

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Attorney General

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Appropriation Spreadsheet

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Quick look...

- Biennial budget of \$869.1 million: \$437.7 million in FY 2024 and \$431.4 million in FY 2025.
- Primary sources of budget: GRF (41.2%, or \$357.9 million), DPF (36.8%, \$320.0 million), FED (18.0%, \$156.5 million).
- Total GRF increase of 72.1% (\$75.0 million) in FY 2024 from actual FY 2023 expenditures.
- The budget appropriates new GRF funding for several initiatives:
 - \$40.0 million in each fiscal year for law enforcement training;
 - \$6.5 million in FY 2024 for cyber security and technology upgrades;
 - \$1.25 million in FY 2024 for the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG); and
 - \$750,000 in each fiscal year for the Cyber Crime Division Expansion.

Fund Group	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
General Revenue (GRF)	\$116,422,665	\$104,104,622	\$179,123,000	\$178,790,000
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$145,595,117	\$154,643,008	\$164,242,334	\$155,741,834
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$8,397,192	\$8,859,362	\$9,115,000	\$9,115,000
Holding Account (HLD)	\$29,045,465	\$30,588,626	\$8,250,000	\$8,250,000
Federal (FED)	\$68,339,681	\$61,481,050	\$76,942,398	\$79,542,398
Total	\$367,800,120	\$359,676,669	\$437,672,732	\$431,439,232
% change	--	-2.2%	21.7%	-1.4%
GRF % change	--	-10.6%	72.1%	-0.2%

Overview

Agency overview

The Office of the Attorney General: (1) serves as the legal counsel to all statewide elected officials, the Ohio General Assembly, and all state departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, and (2) provides training, investigative, and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies through the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. To perform these activities and services, the Attorney General employs over 1,500 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

Appropriation summary

The budget provides the Attorney General a total appropriation of \$437.7 million in FY 2024 and \$431.4 million in FY 2025 for a combined total of \$869.1 million for the biennium.

The Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) and Federal Fund (FED) groups together comprise 54.8% (\$476.5 million) of the Attorney General's biennial budget. Of the remainder, 41.2% (\$357.9 million) comes from the General Revenue Fund (GRF), the Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group (2.1%, or \$18.2 million), and the Holding Account Fund (HLD) Group (1.9%, or \$16.5 million).

One notable highlight of the Attorney General's budget is the increase of 72.1%, or \$75.0 million, from the FY 2023 GRF expenditure. This is largely attributable to the following appropriations for FY 2024:

- \$40.0 million to GRF line item 055509, Law Enforcement Training to expand the reimbursement program for continuing professional training for peace officers.
- \$9.0 million to GRF line item 055441, Victims of Crime to supplement federal and state non-GRF funding of the state's crime victim compensation program.
- An increase of 10.6%, or \$7.9 million, to line item 055321, Operating Expenses, for additional support to BCI operations and to restore the Ohio Fallen Peace Officers Memorial Wall.
- An increase of 109.6%, or \$8.0 million, to line item 055501, Rape Crisis Centers.
- An increase of 300.0%, or \$7.5 million, to line item 055504, Domestic Violence Programs.
- New GRF line items:
 - GRF ALI 055446, Cyber Crime Division Expansion – \$750,000 in each fiscal year.
 - GRF ALI 055447, Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway – (OHLEG) – \$1.25 million in FY 2024.

Budget highlights

Law enforcement training reimbursements

The budget expands the reimbursement program for continuing professional training costs by appropriating \$40.0 million in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025. Related temporary law permits the Attorney General to use up to \$100,000 for administrative expenses associated with the program, including curriculum development. The budget requires that every appointed peace officer and trooper complete 24 hours of continuing professional training each calendar year and provides that a minimum of 24 hours of continuing professional training must be reimbursed each calendar year, and a maximum of 40 hours of continuing professional training may be reimbursed each calendar year.

For background, H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly required the Attorney General to create and administer a pilot program for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers in calendar year 2022. Under the pilot program, each law enforcement agency was required to certify to the Attorney General the total of salaries to be paid in calendar year 2022 to officers or troopers that would receive continuing professional training and their hourly rate of pay. The pilot program covered up to 50% of the salary costs. Funding in the amount of \$15.0 million was appropriated to GRF line item 055509 for the reimbursement program in FY 2022.

Subsequently, H.B. 45 of the 134th General Assembly modified the original pilot program. H.B. 45 permitted law enforcement agencies that received funding under the pilot program to retain unused funds for future continuing professional training programs rather than returning it to the Attorney General as previously required. It also extended the pilot program from December 31, 2022 until June 30, 2023 (the end of FY 2023) and modified the mechanism for making the payments during the extension period. Law enforcement agencies that receive funding under the period of the extension were similarly permitted to retain funds unused during the pilot program for future continuing professional training costs.

Victims of Crime

The budget appropriates \$9.0 million in FY 2024 and \$7.0 million in FY 2025 to GRF ALI 055441, Victims of Crime, for the state's Crime Victim Compensation Program. The Attorney General, prior to using the funds from this line item, and to the extent possible, must first use funds related to the federal Victims of Crime Act.

In recent years, state and federal funding that support this program have been declining. H.B. 110 created this line item with an appropriation of \$2.5 million in FY 2022 to provide the Attorney General GRF funding to supplement the program's other funding sources. No funding for FY 2023 was provided for this purpose.

Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades Fund

The budget creates the Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades Fund (Fund 5AW1) in the state treasury, and directs up to \$6.5 million of FY 2023 GRF surplus revenue to the fund to support the FY 2024 appropriation to DPF Fund 5AW1 ALI, Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades.

New duties for the Attorney General

The budget authorized several new duties for the Office of the Attorney General which together will create additional administrative costs for the Office. Some of these new duties include the following:

- Sexual assault examination kits access and reporting – Requires governmental evidence-retention entities to submit annual reports regarding sexual assault examination kit inventory to the Attorney General and requires the Office to prepare and make public a summary report, including a list of all entities that failed to submit reports.
- OneOhio Recovery Foundation – Requires the Attorney General to provide legal advice to and conduct any case in which the OneOhio Recovery Foundation or its employees, officers, or appointed members are a party to a legal action as a result of acting in its official capacity.
- Youth online parental notification – Provides the Attorney General exclusive authority to bring a civil action to enforce compliance with the new requirement for parental notifications by online operators.
- Victims of Human Trafficking Fund – Gives the Attorney General the duty to administer the Victims of Human Trafficking Fund (Fund 5NG0), previously under the control of the Department of Job and Family Services.

Vetoed provisions

Proceeds from large settlements or awards

The Governor vetoed provisions that, beginning January 1, 2024, would have:

- Created the Large Settlements and Awards Fund and directs the proceeds of any court order, judgment, settlement, or compromise exceeding \$2 million to the fund.
- Required the Attorney General to send a report to the Senate President and House Speaker if it cannot cover legal costs and fees from money received from an order, judgment, settlement, or compromise, or from an available appropriation.

Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Attorney General's budget. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into three major programmatic categories based on their funding purposes. The analysis for an ALI with a lower category or subcategory designation will appear before that for an ALI with a higher category or subcategory designation. That is, the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C2:1 and the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:3 will appear before the analysis for an ALI with a category designation of C1:8.

To aid the reader in locating each ALI in the analysis, the following table shows the category in which each ALI has been placed, listing the ALIs in order within their respective fund groups and funds. This is the same order the ALIs appear in the Attorney General's section of the budget bill.

In the analysis, each line item's actual expenditures for FY 2023 and appropriations for FY 2024 and FY 2025 are listed in a table. Following the table, a narrative describes the revenue source and purpose of the appropriation. The narrative is divided into three categories: (1) Criminal Justice, (2) Legal Services, and (3) Program Management.

Categorization of Attorney General's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	1:1	Criminal Justice
GRF	055405	Law-Related Education	3:1	Program Management
GRF	055406	BCIRS Lease Rental Payments	1:2	Criminal Justice
GRF	055411	County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement	1:3	Criminal Justice
GRF	055415	County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement	1:3	Criminal Justice
GRF	055431	Drug Abuse Response Team Grants	3:2	Program Management
GRF	055432	Drug Testing Equipment	1:4	Criminal Justice
GRF	055434	Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	1:5	Criminal Justice
GRF	055440	Rapid DNA Pilot Project	1:6	Criminal Justice
GRF	055441	Victims of Crime	1:7	Criminal Justice
GRF	055446	Cyber Crime Division Expansion	3:3	Program Management
GRF	055447	Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway – (OHLEG)	3:4	Program Management
GRF	055501	Rape Crisis Centers	1:8	Criminal Justice
GRF	055502	School Safety Training Grants	3:5	Program Management
GRF	055504	Domestic Violence Programs	1:9	Criminal Justice

Categorization of Attorney General's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
GRF	055505	Pike County Capital Case	1:10	Criminal Justice
GRF	055509	Law Enforcement Training	3:6	Program Management
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
1060	055612	Attorney General Operating	1:1	Criminal Justice
4020	055616	Victims of Crime	1:7	Criminal Justice
4170	055621	Domestic Violence Shelter	1:11	Criminal Justice
4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	2:1	Legal Services
4190	055623	Claims Section	2:2	Legal Services
4190	055668	Collections System Lease Rental Payments	2:3	Legal Services
4210	055617	Police Officers' Training Academy Fee	1:12	Criminal Justice
4L60	055606	DARE Programs	3:7	Program Management
4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	2:4	Legal Services
4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement	1:13	Criminal Justice
5900	055633	Peace Officer Private Security Training	1:14	Criminal Justice
5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	2:5	Legal Services
5AW1	055672	Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades	3:8	Program Management
5LR0	055655	Peace Officer Training – Casino	1:15	Criminal Justice
5TL0	055659	Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust	1:16	Criminal Justice
5VL0	055435	Stop Bullying License Plate	3:9	Program Management
6310	055637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	2:6	Legal Services
6590	055641	Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations	2:7	Legal Services
U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement Oversight/Administration/ Enforcement	2:8	Legal Services
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	2:9	Legal Services
Holding Account Fund Group				
R004	055631	General Holding Account	3:10	Program Management
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	2:10	Legal Services
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	2:11	Legal Services
R042	055601	Organized Crime Commission Distributions	1:17	Criminal Justice
R054	055650	Collection Payment Redistribution	2:12	Legal Services

Categorization of Attorney General's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
Federal Fund Group				
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	1:18	Criminal Justice
3830	055634	Crime Victims Assistance	1:7	Criminal Justice
3E50	055638	Attorney General Pass-Through Funds	1:19	Criminal Justice
3FV0	055656	Crime Victim Compensation	1:7	Criminal Justice
3R60	055613	Attorney General Federal Funds	1:19	Criminal Justice

Category 1: Criminal Justice

This category of line items provides funding to support services and activities delivered through the Attorney General's Law Enforcement and Victims Services programs, as described below.

Law enforcement

- **Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI).** BCI's identification, investigations, and laboratory divisions provide investigative support and forensic analysis to state and local law enforcement agencies.
- **Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and Commission.** As a group, these entities oversee training requirements and curriculum, firearms programs, certification standards of peace officers, and provide instruction in basic, advanced, and technical training for the law enforcement community.
- **Criminal Justice Section.** This section is composed of: (1) the Capital Crimes Unit, which works to uphold death sentences and assists county prosecutors with capital litigation and responses to clemency requests, (2) the Habeas Unit, which represents the state in federal and state habeas corpus litigation brought by inmates claiming their convictions and sentences are unconstitutional, and (3) the Corrections Litigation Unit, which defends the departments of Rehabilitation and Correction and Youth Services and their employees against lawsuits brought by inmates.
- **Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission.** The Commission assists local law enforcement agencies with the investigation of organized crime and corrupt activities.
- **Special Prosecutions Section.** This section assists with major felony cases such as homicides, child sex offenses, white collar crime, and public corruption.
- **Health Care Fraud Section.** This section investigates and prosecutes fraud in the health care industry through the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and the Workers' Compensation Fraud Unit.

Victims Services

The Victims Services Program includes services and activities of the Crime Victim Section. Its duties and responsibilities include: (1) awarding victim compensation payments, (2) administering the Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) Program that reimburses medical facilities for the cost of forensic examinations of victims of sexual violence, (3) distributing grants to local victims assistance providers, and (4) providing workshops, training, and other education programming to communities, law enforcement agencies, and victim advocate groups.

C1:1: Operating Expenses (ALIs 055321 and 055612)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses	\$73,988,047	\$81,854,000	\$85,282,000
% change	--	10.6%	4.2%
DPF Fund 1060 ALI 055612, Attorney General Operating	\$67,299,978	\$67,000,000	\$67,000,000
% change	--	-0.5%	0.0%

Operating Expenses (GRF ALI 055321)

This line item is used to pay for the Attorney General's operating expenses across three major programmatic categories: (1) Criminal Justice (2) Legal Services, and (3) Program Management. These expenses are primarily incurred in the provision of legal services and overall office administration (program management), and secondarily, in support of criminal justice programs (law enforcement and victim services).

The additional appropriation amount in both fiscal years will be used for cost-of-living increases, minimal overtime, and filling of vacant positions.

The budget earmarks up to \$1.3 million from this line item in each fiscal year by related temporary law provisions that:

- Require \$650,000 in each fiscal year to be used for the Ohio Center for the Future of Forensic Science at Bowling Green State University to foster forensic science research techniques (BCI Eminent Scholar) and to create professional training opportunities to students (BCI Scholars) in the forensic science fields.
- Require up to \$500,000 in each fiscal year to be used to support narcotics task forces.
- Permit \$100,000 in each fiscal year to fund domestic violence programs.
- Require \$67,500 in FY 2024 to be used to restore the Ohio Fallen Officers Memorial Wall on the grounds of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

Attorney General Operating (DPF Fund 1060 ALI 055612)

This line item is used, in combination with GRF line item 055321 and various other line items, to pay for the Attorney General's operating expenses across the Attorney General's three

major programmatic categories: (1) Criminal Justice (2) Legal Services, and (3) Program Management.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Attorney General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 1060). Fund 1060 consists of (1) reimbursement for legal and other services rendered to state agencies, (2) court awards (attorney's fees, investigation costs, expert witness fees, fines, and other costs and fees associated with representation provided by the Attorney General), (3) various fees (criminal record check, concealed carry weapon (CCW) license, arson offender registration, retained applicant fingerprint database, and conference registration), and (4) settlement revenue. Annual revenues are variable, as the frequency and amount of settlements are unpredictable.

Temporary law provisions authorize a cash transfer up to \$14.4 million for the GRF to Fund 1060 and appropriates the amounts transferred, for FY 2024, if the Attorney General requests additional funds to pay expenses related to representation in a concluded opioid litigation. The Attorney General is required to repay, in full, the amounts transferred from the GRF to Fund 1060 from the Multistate Opioid Settlement State Outside Counsel Fee Fund, Multistate Opioid Settlement State Opioid Attorneys Fee Fund, and Multistate Opioid Settlement State Cost Fund ("Opioid Settlement Fee and Cost Funds"). The repayment must be paid from part of the State Share Allocation of Settlement Proceeds as set forth in the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding if the Attorney General is unable to recover or receive sufficient funds to repay the full amount transferred.

C1:2: BCIRS Lease Rental Payments (ALI 055406)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments	\$2,397,733	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	--	4.3%	0.0%

This line item pays debt service on the capital costs for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation Records System (BCIRS), which replaced two legacy systems in June 2021 – the Computerized Criminal History (CCH) System and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS). The new system, otherwise known as the Ohio Biometric Identification System, or OBIS, digitizes millions of paper criminal justice records and allows electronic submission of data. As a result, the turnaround times for background checks that require manual review have been significantly reduced.

The Attorney General is utilizing a lease-purchase financing agreement with an aggregate principal of \$25 million raised through the issuance of bonds. Payments are made in accordance with an established amortization schedule.

C1:3: Pay Supplements (ALIs 055411 and 055415)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement	\$1,041,819	\$1,073,000	\$1,091,000
% change	--	3.0%	1.7%
GRF ALI 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement	\$1,330,454	\$1,399,000	\$1,438,000
% change	--	5.2%	2.8%

These two GRF line items reimburse counties for part of the cost of paying the annual compensation of county sheriffs and certain county prosecutors.¹ Recurring temporary law permits the transfer of appropriation from GRF line item 055321, Operating Expenses, to supplement the appropriation of either line item. The appropriation necessary to make these supplemental compensation payments can vary from year to year, dependent upon the number of eligible participants.

C1:4: Drug Testing Equipment (ALI 055432)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055432, Drug Testing Equipment	\$878,110	\$964,000	\$964,000
% change	--	9.8%	0.0%

This line item supports the ongoing maintenance service, calibration, and certification of drug testing equipment, as well as supplies and consumables to operate the equipment. BCI uses the equipment to conduct advanced hemp testing.

C1:5: Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ALI 055434)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055434, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	\$536,620	\$500,000	\$500,000
% change	--	-6.8%	0.0%

This line item supports the operation of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC) including equipment, personnel, and training.

The Attorney General is required to disburse the funding as follows: 60% to the Task Force, 20% to local internet crimes against children affiliated agencies, and 20% to the Attorney General's Crimes Against Children Initiative for investigations, forensic examinations, and

¹ R.C. 325.06 and 325.111.

prosecutions related to technologically facilitated sexual exploitation of children, internet crimes against children, and victim identification. The amount awarded to a local agency is based on the need of the applicant and the total amount of funds available.

Typically, this line item has coded the majority of its expenses, around 75% to 90%, to subsidies/grants, with the remainder dedicated to a mix of equipment, supplies and maintenance, and purchased personal services.

C1:6: Rapid DNA Pilot Project (ALI 055440)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055440, Rapid DNA Pilot Project	\$0	\$465,000	\$397,000
% change	--	--	-14.6%

This line item pays the costs incurred by BCI to pilot rapid DNA technology with cooperating local law enforcement agencies.

The Rapid DNA Pilot Project, first funded in FY 2021, enables approved law enforcement booking agencies to develop DNA profiles in about 90 minutes from arrestees in custody. The DNA profile will be entered into the FBI's Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) and searched against DNA profiles from homicides, rapes, kidnapping, and terrorism cases.

C1:7: Victims of Crime (ALIs 055441, 055616, 055634, and 055656)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055441, Victims of Crime	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$7,000,000
% change	--	--	-22.2%
DPF Fund 4020 ALI 055616, Victims of Crime	\$17,859,791	\$15,000,000	\$13,000,000
% change	--	-16.0%	-13.3%
FED Fund 3830 ALI 055634, Crime Victims Assistance	\$39,507,248	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000
% change	--	26.6%	0.0%
FED Fund 3FV0 ALI 055656, Crime Victim Compensation	\$2,089,326	\$1,200,000	\$3,800,000
% change	--	-42.6%	216.7%

These "victim of crime" line items may be used in conjunction with other funding sources in the Attorney General's budget for the same or similar purposes. Each line item is described in more detail below.

Victims of Crime (GRF ALI 055441)

This line item provides funding for the Attorney General's Crime Victim Compensation Program. Related temporary law requires the Attorney General, prior to using the funds from

this line item, and to the extent possible, first use funds related to the federal Victims of Crime Act. H.B. 110 of the 134th General Assembly, the main appropriations act for the current FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, created the line item with an initial appropriation of \$2.5 million in FY 2022.

Victims of Crime (DPF Fund 4020 ALI 055616)

This line item is used for the following: (1) victim compensation payments, (2) the Attorney General's compensation administrative costs, (3) the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) Program, (4) grants to victim assistance programs, (5) DNA specimen collection, analysis, and database entry, and (6) attorney fees.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Reparations Fund (Fund 4020). Fund 4020 primarily consists of: (1) court costs of \$30 and \$9 imposed upon an offender convicted of or pleading guilty to a felony or misdemeanor, other than a nonmoving traffic violation, (2) \$75 of the \$425 fee collected for the reinstatement of a driver's license that was suspended for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs (OMVI), and (3) subrogation and restitution recoveries.

Since FY 2016, the primary source of revenue, court costs, and fees, has been decreasing. Several shifts in program expenses have taken place to help offset declining revenue. In FY 2020, federal grant funds were secured for funding certain DNA testing expenditures and for the SAFE Program. In combination with federal grant funding, disbursed through Fund 3830, GRF was also used to pay for the majority of the SAFE Program in FY 2022.

Crime Victims Assistance (FED Fund 3830 ALI 055634)

This line item's appropriation is supported by the Crime Victim Assistance Fund (Fund 3830), which consists of money from a federal formula grant program that is disbursed as grants to aid qualified local offices and organizations that operate crime victim assistance programs. From FY 2012 to FY 2016, annual revenue averaged around \$14.9 million. From FY 2016 to FY 2020, there was a significant growth in federal funding, reaching an all-time high of \$106.5 million. Revenue to the fund totaled \$74.8 million and \$44.5 million in FY 2021 and FY 2022, respectively. Federal funding over the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium is expected to decline.

Crime Victim Compensation (FED Fund 3FVo ALI 055656)

This line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Crime Victim Compensation Fund (Fund 3FV0), which is used to disburse a federal formula grant awarded for providing compensation benefits to crime victims. Revenues largely track with expenditures; the annual ending cash balance of the fund generally is under \$300,000. The appropriations for FY 2024 and FY 2025 represent a decrease from FY 2023 expenditures due to reduced federal funding.

C1:8: Rape Crisis Centers (ALI 055501)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055501, Rape Crisis Centers	\$7,299,817	\$15,300,000	\$15,300,000
% change	--	109.6%	0.0%

This item supports the provision of grants to eligible rape crisis programs across the state. The entirety of each fiscal year's appropriation is allocated for subsidies/grants. The budget earmarks \$300,000 in each fiscal year to be distributed to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center to provide services for at-risk youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking Drop-in Center.

In FY 2022, this line item provided grants to 33 agencies for rape crisis programs. The appropriation for FY 2024 represents an increase of 109.6%, or \$8.0 million, from FY 2023 expenditures. According to the Attorney General, the increase will support additional grants and larger awards, with a focus to build capacity in counties without full range of services.

C1:9: Domestic Violence Programs (ALI 055504)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs	\$2,500,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	--	300.0%	0.0%

This line item provides funding for organizations that provide core services to victims of domestic violence. The entirety of each fiscal year's appropriation is allocated for subsidies/grants. In FY 2022, 77 organizations received grant funding for domestic violence programs. Examples of services provided include legal assistance, assistance with housing, emergency shelter, employment assistance, and crisis counseling.

The appropriation for FY 2024 represents an increase of 300.0%, or \$7.5 million, from FY 2023 expenditures. According to the Attorney General, the increase will support additional grants and larger awards, with a focus to build capacity in counties without full range of services.

Temporary law requires the following amounts to be distributed in each fiscal year: (1) \$25,000 to Ohio domestic violence shelters to buy transportation vouchers, ridesharing credits, or gas cards for eligible clients, (2) \$50,000 to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for the cost of operating the commercial kitchen located at its Market Street Facility, (3) \$50,000 to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County, and (4) \$300,000 to the Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties for expenses related to the creation and implementation of a pilot program called "Finding my Childhood Again."

C1:10: Pike County Capital Case (ALI 055505)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055505, Pike County Capital Case	\$764,387	\$500,000	\$0
% change	--	-34.6%	-100.0%

This line item is used to defray the costs of capital case litigation in Pike County. A related provision permits the line item's unexpended, unencumbered FY 2023 balance to be reappropriated to FY 2024 for the same purposes.

C1:11: Domestic Violence Shelter (ALI 055621)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4170 ALI 055621, Domestic Violence Shelter	\$20,816	\$25,000	\$25,000
% change	--	20.1%	0.0%

This line item supports the operation of domestic violence shelters. The line item's appropriation is supported by money from the Domestic Violence Shelters Fund (Fund 4170). Fund 4170's revenue comes from counties, which collect part of the fees from marriage licenses and divorce and dissolution decrees to support domestic violence shelters. Any amount collected by counties for this purpose that is not spent in the fiscal year must be sent to the Attorney General's Office for disbursement to a domestic violence shelter. Most counties spend all of their funding every year. This pass-through revenue is, therefore, unpredictable in any given year.

C1:12: Police Officers' Training Academy Fee (ALI 055617)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4210 ALI 055617, Police Officers' Training Academy Fee	\$1,075,936	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
% change	--	39.4%	0.0%

This line item supports the cost of operating the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) and its training programs. The line item's appropriation is supported with money drawn from the Police Officers' Training Academy Fund (Fund 4210), which consists of tuition paid by political subdivisions or the State Public Defender's Office for various OPOTA training programs and classes.

The Academy is administered by the Office of the Attorney General through the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and trains peace officers through uniform courses developed for law enforcement officers and private security officers. Courses include criminal investigation, use of firearms, and pursuit driving techniques and are held at either the Richfield or London academies or the Tactical Training Center. The Academy also administers e-OPOTA, an online learning resource with an emphasis on continuing professional training (CPT) for peace officers and troopers.

Beginning March 2020, COVID-19 restrictions temporarily suspended in-person training. As a result, the Attorney General accelerated its plan to update the model by which OPOTA offers instruction. When training resumed in September 2020, it was limited to the London Academy. The Richfield campus has remain closed except for its occasional use as a regional training site. These changes relate to advanced training, as OPOTA has not run a statewide basic academy training program since CY 2009. In FY 2022, 52% of all advanced training offered by OPOTA was conducted in regional locations statewide.

C1:13: BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement (ALI 055609)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4Z20 ALI 055609, BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement	\$1,730,004	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	-42.2%	0.0%

This line item is used in accordance with federal asset forfeiture rules, regulations, and laws (primarily for BCI maintenance and equipment costs related to asset forfeiture operations). The line item's appropriation is supported with money from the BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement Fund (Fund 4Z20), which primarily consists of: (1) BCI's share of federal asset forfeiture, and (2) state and local money designated as restitution for reimbursement of the costs of investigations. Annual revenue varies depending on the volume of cases processed by local courts that involve forfeited assets.

C1:14: Peace Officer Private Security Training (ALI 055633)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5900 ALI 055633, Peace Officer Private Security Training	\$71,148	\$95,325	\$95,325
% change	--	34.0%	0.0%

This line item is used for operating expenses incurred by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to comply with the requirement that it: (1) approve academic, basic firearms, and firearms requalification training programs for special police, security guards, and other private employment in a police capacity, and (2) issue certificates to persons who satisfactorily complete such programs. Historically, this line item has coded the majority of its expenses, over 80%, to personal services (payroll).

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Peace Officer Private Security Fund (Fund 5900), which consists of fees paid to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission for: (1) approval of private police, basic firearms, or firearms requalification training programs (\$50 to \$125), and (2) satisfactory completion of such programs (up to \$15).

C1:15: Peace Officer Training – Casino (ALI 055655)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5LR0 ALI 055655, Peace Officer Training – Casino	\$4,256,576	\$4,764,760	\$4,764,760
% change	--	11.9%	0.0%

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission uses this line item to first support the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy's training programs for gaming agents and gaming-related curriculum, and secondarily to support the law enforcement training efforts of the Academy. Revenues supporting this line item are derived from 85% of the money credited to the Ohio Law Enforcement Training Fund (Fund 5JNO).²

C1:16: Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust (ALI 055659)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5TLO ALI 055659, Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust	\$1,643	\$100,000	\$100,000
% change	--	5,987.6%	0.0%

This line item supports the Organized Crime Investigations Commission's costs to purchase, replace, update, or maintain equipment used by task forces or law enforcement agencies for the purposes of investigating organized criminal activity. In each fiscal year, the majority of the appropriation is allocated for equipment purchases and secondarily for supplies and maintenance.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 5TLO), which consists of expense reimbursements the Commission incurred in investigating criminal activity through a task force. Revenues are unpredictable and mostly based on court orders and timing of when cases are completed.

C1:17: Organized Crime Commission Distributions (ALI 055601)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
HLD Fund R042 ALI 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions	\$3,700	\$750,000	\$750,000
% change	--	20,170.3%	0.0%

This line item supports the reimbursement of political subdivisions for the expenses the subdivisions incur when their law enforcement officers participate in an organized crime task force. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Organized Crime Commissions Fund (Fund R042). Fund R042's revenues consist of court-ordered reimbursement of expenses that the Organized Crime Investigations Commission or an organized crime task force established by the Commission incurred in the investigation of criminal activity.

² Fund 5JNO derives its money from 2% of the tax levied on gross casino revenue and deposited into the Casino Tax Revenue Fund.

C1:18: Medicaid Fraud Control (ALI 055620)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
FED Fund 3060 ALI 055620, Medicaid Fraud Control	\$10,468,235	\$14,069,270	\$14,069,270
% change	--	34.4%	0.0%

This item supports the Office of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Unit, which conducts a statewide program of investigations and prosecutions of health care providers who abuse the state's plan for Medicaid and enforces Ohio's Patient Abuse and Neglect Law. These funds provide 75% matching funds to control provider fraud in statewide Medicaid programs. The grant requires a 25% state match. This match is typically paid from the Attorney General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 1060).

The entirety of each fiscal year's appropriation is allocated for personal services. The line item's appropriation is supported by federal funds distributed as a formula grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

C1:19: Federal Grants (ALIs 055638 and 055613)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
FED Fund 3E50 ALI 055638, Attorney General Pass-Through Funds	\$6,818,963	\$8,020,999	\$8,020,999
% change	--	17.6%	0.0%
FED Fund 3R60 ALI 055613, Attorney General Federal Funds	\$2,597,278	\$3,652,129	\$3,652,129
% change	--	40.6%	0.0%

These federal line items are used to disburse criminal justice grants. For these two line items combined, the budget appropriates \$11.7 million in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025.

Most of the grants are competitive solicitations released by the federal Department of Justice each spring. Since FY 2016, the Attorney General has received grants for DNA capacity enhancement and backlog reduction, implementation of sex offender registration and notification requirements, and eradication of illegal marijuana growing operations.

Category 2: Legal Services

This category of line items provides funds used by the Attorney General to provide legal representation to various state officials, agencies, boards, and commissions to ensure the interests of the state, and citizens, are protected, as described below.

- **Collections Enforcement.** Collects debts owed to the state, and based on recent changes in the law, local governments.

- **Consumer Protection.** Protects Ohioans from predatory and illegal business practices, and enforces the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act and other statutes that prohibit deceptive sales practices.
- **Antitrust.** Enforces state and federal antitrust laws to ensure a competitive marketplace.
- **Charitable Law.** Ensures that donations to charities are used for charitable purposes, not private interests, and oversees registration processes for charitable organizations and professional solicitors, as well as licenses nonprofit organizations that raise money through bingo.
- **Environmental Enforcement.** Investigates and prosecutes environmental law violations and represents state agencies that safeguard Ohio's natural resources (Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Natural Resources).

C2:1: Charitable Foundations (ALI 055615)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4180 ALI 055615, Charitable Foundations	\$7,458,128	\$8,498,138	\$8,498,138
% change	--	13.9%	0.0%

This line item supports expenses of the Office of the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section, which oversees a registration process requiring annual reports from charitable organizations; registers professional solicitors; licenses bingo and e-bingo operators, distributors, and manufacturers; and enforces regulations related to charitable gaming. Historically, this line has coded the majority of its expenses, over 80%, to personal services (payroll).

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Charitable Law Fund (Fund 4180), which consists of (1) charitable trust, bingo (operators, distributors, and manufacturers), and professional solicitor filing and licensing fees, and (2) registration and certification filing fees received for the use of sweepstakes terminal devices.

This level of funding will allow the section to continue to enforce the state's charitable gaming laws, including processing annual reports from charitable organizations, fielding complaints and concerns from the public about nonprofit activities, conducting investigations throughout the state, and pursuing litigation when necessary. The section provides legal counsel for the Ohio Racing Commission, the Ohio Casino Control Commission, the Ohio Lottery Commission, and the Ohio Liquor Control Commission. The Attorney General also has a memorandum of understanding with the Ohio Lottery Commission to process bingo licenses for the Attorney General and the Attorney General reimburses the Lottery Commission for their personnel, maintenance and supplies, and equipment costs.

C2:2: Claims Section (ALI 055623)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4190 ALI 055623, Claims Section	\$40,897,943	\$42,853,400	\$42,853,400
% change	--	4.8%	0.0%

This item supports a broad range of the Attorney General's operating expenses. Historically, this line item has coded the majority of its expenses, typically around 45% to 65%, to personal services (payroll).

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Attorney General Claims Fund (Fund 4190), which consists of up to 11% of all amounts collected by the Office of the Attorney General on claims due the state.

The Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section is responsible for collecting all delinquent debt owed to over 150 state agencies, institutions, universities, and other government entities for taxes, fines, penalties, service fees, loans, and any other debt due. In the recent years, debt collection efforts have resulted in the recovery of more than \$1 billion which has been returned to state government clients, public colleges and universities, and political subdivisions.

C2:3: Collections System Lease Rental Payments (ALI 055668)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4190 ALI 055668, Collections System Lease Rental Payments	--	\$1,965,000	\$0
% change	--	--	0.0%

This new item will be used to finance payments related to the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney General New Collection System. The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Attorney General Claims Fund (Fund 4190), described above.

C2:4: Title Defect Recision (ALI 055608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4Y70 ALI 055608, Title Defect Recision	\$440,130	\$1,013,751	\$1,013,751
% change	--	130.3%	0.0%

This item supports the maintenance and administration of the Title Defect Recision Fund (Fund 4Y70), which was created to provide refunds to retail purchasers of motor vehicles who suffer damages from motor vehicle dealers who fail to provide a valid certificate of title in the

purchaser's name within the statutorily required period of time. In each fiscal year, the entire appropriation is allocated as transfers.

Appropriations are supported by: (1) 50¢ of the \$5 fee collected for each certificate of title issued to a motor vehicle dealer for resale purposes, (2) \$150 collected from licensed motor vehicle dealers and manufactured housing dealers in any calendar year when the balance in the fund is less than \$300,000, and (3) surety bonds of not less than \$25,000 paid by motor vehicle and manufactured housing dealers under certain circumstances.

C2:5: Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement (ALI 055618)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5A90 ALI 055618, Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	\$5,425	\$10,000	\$10,000
% change	--	84.3%	0.0%

This item is used by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section to pay for: (1) expenses related to administration of the state's telephone solicitor registration program, (2) criminal investigation or prosecution, and (3) educational activities.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement Fund (Fund 5A90), which consists of a nonrefundable \$250 initial registration and annual renewal fees paid by telephone solicitors.

C2:6: Consumer Protection Enforcement (ALI 055637)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6310 ALI 055637, Consumer Protection Enforcement	\$8,459,860	\$9,276,000	\$9,276,000
% change	--	9.7%	0.0%

This line item pays expenses incurred by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section, which enforces laws regulating consumer and business transactions.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Consumer Protection Enforcement Fund (Fund 6310), which consists primarily of settlement money, civil penalties, and cost reimbursements collected for violations of the Consumer Sales Practices, Consumer Protection, and Odometer Rollback and Disclosure laws. Historically, this line item has coded the majority of its expenses, typically around 90%, to personal services (payroll).

C2:7: Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations (ALI 055641)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 6590 ALI 055641, Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations	\$225,082	\$337,960	\$337,960
% change	--	50.2%	0.0%

This line item pays the costs of performing certain required environmental enforcement activities: (1) background investigations when a person or entity seeks a permit or license to operate a solid, infectious, or hazardous waste facility, or a new key employee is hired (investigations are renewed every three years), and (2) annual criminal records check of key employees.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations Fund (Fund 6590), which consists of: (1) initial disclosure statement fees for solid/hazardous waste facilities (\$1,000 to \$50,000), and (2) quinquennial maintenance fees for required periodic investigations (\$1,500 to \$5,000).

C2:8: Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement (ALI 055402)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund U087 ALI 055402, Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement	\$1,895,165	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
% change	--	5.5%	0.0%

This line item pays for costs incurred in the oversight, administration, and enforcement of certain provisions of the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (TMSA). The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Tobacco Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement Fund (Fund U087), which consists of a portion of TMSA amounts assigned and sold to the Buckeye Tobacco Settlement Financing Authority and/or of the proceeds of bonds issued by the Authority.

Ohio entered into the TMSA with the leading United States tobacco product manufacturers on November 23, 1998. The state is legally required to diligently enforce that agreement. Ohio is in the midst of a significant contractual dispute with the tobacco company signatories to the TMSA. These arbitration hearings are a result of the state's legal obligation to defend this case.

Historically, this line item has coded its expenditures to a mix of purchased personal services, personal services, supplies and maintenance, and transfers and nonexpense. However, expenditures are primarily driven by outside counsel that is appointed to provide legal services on behalf of the Attorney General due to the complex nature of the subject matter (purchased personal services).

C2:9: Workers' Compensation Section (ALI 055660)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
ISA Fund 1950 ALI 055660, Workers' Compensation Section	\$8,859,362	\$9,115,000	\$9,115,000
% change	--	2.9%	0.0%

This item supports the Attorney General's Workers' Compensation Section, which provides legal counsel and representation to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) and the Ohio Industrial Commission (OIC). In addition to providing legal counsel, the section also prosecutes decertification proceedings against medical providers and managed care organizations in the Bureau's Health Partnership Program. Money for this purpose is appropriated from the Workers' Compensation Fund (Fund 1950), consisting of quarterly payments from BWC and OIC. Historically, this line item has coded the majority of its expenses, around 90%, to personal services (payroll).

C2:10: Antitrust Settlements (ALI 055632)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
HLD Fund R005 ALI 055632, Antitrust Settlements	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	--	0.0%

This line item is used to distribute money according to the terms of a court order or out-of-court settlement. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

C2:11: Consumer Frauds (ALI 055630)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
HLD Fund R018 ALI 055630, Consumer Frauds	\$45,675	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	2,089.4%	0.0%

This line item is used to distribute money from court-ordered fraud judgments against certain sellers as restitution to consumers victimized by the fraud that generated the court-ordered judgments. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

C2:12: Collection Payment Redistribution (ALI 055650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
HLD Fund R054 ALI 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution	\$4,065,655	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
% change	--	10.7%	0.0%

This line item supports the payment of contingency counsel fees for cases where debtors mistakenly paid the client agencies instead of the Attorney General's Collections Enforcement Section. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

Category 3: Program Management

This category of line items provides funds used to pay for the administrative functions supporting the infrastructure and programs of the Attorney General's Office. This includes information technology, finance, human resources, office services, facilities management, fleet management, library services, records retention, training, internal audit, special projects, and communications.

C3:1: Law-Related Education (ALI 055405)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055405, Law-Related Education	\$68,950	\$68,000	\$68,000
% change	--	-1.4%	0.0%

The entirety of this line item is distributed to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, which is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization sponsored by the Supreme Court of Ohio, the Office of the Attorney General, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio Foundation.

The Center delivers a variety of law-related education services (programs and materials) to students and teachers of primary and secondary schools, and draws its financial support from a mix of public and private sources. Its major statewide efforts include the Ohio Mock Trial Program and the Ohio Government in Action Project.

C3:2: Drug Abuse Response Team Grants (ALI 055431)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants	\$976,194	\$1,500,000	1,500,000
% change	--	53.7%	0.0%

The entirety of this line item is disbursed as grants to law enforcement and other government agencies primarily for the purpose of expanding or replicating successful law enforcement programs that address the opioid epidemic similar to the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) established by the Lucas County Sheriff's Department and the quick response teams established in Colerain Township's Department of Public Safety in Hamilton County and Summit County.

For the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, 23 law enforcement agencies received DART grants, with awards ranging from \$31,000 to \$93,000 based on area population, program history, and other factors.

Related temporary law requires that each recipient of funding submit, within six months of the end date of the grant, a written report describing the outcomes that resulted from the grant to the Governor, President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the minority leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

C3:3: Cyber Crime Division Expansion (ALI 055446)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055446, Cyber Crime Division Expansion	--	\$750,000	\$750,000
% change	--	--	0.0%

This new line item will be used to provide funding to update technological resources within BCI's Cyber Division, including licenses for essential forensic software. With the technology updates, BCI will be able to maintain its current level of services, and reduce the turnaround time for completion of device analysis. The updated technology applications are expected to reduce average turnaround time for analyzing electronic devices from 90 to 72 days.

C3:4: Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway – (OHLEG) (ALI 055447)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055447, Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway – (OHLEG)	--	\$1,250,000	\$0
% change	--	--	-100.0%

This new line item will be used to enhance the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway (OHLEG) by establishing the foundation of Computer Aided Dispatch, expanding the ability to electronically transfer the case files to the prosecutors in 46 counties from OHLEG's record management system (RMS), and upgrading the RMS to integrate sex offender information to over 300 law enforcement agencies that use the system.

C3:5: School Safety Training Grants (ALI 055502)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055502, School Safety Training Grants	\$11,580,938	\$12,000,000	\$12,000,000
% change	--	3.6%	0.0%

This line item is used for grants to public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities, and law enforcement for school safety and school climate programs and training. Temporary law permits the grants to be used for: (a) school resource officer certification training, (b) any type of active shooter and school safety training or equipment, (c) all grade level type educational resources, (d) training to identify and assist students with mental health issues, (e) school supplies or equipment related to school safety or for implementing the school's safety plan, and (f) any other training related to school safety.

The Attorney General is required to operate the grant program in consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce and the Director of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

C3:6: Law Enforcement Training (ALI 055509)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
GRF ALI 055509, Law Enforcement Training	\$741,553	\$40,000,000	\$40,000,000
% change	--	5,294.1%	0.0%

This line item is used by the Attorney General for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers.³ Related temporary law: (1) permits the Attorney General to use up to \$100,000 for associated administrative expenses, and (2) reappropriates, with Controlling Board approval, the line item's unexpended, unencumbered balance at the end of FY 2024 to FY 2025 for the same purpose. A discussion of the expansion of the program can be found above under the "**Budget highlights**" section.

The budget (1) removes the requirement that the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission set the required number of continuing professional training hours based upon available funding for reimbursement, and (2) provides that a minimum of 24 hours of continuing professional training must be reimbursed each calendar year, and a maximum of 40 hours of continuing professional training may be reimbursed each calendar year.

³ R.C. 109.803.

C3:7: DARE Programs (ALI 055606)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4L60 ALI 055606, DARE Programs	\$2,038,384	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
% change	--	12.8%	0.0%

This line item is disbursed primarily as grants to law enforcement agencies to establish and implement drug prevention programs in public schools. Grants cover up to 50% of salaries for DARE-certified officers and school resource officers conducting the program, not including fringe benefits such as insurance and retirement. All claimable hours stem from the time spent in the classroom. For every one hour of classroom time, officers can claim up to two hours of classroom preparation time, one hour of counseling, and one hour of unique events. Additionally, the grant provides 100% reimbursement for related instructional materials such as workbooks and pamphlets. A total of 131 participating law enforcement agencies have received almost \$1.3 million in salary and materials reimbursements for their officers.

The line item's appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Programs Fund (Fund 4L60). Fund 4L60 consists of a \$75 portion of the \$425 fee collected for the reinstatement of a driver's license that was suspended for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The Attorney General is statutorily restricted from using more than 6% of the amounts received to pay costs it incurs in administering the grant program and providing training and materials relating to drug abuse resistance education programs. Revenues in recent years have experienced declines largely due to a decrease in OVI-related convictions.⁴

C3:8: Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades (ALI 055672)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5AW1 ALI 055672, Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades	--	\$6,500,000	\$0
% change	--	--	-100.0%

This new line item will be used to upgrade multiple legacy systems to prevent critical security threats, maintain IRS and Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) compliance requirements, and reduce the costs of service and maintenance. This line item's appropriation will be supported by a portion of the FY 2023 GRF surplus revenue credited to the newly created Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades Fund (Fund 5AW1).⁵

⁴ OVI-related convictions decreased by 12.6%, from 50,509 in 2012 to 44,159 in 2019. In 2020, convictions totaled 32,631, a decrease of 26.1%, or 11,528, from 2019, largely reflecting the effects of COVID-19 in reducing the volume of vehicle traffic and modifying traffic law enforcement.

⁵ Section 513.10 of H.B. 33.

C3:9: Stop Bullying License Plate (ALI 055435)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5VL0 ALI 055435, Stop Bullying License Plate	\$7,000	\$3,000	\$2,500
% change	--	-57.1%	-16.7%

This line item is used to fund grants to nonprofit organizations, school districts, community schools, and STEM schools that provide bullying prevention training programs or educational opportunities.

The grant money is distributed from the Stop Bullying License Plate Contribution Fund (Fund 5VL0), which receives its revenue from the \$25 annual contribution a person must pay when a “Stop Bullying” license plate is issued or renewed. The fund was created in S.B. 86 of the 132nd General Assembly. At the end of CY 2021, a total of 89 of these license plates were active.

C3:10: General Holding Account (ALI 055631)

Fund/ALI	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
HLD Fund R004 ALI 055631, General Holding Account	\$26,473,596	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	--	-96.2%	0.0%

Generally, funds provided under this line item are distributed under the terms of the relevant court orders or other settlements. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

This line item is also used to disburse Ohio Body Armor Program grants. The funding is transferred from the Bureau of Workers’ Compensation’s budget. A local law enforcement agency that has a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers on duty is eligible to receive up to \$40,000 in grant funding, with a required 25% local match, to purchase body armor that meets National Institute of Justice standards.

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				FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	% Change	FY 2025
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill				Version: As Enacted				
AGO Attorney General								
GRF	055321	Operating Expenses	\$ 74,181,365	\$ 73,988,047	\$ 81,854,000	10.63%	\$ 85,282,000	4.19%
GRF	055405	Law-Related Education	\$ 68,950	\$ 68,950	\$ 68,000	-1.38%	\$ 68,000	0.00%
GRF	055406	BCIRS Lease Rental Payments	\$ 1,775,698	\$ 2,397,733	\$ 2,500,000	4.27%	\$ 2,500,000	0.00%
GRF	055411	County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement	\$ 1,011,849	\$ 1,041,819	\$ 1,073,000	2.99%	\$ 1,091,000	1.68%
GRF	055415	County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement	\$ 1,317,602	\$ 1,330,454	\$ 1,399,000	5.15%	\$ 1,438,000	2.79%
GRF	055431	Drug Abuse Response Team Grants	\$ 1,028,191	\$ 976,194	\$ 1,500,000	53.66%	\$ 1,500,000	0.00%
GRF	055432	Drug Testing Equipment	\$ 701,813	\$ 878,110	\$ 964,000	9.78%	\$ 964,000	0.00%
GRF	055434	Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force	\$ 463,477	\$ 536,620	\$ 500,000	-6.82%	\$ 500,000	0.00%
GRF	055440	Rapid DNA Pilot Project	\$ 306,189	\$ 0	\$ 465,000	N/A	\$ 397,000	-14.62%
GRF	055441	Victims of Crime	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 0	\$ 9,000,000	N/A	\$ 7,000,000	-22.22%
GRF	055446	Cyber Crime Division Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$ 750,000	N/A	\$ 750,000	0.00%
GRF	055447	Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway - (OHLEG)	\$0	\$0	\$ 1,250,000	N/A	\$ 0	-100.00%
GRF	055501	Rape Crisis Centers	\$ 10,003,574	\$ 7,299,817	\$ 15,300,000	109.59%	\$ 15,300,000	0.00%
GRF	055502	School Safety Training Grants	\$ 6,589,468	\$ 11,580,938	\$ 12,000,000	3.62%	\$ 12,000,000	0.00%
GRF	055504	Domestic Violence Programs	\$ 4,965,672	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 10,000,000	300.00%	\$ 10,000,000	0.00%
GRF	055505	Pike County Capital Case	\$ 427,935	\$ 764,387	\$ 500,000	-34.59%	\$ 0	-100.00%
GRF	055509	Law Enforcement Training	\$ 11,080,883	\$ 741,553	\$ 40,000,000	5,294.09%	\$ 40,000,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 116,422,665	\$ 104,104,622	\$ 179,123,000	72.06%	\$ 178,790,000	-0.19%
1060	055612	Attorney General Operating	\$ 64,246,255	\$ 67,299,978	\$ 67,000,000	-0.45%	\$ 67,000,000	0.00%
4020	055616	Victims of Crime	\$ 10,655,890	\$ 17,859,791	\$ 15,000,000	-16.01%	\$ 13,000,000	-13.33%
4170	055621	Domestic Violence Shelter	\$ 29,644	\$ 20,816	\$ 25,000	20.10%	\$ 25,000	0.00%
4180	055615	Charitable Foundations	\$ 6,995,967	\$ 7,458,128	\$ 8,498,138	13.94%	\$ 8,498,138	0.00%
4190	055623	Claims Section	\$ 41,874,449	\$ 40,897,943	\$ 42,853,400	4.78%	\$ 42,853,400	0.00%
4190	055668	Collections System Lease Rental Payments	\$0	\$0	\$ 1,965,000	N/A	\$ 1,965,000	0.00%
4210	055617	Police Officers' Training Academy Fee	\$ 1,049,782	\$ 1,075,936	\$ 1,500,000	39.41%	\$ 1,500,000	0.00%
4L60	055606	DARE Programs	\$ 2,794,494	\$ 2,038,384	\$ 2,300,000	12.83%	\$ 2,300,000	0.00%
4Y70	055608	Title Defect Recision	\$ 163,532	\$ 440,130	\$ 1,013,751	130.33%	\$ 1,013,751	0.00%
4Z20	055609	BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement	\$ 2,091,156	\$ 1,730,004	\$ 1,000,000	-42.20%	\$ 1,000,000	0.00%

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AGO Attorney General								
5900	055633	Peace Officer Private Security Training	\$ 3,129	\$ 71,148	\$ 95,325	33.98%	\$ 95,325	0.00%
5A90	055618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	\$ 0	\$ 5,425	\$ 10,000	84.33%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
5AW1	055672	Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades	\$0	\$0	\$ 6,500,000	N/A	\$ 0	-100.00%
5CV1	055507	COVID Safety - Crisis Centers	\$ 1,471,409	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
5CV1	055662	COVID Consumer Protection	\$ 7,507	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
5CV3	055671	Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center	\$ 0	\$ 900,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
5LR0	055655	Peace Officer Training - Casino	\$ 4,188,252	\$ 4,256,576	\$ 4,764,760	11.94%	\$ 4,764,760	0.00%
5MP0	055657	Peace Officer Training Commission	\$ 7,344	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
5TL0	055659	Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust	\$ 9,384	\$ 1,643	\$ 100,000	5,987.58%	\$ 100,000	0.00%
5VL0	055435	Stop Bullying License Plate	\$ 0	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000	-57.14%	\$ 2,500	-16.67%
6310	055637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	\$ 8,405,236	\$ 8,459,860	\$ 9,276,000	9.65%	\$ 9,276,000	0.00%
6590	055641	Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations	\$ 225,572	\$ 225,082	\$ 337,960	50.15%	\$ 337,960	0.00%
U087	055402	Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement	\$ 1,376,115	\$ 1,895,165	\$ 2,000,000	5.53%	\$ 2,000,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 145,595,117	\$ 154,643,008	\$ 164,242,334	6.21%	\$ 155,741,834	-5.18%
1950	055660	Workers' Compensation Section	\$ 8,397,192	\$ 8,859,362	\$ 9,115,000	2.89%	\$ 9,115,000	0.00%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Total			\$ 8,397,192	\$ 8,859,362	\$ 9,115,000	2.89%	\$ 9,115,000	0.00%
R004	055631	General Holding Account	\$ 23,138,937	\$ 26,473,596	\$ 1,000,000	-96.22%	\$ 1,000,000	0.00%
R005	055632	Antitrust Settlements	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,000,000	N/A	\$ 1,000,000	0.00%
R018	055630	Consumer Frauds	\$ 921,183	\$ 45,675	\$ 1,000,000	2,089.38%	\$ 1,000,000	0.00%
R042	055601	Organized Crime Commission Distributions	\$ 379,296	\$ 3,700	\$ 750,000	20,170.27%	\$ 750,000	0.00%
R054	055650	Collection Payment Redistribution	\$ 4,606,050	\$ 4,065,655	\$ 4,500,000	10.68%	\$ 4,500,000	0.00%
Holding Account Fund Group Total			\$ 29,045,465	\$ 30,588,626	\$ 8,250,000	-73.03%	\$ 8,250,000	0.00%
3060	055620	Medicaid Fraud Control	\$ 11,175,079	\$ 10,468,235	\$ 14,069,270	34.40%	\$ 14,069,270	0.00%
3830	055634	Crime Victims Assistance	\$ 47,971,742	\$ 39,507,248	\$ 50,000,000	26.56%	\$ 50,000,000	0.00%
3E50	055638	Attorney General Pass-Through Funds	\$ 1,804,882	\$ 6,818,963	\$ 8,020,999	17.63%	\$ 8,020,999	0.00%
3FV0	055656	Crime Victim Compensation	\$ 4,994,593	\$ 2,089,326	\$ 1,200,000	-42.57%	\$ 3,800,000	216.67%
3R60	055613	Attorney General Federal Funds	\$ 2,393,385	\$ 2,597,278	\$ 3,652,129	40.61%	\$ 3,652,129	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Total			\$ 68,339,681	\$ 61,481,050	\$ 76,942,398	25.15%	\$ 79,542,398	3.38%

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AGO Attorney General						
Attorney General Total	\$ 367,800,120	\$ 359,676,669	\$ 437,672,732	21.69%	\$ 431,439,232	-1.42%