

# Greenbook

## LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

### Attorney General

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## Attorney General

### Quick look...

- The budget appropriates \$965.1 million for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium, of which 37.3%, or \$359.9 million, is appropriated from the GRF.
- The budget continues GRF funding to support law enforcement training reimbursements and appropriates \$30.0 million in FY 2026 and \$35.0 million in FY 2027 for this purpose.
- The budget creates the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BYI) in the state treasury, to consist of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases involving the Attorney General.
- The budget requires the AGO to remit the state's share of opioid settlement money for deposit into the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0).

| Fund Group                      | FY 2024<br>Actual | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Revenue (GRF)           | \$163,330,733     | \$172,111,091     | \$177,460,419            | \$182,405,663            |
| Dedicated Purpose (DPF)         | \$167,982,895     | \$168,770,527     | \$201,921,959            | \$209,262,366            |
| Internal Service Activity (ISA) | \$8,723,810       | \$8,516,755       | \$9,570,750              | \$9,905,726              |
| Holding Account (HLD)           | \$8,386,429       | \$31,876,862      | \$9,000,000              | \$9,000,000              |
| Federal (FED)                   | \$59,451,875      | \$59,822,129      | \$77,780,069             | \$78,808,904             |
| Total                           | \$407,875,741     | \$441,097,364     | \$475,733,197            | \$489,382,659            |
| % change                        | --                | 8.1%              | 7.9%                     | 2.9%                     |
| GRF % change                    | --                | 5.4%              | 3.1%                     | 2.8%                     |

## 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 nearly 1,600 full-time equivalent (FTE) staff.

### Appropriation summary

The budget appropriates \$475.7 million in FY 2026 and \$489.4 million in FY 2027 for a combined total of \$965.1 million for the biennium. The Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) and Federal Fund (FED) groups together comprise 58.8% (\$567.8 million) of the Attorney General's

biennial budget. The GRF makes up 37.3% (\$359.9 million). The remainder is attributed to the Internal Service Activity (ISA) Fund Group (2.0%, or \$19.5 million), and Holding Account (HLD) Fund Group (1.9%, or \$18.0 million).

## Budget highlights

### Abolishment of the CIIC and transfer of duties to AGO

The budget abolishes the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) and transfers their duties to the newly created Office of Correctional Facility Inspection Services within the Office of the Attorney General (AGO). CIIC was statutorily required to inspect and evaluate Ohio's prisons and authorized to inspect and evaluate state juvenile correctional facilities. The Legislative Service Commission (LSC) budget has supported the operating costs of CIIC through GRF ALI 035405, Correctional Institution Inspection Committee and will provide funding through the end of September 2025, at which time CIIC is abolished.

### Ohio Courts Network

The budget earmarks \$4,505,000 in each fiscal year from GRF 055321, Operating Expenses, to fund an initiative by the AGO to facilitate the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the maintenance of an Ohio Courts Network (OCN).

The budget transfers this initiative from the Judiciary/Supreme Court (JSC) beginning in FY 2026 with funding previously provided through GRF ALI 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative under JSC's budget. In addition to the maintenance of the OCN, other duties have included the operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts which aids in the orderly adoption and use of technology in the courts, and grants to local courts to support the adoption and use of relevant technology. The AGO has arranged for a Memorandum of Understanding with the Court to run the OCN.

### Opioid settlement remittance

The Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0) was created in H.B. 33 of the 135<sup>th</sup> General Assembly and seeded by a GRF transfer authorized in that bill to fund several line items under the departments of Health, Job and Family Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services (currently known as the Department of Behavioral Health), and Rehabilitation and Correction. The budget codifies the creation of the fund and requires, beginning January 15, 2027, money received under the settlement agreement in *State of Ohio v. McKesson Corp.* to be certified by the AGO and sent to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) for deposit in the fund.

This particular opioid settlement is divided into three funding pathways. The first pathway requires 55% of the funds to be set aside for the OneOhio Recovery Foundation to develop and oversee the funding of short-term and long-term planning and supports that local communities need to continue to address the crisis. The second pathway requires 30% of the funding to go directly to townships, villages, cities, and counties in Ohio to support community recovery and address the immediate needs of residents. Finally, the remaining 15% is directed to the state of Ohio, to be used to leverage statewide buying power to offer prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

Fund 5TZ0 will receive the state's portion (15%) of the settlement and be used to support various appropriations across state agencies, including, line items 055610, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants, and 055614, Narcotics Task Forces, both under the AGO's budget.

## **Charitable Settlements Holding Account**

The budget creates the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1) in the state treasury, that will consist of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases involving the Attorney General. This temporary law provision also requires on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, the Attorney General to certify to the OBM Director the amount of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases and credited to the General Holding Account (Fund R004). Upon certification, the OBM Director must transfer those amounts to the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1).

## **Vetoed provisions**

### **Peace officer training reimbursement**

The Governor vetoed a provision prohibiting a state agency from receiving statutory reimbursement for continuing professional training provided to a peace officer or trooper appointed by the state agency. This prohibition would have prevented training reimbursements for state agencies such as the Ohio State Highway Patrol, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Department of Commerce, and Ohio Veterans Home Police Department.

Continuing law requires every appointing authority to require each of its appointed peace officers and troopers to complete 24 hours of continuing professional training each calendar year, and requires between 24 and 40 hours of continuing professional training to be reimbursed. Reimbursements are funded under GRF ALI 055509, Law Enforcement Training.

### **Notice for debt payable to the state**

The Governor vetoed provisions requiring additional steps in the process to notify individuals of debt payable to the state, including the requirement that certain debt notices be sent via certified mail and that the Ohio Attorney General attach the certified notice to a lien filing. The Governor's Veto Message cites that these provisions would duplicate the number of bills or assessments sent to a debtor, delay collection of revenue and payments, and the certified mail requirement would substantially increase administrative costs for the state.

# Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 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 expenditures for FY 2025 and appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 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<br>for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 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   | 055441 | Victims of Crime                            | 1:6 | Criminal Justice   |
| GRF   | 055446 | Cyber Crime Division                        | 3:3 | Program Management |
| GRF   | 055501 | Rape Crisis Centers                         | 1:7 | Criminal Justice   |
| GRF   | 055502 | School Safety Training Grants               | 3:4 | Program Management |
| GRF   | 055504 | Domestic Violence Programs                  | 1:8 | Criminal Justice   |
| GRF   | 055505 | Pike County Capital Case                    | 1:9 | Criminal Justice   |
| GRF   | 055509 | Law Enforcement Training                    | 3:5 | Program Management |

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|---|--------|--|------|--------------------|
| Fund  | ALI    | ALI Name   |      | Category           |
| <b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group</b>   |        |  |      |                    |
| 1060  | 055612 | Attorney General Operating                               | 1:1  | Criminal Justice   |
| 4020  | 055616 | Victims of Crime   | 1:6  | Criminal Justice   |
| 4170  | 055621 | Domestic Violence Shelter                                | 1:10 | 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     |
| 4200  | 055603 | Attorney General Antitrust                               | 2:4  | Legal Services     |
| 4210  | 055617 | Police Officers' Training Academy Fee                    | 1:11 | Criminal Justice   |
| 4L60  | 055606 | DARE Programs  | 3:6  | Program Management |
| 4Y70  | 055608 | Title Defect Recision                                    | 2:5  | Legal Services     |
| 4Z20  | 055609 | BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement              | 1:12 | Criminal Justice   |
| 5900  | 055633 | Peace Officer Private Security Training                  | 1:13 | Criminal Justice   |
| 5A90  | 055618 | Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement                          | 2:6  | Legal Services     |
| 5LR0  | 055655 | Peace Officer Training – Casino                          | 1:14 | Criminal Justice   |
| 5TL0  | 055659 | Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust                    | 1:15 | Criminal Justice   |
| 5TZ0  | 055610 | Drug Abuse Response Team Grants                          | 3:2  | Program Management |
| 5TZ0  | 055614 | Narcotics Task Forces                                    | 1:16 | Criminal Justice   |
| 5VL0  | 055435 | Stop Bullying License Plate                              | 3:7  | Program Management |
| 6310  | 055637 | Consumer Protection Enforcement                          | 2:7  | Legal Services     |
| 6590  | 055641 | Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations      | 2:8  | Legal Services     |
| U087  | 055402 | Tobacco Settlement Oversight/Administration/ Enforcement | 2:9  | Legal Services     |
| <b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group</b>   |        |  |      |                    |
| 1950  | 055660 | Workers' Compensation Section                            | 2:10 | Legal Services     |
| <b>Holding Account Fund Group</b>   |        |  |      |                    |
| 5BY1  | 055674 | Charitable Settlements Holding Account                   | 2:11 | Legal Services     |
| R004  | 055631 | General Holding Account                                  | 3:8  | Program Management |
| R005  | 055632 | Antitrust Settlements                                    | 2:12 | Legal Services     |
| R018  | 055630 | Consumer Frauds  | 2:13 | Legal Services     |
| R042  | 055601 | Organized Crime Commission Distributions                 | 1:17 | Criminal Justice   |
| R054  | 055650 | Collection Payment Redistribution                        | 2:14 | Legal Services     |



| Categorization of Attorney General's Appropriation Line Items<br>for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget |        |                                     |      |                  |
|---|--------|-------------------------------------|------|------------------|
| Fund  | ALI    | ALI Name                            |      | Category         |
| Federal Fund Group  |        |                                     |      |                  |
| 3060  | 055620 | Medicaid Fraud Control              | 1:18 | Criminal Justice |
| 3830  | 055634 | Crime Victims Assistance            | 1:6  | Criminal Justice |
| 3E50  | 055638 | Attorney General Pass-Through Funds | 1:19 | Criminal Justice |
| 3FV0  | 055656 | Crime Victim Compensation           | 1:6  | 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 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses                   | \$85,393,153      | \$97,290,225             | \$97,290,225             |
| % change   | --                | 13.9%                    | 0.0%                     |
| DPF Fund 1060 ALI 055612, Attorney General Operating | \$57,388,112      | \$63,216,225             | \$64,034,683             |
| % change   | --                | 10.2%                    | 1.3%                     |

### Operating Expenses (GRF ALI 055321)

This line item is used 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. 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).

Historically this line item has coded its expenses predominately for personal 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 \$5.26 million from this line item in each fiscal year by related temporary law provisions that:

- Requires \$4,505,000 in each fiscal year to be used to fund an initiative by the AGO to facilitate the exchange of information and warehousing of data by and between courts and other justice system partners through the maintenance of an Ohio Courts Network.
- Requires \$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.
- Permits \$100,000 in each fiscal year to fund domestic violence programs.

### 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. Funding supports a large portion of office operations, including payroll and operating expenses for attorneys, BCI operations, and other operational positions.

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.

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

| Fund/ALI                                    | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055406, BCIRS Lease Rental Payments | \$2,376,737       | \$2,450,000              | \$2,450,000              |
| % change                                    | --                | 3.1%                     | 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 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055411, County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement    | \$1,080,388       | \$1,111,257              | \$1,130,685              |
| % change   | --                | 2.9%                     | 1.7%                     |
| GRF ALI 055415, County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement | \$1,414,739       | \$1,476,937              | \$1,502,753              |
| % change   | --                | 4.4%                     | 1.7%                     |

These two GRF line items reimburse counties for part of the cost of paying the annual compensation of county sheriffs and certain county prosecutors.<sup>1</sup> The budget requires the entirety of each fiscal year's appropriation to be used to provide supplemental compensation

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 325.06 and 325.111.

(subsidies). 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 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055432, Drug Testing Equipment | \$745,276         | \$964,000                | \$964,000                |
| % change                               | --                | 29.3%                    | 0.0%                     |

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

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

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055434, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force | \$500,089         | \$500,000                | \$500,000                |
| % change  | --                | 0.0%                     | 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 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.

#### **C1:6: Victims of Crime (ALIs 055441, 055616, 055634, and 055656)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055441, Victims of Crime                    | \$6,992,317       | \$6,700,000              | \$5,700,000              |
| % change  | --                | -4.2%                    | -14.9%                   |
| DPF Fund 4020 ALI 055616, Victims of Crime          | \$10,277,333      | \$11,500,000             | \$12,000,000             |
| % change  | --                | 11.9%                    | 4.3%                     |
| FED Fund 3830 ALI 055634, Crime Victims Assistance  | \$36,514,894      | \$40,000,000             | \$40,000,000             |
| % change  | --                | 9.5%                     | 0.0%                     |
| FED Fund 3FV0 ALI 055656, Crime Victim Compensation | \$3,736,731       | \$7,200,000              | \$7,400,000              |
| % change  | --                | 92.7%                    | 2.8%                     |

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 GRF line item provides funding for the Attorney General’s Crime Victim Service Section. 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.

### **Victims of Crime (DPF Fund 4020 ALI 055616)**

This DPF 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.

### **Crime Victims Assistance (FED Fund 3830 ALI 055634)**

This FED 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.

### **Crime Victim Compensation (FED Fund 3FV0 ALI 055656)**

This FED 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.

### **C1:7: Rape Crisis Centers (ALI 055501)**

| Fund/ALI                            | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055501, Rape Crisis Centers | \$15,298,519      | \$15,300,000             | \$15,300,000             |
| % change                            | --                | 0.0%                     | 0.0%                     |

This item supports the provision of grants to eligible rape crisis programs across the state. Substantially, all 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 service for at-risk youth through the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center Human Trafficking Drop-in Center.

**C1:8: Domestic Violence Programs (ALI 055504)**

| Fund/ALI                                   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055504, Domestic Violence Programs | \$9,999,347       | \$10,000,000             | \$10,000,000             |
| % change                                   | --                | 0.0%                     | 0.0%                     |

This line item provides funding through subsidy expenditures for organizations that provide core services to victims of domestic violence.

Temporary law requires the following amounts to be distributed in each fiscal year: (1) \$25,000 in FY 2026 to Ohio domestic violence shelters to buy transportation vouchers, ridesharing credits, or gas cards for eligible clients, (2) \$50,000 in each fiscal year 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 in each fiscal year to the Battered Women's Shelter of Portage County, and (4) \$300,000 in each fiscal year 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."

**C1:9: Pike County Capital Case (ALI 055505)**

| Fund/ALI                                 | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055505, Pike County Capital Case | \$144,707         | \$600,000                | \$0                      |
| % change                                 | --                | 314.6%                   | -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 balance at the end of FY 2025 and FY 2026 to be reappropriated to FY 2026 and FY 2027, respectively, for the same purpose.

**C1:10: Domestic Violence Shelter (ALI 055621)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4170 ALI 055621, Domestic Violence Shelter | \$19,649          | \$25,000                 | \$25,000                 |
| % change  | --                | 27.2%                    | 0.0%                     |

This line item supports the operation of domestic violence shelters. Its 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. The target cash balance of the fund is zero, as all revenue received must be disbursed as grants.

**C1:11: Police Officers' Training Academy Fee (ALI 055617)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4210 ALI 055617, Police Officers' Training Academy Fee | \$2,777,372       | \$3,555,387              | \$3,528,018              |
| % change  | --                | 28.0%                    | -0.8%                    |

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. The Academy also administers e-OPOTA, an online learning resource with an emphasis on continuing professional training (CPT) for peace officers and troopers.

**C1:12: BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement (ALI 055609)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4Z20 ALI 055609, BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement | \$790,907         | \$2,000,000              | \$2,000,000              |
| % change  | --                | 152.9%                   | 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). Its 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.

**C1:13: Peace Officer Private Security Training (ALI 055633)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5900 ALI 055633, Peace Officer Private Security Training | \$34,201          | \$101,306                | \$103,330                |
| % change  | --                | 196.2%                   | 2.0%                     |

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.

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).

### **C1:14: Peace Officer Training – Casino (ALI 055655)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5LR0 ALI 055655, Peace Officer Training – Casino | \$6,067,425       | \$7,726,217              | \$8,183,287              |
| % change  | --                | 27.3%                    | 5.9%                     |

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).<sup>2</sup>

### **C1:15: Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust (ALI 055659)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5TL0 ALI 055659, Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust | \$1,771           | \$100,000                | \$100,000                |
| % change  | --                | 5,546.5%                 | 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. Its appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust Fund (Fund 5TL0), 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.

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



**C1:16: Narcotics Task Forces (ALI 055614)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5TZ0 ALI 055614, Narcotics Task Forces | \$0               | \$500,000                | \$500,000                |
| % change  | --                | --                       | 0.0%                     |

This new line item is used to support narcotics task forces funded by the Attorney General. Funding for this line is appropriated from the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0), which consists of money awarded to the state to address the effects of the opioid crisis. Historically, funding for this purpose has been earmarked from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses.

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

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund R042 ALI 055601, Organized Crime Commission Distributions | \$558,836         | \$750,000                | \$750,000                |
| % change   | --                | 34.2%                    | 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. Its 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. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

**C1:18: Medicaid Fraud Control (ALI 055620)**

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| FED Fund 3060 ALI 055620, Medicaid Fraud Control | \$11,321,669      | \$17,059,070             | \$17,887,905             |
| % change   | --                | 50.7%                    | 4.9%                     |

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. Its appropriation is supported by federal funds distributed as a formula grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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).

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

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| FED Fund 3E50 ALI 055638, Attorney General<br>Pass-Through Funds | \$6,103,108       | \$8,020,999              | \$8,020,999              |
| % change   | --                | 31.4%                    | 0.0%                     |
| FED Fund 3R60 ALI 055613, Attorney General<br>Federal Funds      | \$2,145,727       | \$5,500,000              | \$5,500,000              |
| % change   | --                | 156.3%                   | 0.0%                     |

These federal line items are used to disburse criminal justice grants. Most of the grants are competitive solicitations released by the federal Department of Justice each spring. 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, among others.

## **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 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4180 ALI 055615, Charitable Foundations | \$9,141,937       | \$11,500,000             | \$11,000,000             |
| % change   | --                | 25.8%                    | -4.3%                    |

This line item supports expenses of the Office of the Attorney General's Charitable Law Section (typically around 80% is coded to personal services, or payroll), 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.

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.

**C2:2: Claims Section (ALI 055623)**

| Fund/ALI                                 | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4190 ALI 055623, Claims Section | \$58,251,503      | \$77,520,063             | \$86,393,854             |
| % change                                 | --                | 33.1%                    | 11.4%                    |

This line item supports a broad range of the Attorney General's operating expenses. Its 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 FY 2026 appropriations represent a 33.1% (\$19.3 million) increase from FY 2025 expenditures. The increase will support costs related to the implementation of the collection system, and the shifting of certain operating expenses to the line from GRF ALI 055321, Operating Expenses and the General Reimbursement Fund (Fund 1060).

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.

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

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4190 ALI 055668, Collections System Lease Rental Payments | \$1,965,000       | \$4,165,000              | \$4,165,000              |
| % change   | --                | 112.0%                   | 0.0%                     |

This line item is used to finance payments related to the acquisition, development, implementation, and integration of the Attorney General New Collection System. Its appropriation is supported by money drawn from the Attorney General Claims Fund (Fund 4190). Revenue for payment of principal and interest will come out of Fund 4190 ALI 055623, Claims Section, described above.

#### **C2:4: Attorney General Antitrust (ALI 055603)**

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4200 ALI 055603, Attorney General Antitrust | \$3,322,287       | \$1,500,000              | \$0                      |
| % change   | --                | -54.9%                   | -100.0%                  |

This line item is used for paying expenses of the Office of the Attorney General's Antitrust Section, which enforces state and federal antitrust laws. Its appropriation draws its revenue from antitrust settlements or judgments obtained by the Attorney General. The Office of the Attorney General receives 10% of all antitrust recoveries and the full amount of all related civil penalties, attorney's fees, and reimbursements of investigative, litigation, or expert witness costs. Settlement revenue is sporadic.

#### **C2:5: Title Defect Recision (ALI 055608)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4Y70 ALI 055608, Title Defect Recision | \$1,501,783       | \$1,032,267              | \$1,038,534              |
| % change  | --                | -31.3%                   | 0.6%                     |

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.

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.

#### **C2:6: Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement (ALI 055618)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5A90 ALI 055618, Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement | \$54,071          | \$10,000                 | \$10,000                 |
| % change  | --                | -81.5%                   | 0.0%                     |

This line 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. Its 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. Receipts are minimal.

### **C2:7: Consumer Protection Enforcement (ALI 055637)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 6310 ALI 055637, Consumer Protection Enforcement | \$9,322,319       | \$10,500,000             | \$11,000,000             |
| % change  | --                | 12.6%                    | 4.8%                     |

This line item pays expenses incurred by the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section, which enforces laws regulating consumer and business transactions. Its 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. Annual revenues are variable and depend largely on the frequency and amount of settlements received.

### **C2:8: Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations (ALI 055641)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 6590 ALI 055641, Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations | \$271,873         | \$359,895                | \$367,319                |
| % change  | --                | 32.4%                    | 2.1%                     |

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).

## C2:9: Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement (ALI 055402)

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund U087 ALI 055402, Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement | \$2,807,490       | \$2,500,000              | \$2,500,000              |
| % change  | --                | -11.0%                   | 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.

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).

## C2:10: Workers' Compensation Section (ALI 055660)

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| ISA Fund 1950 ALI 055660, Workers' Compensation Section | \$8,516,755       | \$9,570,750              | \$9,905,726              |
| % change  | --                | 12.4%                    | 3.5%                     |

This line 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.

**C2:11: Charitable Law Distributions (ALI 055674)**

| Fund/ALI   | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund 5BY1 ALI 055674, Charitable Law Distributions | --                | \$750,000                | \$750,000                |
| % change   | --                | --                       | 0.0%                     |

This new line item will be used to distribute money in the Charitable Settlements Holding Account Fund (Fund 5BY1), which is created in the state treasury, under the terms of relevant court orders or other settlements received in the charitable law cases. Related temporary law (1) allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary and (2) requires the AGO, on July 1, 2025, or as soon as possible thereafter, to certify to the OBM Director the amount of cash receipts related to settlements received in charitable law cases and credited to the General Holding Account (Fund R004). Prior to FY 2026, settlements from these types of cases were deposited to the credit of Fund R004.

**C2:12: Antitrust Settlements (ALI 055632)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund R005 ALI 055632, Antitrust Settlements | \$177,394         | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              |
| % change  | --                | 463.7%                   | 0.0%                     |

This line item is used to distribute money according to the terms of an antitrust settlement, court order, or decision for disbursement. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

**C2:13: Consumer Frauds (ALI 055630)**

| Fund/ALI                                  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund R018 ALI 055630, Consumer Frauds | \$66,340          | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              |
| % change                                  | --                | 1,407.4%                 | 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.

**C2:14: Collection Payment Redistribution (ALI 055650)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund R054 ALI 055650, Collection Payment Redistribution | \$6,315,117       | \$4,500,000              | \$4,500,000              |
| % change  | --                | -28.7%                   | 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 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055405, Law-Related Education | \$68,000          | \$68,000                 | \$68,000                 |
| % change                              | --                | 0.0%                     | 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 (ALIs 055431 and 055610)

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants           | \$1,202,206       | \$0                      | \$1,500,000              |
| % change  | --                | -100.0%                  | 0.0%                     |
| DPF Fund 5TZ0 ALI 055610, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants | \$0               | \$1,800,000              | \$0                      |
| % change  | --                | --                       | -100.0%                  |

The entirety of these line items are 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.



The budget establishes new line item 5TZ0 ALI 055610, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants with a \$1.8 million appropriation in FY 2026. Its appropriation is supported by the Targeted Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0), which consists of money awarded to the state to address the effects of the opioid crisis. In FY 2027, GRF ALI 055431, Drug Abuse Response Team Grants will fund these grants.

### **C3:3: Cyber Crime Division (ALI 055446)**

| Fund/ALI                             | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055446, Cyber Crime Division | \$597,691         | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              |
| % change                             | --                | 67.3%                    | 0.0%                     |

This line item provides 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. Appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 have increased in comparison with the FY 2025 expenditures due to increased personnel cost, and investment in needed technology and equipment.

### **C3:4: School Safety Training Grants (ALI 055502)**

| Fund/ALI                                      | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055502, School Safety Training Grants | \$11,803,500      | \$10,000,000             | \$10,000,000             |
| % change                                      | --                | -15.3%                   | 0.0%                     |

This line item is used for grants to public and chartered nonpublic schools, educational service centers, and schools operated by county boards of developmental disabilities for school safety and school climate programs and training. Law enforcement agencies are also eligible.

The Attorney General is required to operate the grant program in consultation with the Director of Education and Workforce and the Director of Behavioral Health (formerly known as Mental Health and Addiction Services).

### **C3:5: Law Enforcement Training (ALI 055509)**

| Fund/ALI                                 | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GRF ALI 055509, Law Enforcement Training | \$33,990,388      | \$30,000,000             | \$35,000,000             |
| % change                                 | --                | -11.7%                   | 16.7%                    |

This line item is used by the Attorney General for state funding of the training of peace officers and troopers. Related temporary law permits the Attorney General to use up to \$150,000 each fiscal year for administrative expenses associated with the program.

**C3:6: DARE Programs (ALI 055606)**

| Fund/ALI                                | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 4L60 ALI 055606, DARE Programs | \$1,519,933       | \$2,308,099              | \$2,310,841              |
| % change                                | --                | 51.9%                    | 0.1%                     |

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.

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.

**C3:7: Stop Bullying License Plate (ALI 055435)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| DPF Fund 5VL0 ALI 055435, Stop Bullying License Plate | \$2,500           | \$2,500                  | \$2,500                  |
| % change  | --                | 0.0%                     | 0.0%                     |

This line item is used to fund grants to nonprofit organizations, school districts, community schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (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. Receipts are minimal. The fund was created in S.B. 86 of the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly.

**C3:8: General Holding Account (ALI 055631)**

| Fund/ALI  | FY 2025<br>Actual | FY 2026<br>Appropriation | FY 2027<br>Appropriation |
|---|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| HLD Fund R004 ALI 055631, General Holding Account | \$24,759,176      | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              |
| % change  | --                | -96.0%                   | 0.0%                     |

This line item generally is used to disburse money under the terms of the relevant court orders or other settlements. Starting in FY 2019, 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. Recurring temporary law allows for automatic appropriation increases as necessary.

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| <b>AGO Attorney General's Office</b> |        |   |                      |                      |                          |                          |                                |                                |
| GRF                                  | 055321 | Operating Expenses                          | \$81,648,502         | \$85,393,153         | \$97,290,225             | \$97,290,225             | 13.93%                         | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055405 | Law-Related Education                       | \$68,000             | \$68,000             | \$68,000                 | \$68,000                 | 0.00%                          | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055406 | BCIRS Lease Rental Payments                 | \$2,391,851          | \$2,376,737          | \$2,450,000              | \$2,450,000              | 3.08%                          | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055411 | County Sheriffs' Pay Supplement             | \$1,046,525          | \$1,080,388          | \$1,111,257              | \$1,130,685              | 2.86%                          | 1.75%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055415 | County Prosecutors' Pay Supplement          | \$1,373,840          | \$1,414,739          | \$1,476,937              | \$1,502,753              | 4.40%                          | 1.75%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055431 | Drug Abuse Response Team Grants             | \$1,139,656          | \$1,202,206          | \$0                      | \$1,500,000              | -100.00%                       | N/A                            |
| GRF                                  | 055432 | Drug Testing Equipment                      | \$858,014            | \$745,276            | \$964,000                | \$964,000                | 29.35%                         | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055434 | Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force | \$486,649            | \$500,089            | \$500,000                | \$500,000                | -0.02%                         | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055440 | Rapid DNA Pilot Project                     | \$0                  | \$232,000            | \$0                      | \$0                      | -100.00%                       | N/A                            |
| GRF                                  | 055441 | Victims of Crime                            | \$8,999,964          | \$6,992,317          | \$6,700,000              | \$5,700,000              | -4.18%                         | -14.93%                        |
| GRF                                  | 055446 | Cyber Crime Division                        | \$711,175            | \$597,691            | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              | 67.31%                         | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055447 | Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway - (OHLEG)      | \$303,810            | \$272,034            | \$0                      | \$0                      | -100.00%                       | N/A                            |
| GRF                                  | 055501 | Rape Crisis Centers                         | \$15,299,569         | \$15,298,519         | \$15,300,000             | \$15,300,000             | 0.01%                          | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055502 | School Safety Training Grants               | \$11,911,924         | \$11,803,500         | \$10,000,000             | \$10,000,000             | -15.28%                        | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055504 | Domestic Violence Programs                  | \$9,999,477          | \$9,999,347          | \$10,000,000             | \$10,000,000             | 0.01%                          | 0.00%                          |
| GRF                                  | 055505 | Pike County Capital Case                    | \$347,386            | \$144,707            | \$600,000                | \$0                      | 314.63%                        | -100.00%                       |
| GRF                                  | 055509 | Law Enforcement Training                    | \$26,744,391         | \$33,990,388         | \$30,000,000             | \$35,000,000             | -11.74%                        | 16.67%                         |
| <b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b> |        |   | <b>\$163,330,733</b> | <b>\$172,111,091</b> | <b>\$177,460,419</b>     | <b>\$182,405,663</b>     | <b>3.11%</b>                   | <b>2.79%</b>                   |
| 1060                                 | 055612 | Attorney General Operating                  | \$76,032,763         | \$57,388,112         | \$63,216,225             | \$64,034,683             | 10.16%                         | 1.29%                          |
| 4020                                 | 055616 | Victims of Crime                            | \$9,914,443          | \$10,277,333         | \$11,500,000             | \$12,000,000             | 11.90%                         | 4.35%                          |
| 4170                                 | 055621 | Domestic Violence Shelter                   | \$9,051              | \$19,649             | \$25,000                 | \$25,000                 | 27.23%                         | 0.00%                          |
| 4180                                 | 055615 | Charitable Foundations                      | \$8,397,157          | \$9,141,937          | \$11,500,000             | \$11,000,000             | 25.79%                         | -4.35%                         |
| 4190                                 | 055623 | Claims Section                              | \$44,264,787         | \$58,251,503         | \$77,520,063             | \$86,393,854             | 33.08%                         | 11.45%                         |
| 4190                                 | 055668 | Collections System Lease Rental Payments    | \$1,956,620          | \$1,965,000          | \$4,165,000              | \$4,165,000              | 111.96%                        | 0.00%                          |
| 4200                                 | 055603 | Attorney General Antitrust                  | \$2,044,721          | \$3,322,287          | \$1,500,000              | \$0                      | -54.85%                        | -100.00%                       |

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| <b>AGO Attorney General's Office</b>                 |        |   |                      |                      |                          |                          |                                |                                |
| 4210   | 055617 | Police Officers' Training Academy Fee                         | \$1,458,476          | \$2,777,372          | \$3,555,387              | \$3,528,018              | 28.01%                         | -0.77%                         |
| 4L60   | 055606 | DARE Programs   | \$2,297,885          | \$1,519,933          | \$2,308,099              | \$2,310,841              | 51.86%                         | 0.12%                          |
| 4Y70   | 055608 | Title Defect Recision   | \$510,065            | \$1,501,783          | \$1,032,267              | \$1,038,534              | -31.26%                        | 0.61%                          |
| 4Z20   | 055609 | BCI Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement                   | \$1,787,350          | \$790,907            | \$2,000,000              | \$2,000,000              | 152.87%                        | 0.00%                          |
| 5900   | 055633 | Peace Officer Private Security Training                       | \$61,516             | \$34,201             | \$101,306                | \$103,330                | 196.21%                        | 2.00%                          |
| 5A90   | 055618 | Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement                               | \$0                  | \$54,071             | \$10,000                 | \$10,000                 | -81.51%                        | 0.00%                          |
| 5AW1   | 055672 | Cyber Security/Technology Upgrades                            | \$1,308,807          | \$3,253,061          | \$0                      | \$0                      | -100.00%                       | N/A                            |
| 5LR0   | 055655 | Peace Officer Training - Casino                               | \$6,151,037          | \$6,067,425          | \$7,726,217              | \$8,183,287              | 27.34%                         | 5.92%                          |
| 5TL0   | 055659 | Organized Crime Law Enforcement Trust                         | \$58,977             | \$1,771              | \$100,000                | \$100,000                | 5,545.16%                      | 0.00%                          |
| 5TZ0   | 055610 | Drug Abuse Response Team Grants                               | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$1,800,000              | \$0                      | N/A                            | -100.00%                       |
| 5TZ0   | 055614 | Narcotics Task Forces   | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$500,000                | \$500,000                | N/A                            | 0.00%                          |
| 5VL0   | 055435 | Stop Bullying License Plate                                   | \$0                  | \$2,500              | \$2,500                  | \$2,500                  | 0.00%                          | 0.00%                          |
| 6310   | 055637 | Consumer Protection Enforcement                               | \$9,287,266          | \$9,322,319          | \$10,500,000             | \$11,000,000             | 12.63%                         | 4.76%                          |
| 6590   | 055641 | Solid and Hazardous Waste Background Investigations           | \$250,639            | \$271,873            | \$359,895                | \$367,319                | 32.38%                         | 2.06%                          |
| U087   | 055402 | Tobacco Settlement Oversight, Administration, and Enforcement | \$2,191,337          | \$2,807,490          | \$2,500,000              | \$2,500,000              | -10.95%                        | 0.00%                          |
| <b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</b>         |        |   | <b>\$167,982,895</b> | <b>\$168,770,527</b> | <b>\$201,921,959</b>     | <b>\$209,262,366</b>     | <b>19.64%</b>                  | <b>3.64%</b>                   |
| 1950   | 055660 | Workers' Compensation Section                                 | \$8,723,810          | \$8,516,755          | \$9,570,750              | \$9,905,726              | 12.38%                         | 3.50%                          |
| <b>Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal</b> |        |   | <b>\$8,723,810</b>   | <b>\$8,516,755</b>   | <b>\$9,570,750</b>       | <b>\$9,905,726</b>       | <b>12.38%</b>                  | <b>3.50%</b>                   |
| 5BY1   | 055674 | Charitable Law Distributions                                  | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$750,000                | \$750,000                | N/A                            | 0.00%                          |
| R004   | 055631 | General Holding Account                                       | \$3,294,031          | \$24,759,176         | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              | -95.96%                        | 0.00%                          |
| R005   | 055632 | Antitrust Settlements   | \$0                  | \$177,394            | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              | 463.72%                        | 0.00%                          |
| R018   | 055630 | Consumer Frauds   | \$1,182,171          | \$66,340             | \$1,000,000              | \$1,000,000              | 1,407.40%                      | 0.00%                          |
| R042   | 055601 | Organized Crime Commission Distributions                      | \$129,893            | \$558,836            | \$750,000                | \$750,000                | 34.21%                         | 0.00%                          |

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| <b>AGO Attorney General's Office</b>       |        |                                     |                      |                      |                          |                          |                                |                                |
| R054                                       | 055650 | Collection Payment Redistribution   | \$3,780,334          | \$6,315,117          | \$4,500,000              | \$4,500,000              | -28.74%                        | 0.00%                          |
| <b>Holding Account Fund Group Subtotal</b> |        |                                     | <b>\$8,386,429</b>   | <b>\$31,876,862</b>  | <b>\$9,000,000</b>       | <b>\$9,000,000</b>       | <b>-71.77%</b>                 | <b>0.00%</b>                   |
| 3060                                       | 055620 | Medicaid Fraud Control              | \$12,327,675         | \$11,321,669         | \$17,059,070             | \$17,887,905             | 50.68%                         | 4.86%                          |
| 3830                                       | 055634 | Crime Victims Assistance            | \$36,628,918         | \$36,514,894         | \$40,000,000             | \$40,000,000             | 9.54%                          | 0.00%                          |
| 3E50                                       | 055638 | Attorney General Pass-Through Funds | \$5,766,162          | \$6,103,108          | \$8,020,999              | \$8,020,999              | 31.42%                         | 0.00%                          |
| 3FV0                                       | 055656 | Crime Victim Compensation           | \$927,600            | \$3,736,731          | \$7,200,000              | \$7,400,000              | 92.68%                         | 2.78%                          |
| 3R60                                       | 055613 | Attorney General Federal Funds      | \$3,801,520          | \$2,145,727          | \$5,500,000              | \$5,500,000              | 156.32%                        | 0.00%                          |
| <b>Federal Fund Group Subtotal</b>         |        |                                     | <b>\$59,451,875</b>  | <b>\$59,822,129</b>  | <b>\$77,780,069</b>      | <b>\$78,808,904</b>      | <b>30.02%</b>                  | <b>1.32%</b>                   |
| <b>Attorney General's Office Total</b>     |        |                                     | <b>\$407,875,741</b> | <b>\$441,097,364</b> | <b>\$475,733,197</b>     | <b>\$489,382,659</b>     | <b>7.85%</b>                   | <b>2.87%</b>                   |