federal relations and associations

## OVERVIEW

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:

- Formulating and implementing administrative policy for state agencies;
- Ensuring the faithful execution of Ohio's laws;
- Submitting biennial capital and operating budgets;
- Appointing judges, certain agency officials, and board and commission members; and
- Serving as commander-in-chief of the Ohio National Guard.

According to the State of Ohio Executive Budget Book, the Office has a total staff of approximately 75 employees. This reflects those employees paid directly from the budget of the Office of the Governor.

Beginning in FY 1996, the budget for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor was incorporated within the Governor's budget. The Lieutenant Governor oversees select departments and serves as state deputy commander-in-chief, and a cabinet member. The current Lieutenant Governor serves as the Director of the Department of Commerce.

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

This budget will also fund Ohio's participation in national and regional associations.

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

### Office of the Governor

**Purpose:** The Office of the Governor (GOV) oversees the operations of state government. The main duties of the Governor include formulating and implementing administrative policy for state agencies, ensuring the faithful execution of Ohio’s laws, and appointing judges and certain executive branch officials.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this agency, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2004	FY 2005
GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	\$4,112,358	\$4,235,726
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	\$510,000	\$510,000
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	\$476,723	\$285,025
GSF	040-607	Federal Relations	\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Total funding: Governor</b>			<b>\$5,399,081</b>	<b>\$5,530,751</b>

### Office of the Governor

**Program Description:** The Office of the Governor was established in 1802 and current authority comes largely from the Ohio Constitution of 1852. Certain statutory authority for the Governor comes from Chapter 107. of the Revised Code.

**Funding Source:** GRF and GSF

**Implication of the Executive Recommendation:** The Governor’s recommendation will enable the Office of the Governor to carry out his Constitutional and statutory duties.

In past bienniums, the GRF 040-403 line item was used for dues for the National Governors Conference, while the GSF 040-607 line item was used for the Notary Commission (which was transferred to the Secretary of State). For the FY 2004 - 2005 biennium, both of these line items will be used for Federal Relations, which includes Ohio’s participation in national and regional associations.

## PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW SECTION

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

### Temporary Law Provisions

#### Appointment of Legal Counsel for the Governor

The Governor may expend a portion of appropriation line item 040-321, Operating Expenses, to hire or appoint legal counsel. Counsel may be used in proceedings involving the Governor in the Governor's official capacity or the Governor's Office only, without the approval of the Attorney General.

#### Federal Relations

A portion of appropriation line items 040-403, Federal Relations, and 040-607, Federal Relations, may be used to support Ohio's membership in national or regional associations. The Office of the Governor may charge any state agency of the executive branch using an intrastate transfer voucher such amounts necessary to defray the costs incurred for the conduct of federal relations associated with issues that can be attributed to the agency. Amounts collected shall be deposited in Fund 412, Federal Relations.

## **REQUESTS NOT FUNDED**

The request for the Office of the Governor was fully funded.

## General Revenue Fund

### GRF 040-321 Operating Expenses

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$4,445,046	\$3,983,047	\$4,362,900	\$3,992,579	\$4,112,358	\$4,235,726
	-10.4%	9.5%	-8.5%	3.0%	3.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 55 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A. (originally established in Ohio Constitution Article III)

**Purpose:** To pay for personnel, maintenance, and equipment for the agency.

### GRF 040-400 Office of the Lt. Governor

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$128,724	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item - ORC 108.05

**Purpose:** To pay operating expenses for the Office of the Lt. Governor, including personnel, maintenance, and equipment. Starting in FY 2000, the operating expenses of the Lt. Governor have been paid from line item 040-321, Operating Expenses.

### GRF 040-403 Federal Relations

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$145,945	\$151,825	\$163,056	\$58,500	\$493,818	\$493,818
	4.0%	7.4%	-64.1%	744.1%	0.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 50 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

**Purpose:** To pay for costs associated with Ohio's participation in national or regional associations.

### GRF 040-408 Office of Veterans' Affairs

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$226,765	\$266,986	\$243,447	\$268,663	\$276,723	\$285,025
	17.7%	-8.8%	10.4%	3.0%	3.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 55 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A. and ORC 5902.01 (Office of Veterans' Affairs was transferred from the Adjutant General's Office to the Office of the Governor in 1991 by Am. Sub. H.B. 298 of the 119th G.A.)

**Purpose:** To pay for the operating expenses of the Office of Veterans' Affairs.

**GRF 040-503 Veterans' Organizations**

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,283,992	\$1,283,992
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Section 50 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

**Purpose:** To provide subsidies to veterans' organizations to promote and provide assistance to veterans in Ohio.

## General Services Fund Group

**412 040-607 Federal Relations**

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 House Passed	2005 House Passed
\$120,449	\$123,843	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
	2.8%		N/A	N/A	0.0%

**Source:** GSF: Charges to state agencies of the executive branch that use an intrastate transfer voucher.

**Legal Basis:** Section 50 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

**Purpose:** To pay for costs associated with Ohio's membership in national or regional associations.

## LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<b>Estimated 2003</b>	<i>As Introduced 2004</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2004</i>	<i>% Change Est. 2003 to House 2004</i>	<i>As Introduced 2005</i>	<i>House Sub Bill 2005</i>	<i>% Change House 2004 to House 2005</i>
<b>GOV Office of the Governor</b>									
GRF	040-321	Operating Expenses	\$3,992,579	\$ 4,112,358	\$ 4,112,358	3.0%	\$ 4,235,726	\$ 4,235,726	3.0%
GRF	040-403	Federal Relations	\$58,500	\$ 510,000	\$ 493,818	744.1%	\$ 510,000	\$ 493,818	0.0%
GRF	040-408	Office of Veterans' Affairs	\$268,663	\$ 276,723	\$ 276,723	3.0%	\$ 285,025	\$ 285,025	3.0%
GRF	040-503	Veterans' Organizations		----	\$ 1,283,992	N/A	----	\$ 1,283,992	0.0%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 4,319,742</b>	<b>\$ 4,899,081</b>	<b>\$ 6,166,891</b>	<b>42.8%</b>	<b>\$ 5,030,751</b>	<b>\$ 6,298,561</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
412	040-607	Federal Relations	\$0	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	N/A	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	0.0%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>\$ 500,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>			<b>\$ 4,319,742</b>	<b>\$ 5,399,081</b>	<b>\$ 6,666,891</b>	<b>54.3%</b>	<b>\$ 5,530,751</b>	<b>\$ 6,798,561</b>	<b>2.0%</b>