

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Department of Commerce

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Department of Commerce

Quick look...

- The Department of Commerce (COM) regulates a diverse range of industries and professions in the state. It also regulates the liquor industry as well as the state's medical and adult-use marijuana programs. In addition, COM houses the State Fire Marshal's Office.
- Total appropriations are approximately \$335.1 million in FY 2026 and \$328.9 million in FY 2027.
 - The Department operates with no GRF money.
 - Almost all the budget is funded through fees from regulated businesses and professions.
- H.B. 96 escheats approximately \$2.2 billion from the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund, with \$1.0 billion going to the Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grant Fund (Fund 5CY1) and the remaining amount to the Ohio Escheatment Fund.
- The budget provides additional funding for the regulation of adult-use marijuana through a GRF transfer to Fund 5SY0.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Dedicated Purpose (DPF)	\$308,943,180	\$264,285,756	\$308,153,418	\$301,806,514
Internal Service Activity (ISA)	\$20,766,033	\$23,004,433	\$24,261,410	\$24,374,428
Federal (FED)	\$2,938,122	\$2,886,798	\$2,678,636	\$2,678,636
Total	\$332,647,336	\$290,176,987	\$335,093,464	\$328,859,578
% change	--	-12.88%	9.3%	-1.9%

Overview

Agency overview

The Department of Commerce (COM) regulates a wide array of industries and professions across Ohio. It oversees (1) state-chartered financial institutions, (2) the securities market in the state, (3) Ohio's Unclaimed Funds Program, (4) the building trades, including state labor laws, (5) the Ohio Fire Code, including fire and explosion investigations and firefighter training, (6) the alcoholic beverage industry in the state, and (7) the state's medical and adult-use marijuana programs. Overall, there are seven operating divisions corresponding to these regulatory responsibilities, as well as the Division of Administration which provides department-wide management oversight.

Appropriation summary

H.B. 96 provides COM with a total appropriation of \$335.1 million in FY 2026 and \$328.9 million in FY 2027. Nearly \$610.0 million (91.9%) of this amount over the biennium is for

the Department's regulatory and oversight functions supported by fees and other revenues deposited into funds of the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group.

Table 1 below shows the appropriations for the FY 2026-FY 2027 biennium by functional category, corresponding to COM's eight operating divisions, except for the Division of Financial Institutions and the Division of Securities, which are grouped together in this Greenbook. Overall, the Unclaimed Funds Program accounts for the greatest share of the budget at \$215.0 million (32.4%) of the appropriations for FY 2026-FY 2027. Regulatory activities under the divisions of (1) Industrial Compliance and Labor, (2) State Fire Marshal's Office, (3) Financial Institutions & Securities, (4) Real Estate and Professional Licensing, as well as (5) the Division of Cannabis Control, combined account for \$328.1 million (49.4%) of the FY 2026-FY 2027 appropriations. The Division of Liquor Control's liquor permitting and spirituous liquor franchise operations account for \$72.3 million (10.9%) of the budget. Finally, the Division of Administration accounts for \$48.6 million (7.3%) of appropriations.

Table 1. Appropriations by Functional Category (in millions)				
Functional Category	FY 2026	FY 2027	Biennial Total	% of Total
Unclaimed Funds	\$107.8	\$107.2	\$215.0	32.4%
Industrial Compliance and Labor	\$33.5	\$33.7	\$67.2	10.1%
State Fire Marshal	\$55.0	\$47.9	\$102.9	15.5%
Financial Institutions & Securities	\$38.4	\$39.4	\$77.8	11.7%
Liquor Control	\$36.1	\$36.2	\$72.3	10.9%
Real Estate and Professional Licensing	\$8.7	\$8.9	\$17.6	2.7%
Cannabis Control	\$31.4	\$31.2	\$62.6	9.4%
Administration	\$24.2	\$24.4	\$48.6	7.3%
Total	\$335.1	\$328.9	\$664.0	

Note: Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

Budget highlights

Unclaimed funds escheating to the state – Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grants

H.B. 96 transfers ownership of unclaimed funds to the state if the funds are not claimed by the owner or another person that has a right to payment within ten years after the date the funds are first reported, a process referred to as escheatment. Coinciding with this provision, H.B. 96 also creates a new mechanism for funding the construction or renovation of cultural facilities, sports facilities, and major sports facilities using the escheated funds. These amounts will be deposited into the new Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grant Fund (Fund 5CY1) to support these projects, starting with a required remittance of \$1.0 billion on January 1, 2026. Of that amount, \$600.0 million is to be used to support construction of the

Cleveland Browns transformational major sports facility mixed-use project in the city of Brook Park, with the remaining \$400.0 million set aside for other qualifying projects. The grants issued from Fund 5CY1 will be administered by the Office of Budget and Management and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. The remainder of escheated funds is to be deposited into the Ohio Escheatment Fund.

Division of Cannabis Control

Over the prior biennium, the Department of Commerce assumed the duties previously held by the State Board of Pharmacy with respect to the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP). COM subsequently assumed oversight of the adult-use recreational marijuana industry after the passage of Issue 2 at the November 7, 2023 general election. As a result of these changes, COM established the Division of Cannabis Control to oversee both medical and recreational marijuana. These activities are funded through the Medical Marijuana Control Fund (Fund 5SY0). H.B. 96 provides a transfer of \$10.0 million in FY 2026 from the GRF to Fund 5SY0 in order to provide more funding for oversight of adult-use recreational marijuana and requires that at least \$5.0 million in each fiscal year be used for this purpose.

Small County Volunteer Fire Department Grant Program

H.B. 96 establishes the Small County Volunteer Fire Department Grant Program and provides funding of \$8.0 million in FY 2026 for the program with a 50,000 per recipient per fiscal year limit. Counties with populations of 70,000 or less are eligible for funding. The grants must be used for firefighting or rescue equipment gear, or for fire department costs associated with the provision of fire protection services. The grant program is funded through a transfer of \$8.0 million in FY 2026 from the Ohio Highway and Transportation Safety Fund (Fund 5XI0) to the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460) to provide funding for the grant program.

Fee changes

Burial permit fee increase

H.B. 96 increases the amount of the annual burial permit fee the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing uses to cover the costs of the Cemetery Registration Program and the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission from \$3 to \$10. It also increases from \$1 to \$6 the amount of this fee to be used for the Cemetery Grant Program and also raises the maximum cemetery grant from \$2,500 to \$5,000. In FY 2025, receipts from burial permits and cemetery registrations and renewals deposited into the Cemetery Registration Fund (Fund 4H90) were approximately \$307,000.

Liquor permit fee increases

The budget bill contains a series of fee increases related to liquor permits. All these receipts are deposited into Fund 7066 and subsequently distributed to the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0, 45%), the municipal corporations and townships in which the permitted premises are located (35%), and the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750, 20%). The first fee increase pertains to F-4 (wine festival) and F-11 (craft beer festival) permits. These permits are currently issued for \$60 per day for a maximum of three days. The bill changes this to a flat fee of \$180 regardless of if the festival is less than three days. The

final fee increase is the S-2 liquor permit renewal fee (wineries producing more than 250,000 gallons a year). The bill increases the renewal fee from \$100 to \$250, the same as the initial permit. In totality, according to the latest permit fee data for FY 2025, all three fees combined generated less than \$100,000 annually. Fund 5LPO would see a proportional share of the gains from the increased permit fees.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the funding for each appropriation line item (ALI) in the Department of Commerce's (COM) budget under H.B. 96. For organizational purposes, these ALIs are grouped into eight major 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 COM appropriations in H.B. 96.

In the analysis, each appropriation 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 how the appropriation is used and any changes affecting the appropriation that are contained in the budget. If the appropriation is earmarked, the earmarks are listed and described.

Categorization of COM's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget				
Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
4B20	800631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	6:3	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
4H90	800608	Cemeteries	6:5	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
4X20	800619	Financial Institutions	4:1	Financial Institutions and Securities
5430	800602	Unclaimed Funds – Operating	1:1	Unclaimed Funds
5430	800625	Unclaimed Funds – Claims	1:2	Unclaimed Funds
5440	800612	Banks	4:2	Financial Institutions and Securities
5460	800610	Fire Marshal	3:1	State Fire Marshal
5460	800639	Fire Department Grants	3:2	State Fire Marshal
5480	800611	Real Estate Recovery	6:2	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5490	800614	Real Estate	6:1	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5500	800617	Securities	4:6	Financial Institutions and Securities
5520	800604	Credit Union	4:3	Financial Institutions and Securities
5530	800607	Consumer Finance	4:4	Financial Institutions and Securities
5560	800615	Industrial Compliance	2:1	Industrial Compliance and Labor
5BG1	800659	Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	3:3	State Fire Marshal
5F10	800635	Small Government Fire Departments	3:4	State Fire Marshal
5FW0	800616	Financial Literacy Education	4:5	Financial Institutions and Securities

Categorization of COM's Appropriation Line Items for Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 Budget

Fund	ALI	ALI Name		Category
5GK0	800609	Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	4:7	Financial Institutions and Securities
5HV0	800641	Cigarette Enforcement	3:6	State Fire Marshal
5LC0	800644	Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	5:2	Liquor Control
5LN0	800645	Liquor Operating Services	5:1	Liquor Control
5LP0	800646	Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	5:3	Liquor Control
5SJ0	800648	Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	8:3	State Fire Marshal
5SY0	800650	Medical Marijuana Control Program	7:1	Medical Marijuana Control
5TZ0	800661	Drug Addiction Partnership	7:2	Drug Addiction Awareness
5VD0	800653	Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	6:4	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5X60	800623	Video Service	6:6	Real Estate and Professional Licensing
5XK0	800657	Ohio Investor Recovery	4:8	Financial Institutions and Securities
6530	800629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	3:5	State Fire Marshal
Internal Service Activity Fund Group				
1630	800620	Division of Administration	8:1	Administration
1630	800637	Information Technology	8:2	Administration
Federal Fund Group				
3480	800622	Underground Storage Tanks	3:5	State Fire Marshal
3480	800624	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	3:5	State Fire Marshal

Category 1: Unclaimed Funds

This category of ALIs provides for the safekeeping and return of moneys designated as “unclaimed” to their rightful owners. In the meantime, the Division of Unclaimed Funds uses a portion of reported unclaimed funds to support housing loan guarantees. The funds have also been used in recent years to support operations of other state programs through transfers to the GRF.

C1:1: Unclaimed Funds – Operating (ALI 800602)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5430 ALI 800602, Unclaimed Funds – Operating	\$12,833,089	\$17,777,906	\$17,249,752
% change	--	38.5%	-3.0%

This ALI pays the operating and administrative expenses of the Division of Unclaimed Funds. The Division is comprised of administrative, claims processing, compliance, and accountability sections. The Division is a part of the Ohio Business Gateway, which allows businesses to electronically file reports and remit funds into the state's unclaimed funds account

using the Automated Clearing House (ACH). H.B. 96 contains an earmark of \$1.0 million in each fiscal year for the Division to use technologies, outreach, advertising, and other ways to locate and notify owners of unclaimed funds and assist them with filing claims.

C1:2: Unclaimed Funds – Claims (ALI 800625)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5430 ALI 800625, Unclaimed Funds – Claims	\$109,756,891	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000
% change	--	-18.0%	0.0%

This ALI pays for claims of money under the Unclaimed Funds Law, including the interest that accumulated while the money was held in trust by the state. Because there is always the potential that claims made exceed the amount appropriated, H.B. 96 includes the language appropriating the additional amounts as needed.

The Unclaimed Funds Program is statutorily responsible for the safekeeping and return of moneys designated as unclaimed due to death, inadvertence, or forgetfulness. Common sources of unclaimed funds include dormant checking and savings accounts, insurance proceeds, unclaimed wages and employment benefits, uncashed checks and money orders, undelivered stock and dividends, forgotten rent or utility deposits, and intangible contents of safe deposit boxes. These unclaimed funds are held in a custodial account under supervision of the Treasurer of State. In FY 2025, there was \$648.8 million in unclaimed funds reported and \$110.6 million in claims paid.

Until the rightful owner is located, unclaimed funds support economic development throughout Ohio. The Ohio Housing Finance Agency use these resources to guarantee and fund low- and moderate-income housing programs. Unclaimed funds also guarantee performance bonds for the Minority Business Bonding Fund under the Ohio Department of Development.

Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund – Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grants

As mentioned in the “**Overview**,” H.B. 96 transfers ownership of unclaimed funds to the state if the funds are not claimed by the owner or another person with a right to claim within ten years after the date the funds are first reported to COM and specifies that all rights to these amounts vest exclusively with the state on the date the funds and interest escheat (i.e., become the state’s property). On January 1, 2026, any such unclaimed funds and interest held in the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund must be remitted to the state and deposited within two new funds. Of the initial amount remitted, \$1.0 billion must be deposited into the Ohio Cultural and Sports Facility Performance Grant Fund (Fund 5CY1), with the remainder going into the Ohio Escheatment Fund. Of the \$1.0 billion going into Fund 5CY1, \$600.0 million is for the future Cleveland Browns stadium and related Brook Park economic development project and \$400.0 million is for other qualifying projects.

August 2025 estimates from the Division of Unclaimed Funds indicate that over \$2.2 billion would be remitted under these provisions. In the three years that follow this initial

escheatment, the Division estimates a total of \$617.3 million in unclaimed funds properties being deposited into the Ohio Escheatment Fund. The current balance of the Unclaimed Funds Trust Fund is approximately \$4.8 billion. Consult the comparison document entries related to these provisions and LBO's Greenbooks for the Office of Budget and Management and the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, as well as corresponding entries in the LSC bill analysis, for further details about how this funding is to be used.

Category 2: Industrial Compliance and Labor

This category of appropriations funds the building code development, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial and residential construction industry and manufactured homes industry. The Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, which enforces the prevailing wage, minimum wage, and minor labor laws, is also included in this category.

C2:1: Industrial Compliance (ALI 800615)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5560 ALI 800615, Industrial Compliance	\$31,548,335	\$33,508,390	\$33,692,610
% change	--	6.2%	0.6%

This ALI supports the operations of the Division of Industrial Compliance. This includes oversight of building code development, inspection, plan, review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial and residential construction industry and manufactured homes industry. The Division also houses the Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, which enforces the prevailing wage, minimum wage, and minor labor laws. The costs for these activities are covered by fees assessed on the regulated entities. This includes elevator inspection fees, plan examination fees, boiler fees, Board of Building Standards fees, bedding fees, Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board fees, and so forth. The exception is the Program Administration area, which is funded by an administrative charge based on cumulative annual payroll assessed to all boards and sections within the Division. Funding levels for the various bureaus and programs under the auspices of the Division of Industrial Compliance are shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Industrial Compliance Program Funding Summary (in millions)		
Program	FY 2026	FY 2027
Operations and Maintenance	\$13.7	\$14.3
Program Administration	\$5.2	\$5.3
Building Code Compliance	\$7.1	\$7.6
Board of Building Standards	\$3.4	\$2.9
Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board	\$2.6	\$2.1
Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration	\$1.5	\$1.5
Total	\$33.5	\$33.7

Board of Building Standards

H.B. 96 contains two provisions which could have some minimal impact on the operations of the Board of Building Standards. The first of these allows the Board of Building Standards (BBS) to adopt rules that allow municipal, township, and county building departments to accept plan, examination, and inspection reports from third-party building plan examiners and building inspectors and to adopt relevant competency standards for these occupations. Any fees charged by these third-party examiners or inspectors would be in addition to those currently charged by political subdivisions on behalf of the BBS. As a result of this provision, the BBS could see some small increase in cost for adopting related rules and competency standards. The second provision affecting the BBS separates the residential building code into two categories of enforcement: codes that apply to building new residential structures and those that apply to renovating or repairing existing residential structures.

Category 3: State Fire Marshal

This category of ALIs provides funds for the Office of the State Fire Marshal, which provides protection to the citizens of Ohio from the dangers of fire and explosions and protects the environment from releases of petroleum from underground storage tanks. The State Fire Marshal analyzes fire-related criminal evidence, enforces the Ohio Fire Code, investigates the cause and origin of fires and explosions, regulates underground storage tanks, trains firefighters, and provides fire safety education to businesses, industry, and the public. Also funded under this category are monthly death benefits to survivors of volunteer peace officers killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to disabled volunteer peace officers.

C3:1: Fire Marshal (ALI 800610)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5460 ALI 800610, Fire Marshal	\$30,055,265	\$30,366,505	\$31,171,353
% change	--	1.0%	2.7%

This ALI provides primary operating funds for running the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460), which is used to pay for these various functions, is supported by a 0.75% surcharge on fire insurance premiums, 20.0% of retaliatory (or “reciprocity”) taxes on out-of-state insurance companies, and fees from fireworks licenses, building inspections, course fees, and federal and state grants. Program allocations are shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3. Fund 5460, ALI 800610, Fire Marshal, Program Funding Summary (in millions)		
Program	FY 2026	FY 2027
Program Administration	\$7.9	\$7.9
Ohio Fire Academy	\$5.5	\$5.6
Code Enforcement	\$5.4	\$5.7

**Table 3. Fund 5460, ALI 800610, Fire Marshal,
Program Funding Summary (in millions)**

Program	FY 2026	FY 2027
Investigations	\$5.8	\$6.1
Fire Prevention	\$2.3	\$2.4
Forensic Lab	\$2.2	\$2.3
Testing and Registration	\$1.3	\$1.2
Total	\$30.4	\$31.2

C3:2: Fire Department Grants (ALI 800639)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5460 ALI 800639, Fire Department Grants	\$7,471,694	\$15,515,000	\$7,515,000
% change	--	107.7%	-51.6%

This ALI is used to provide grants to local fire departments to offset the cost of training and equipment. Volunteer fire departments, fire departments, joint fire districts, or local governments responsible for fire departments that serve one or more small municipalities or small townships, and certain other fire service providers are eligible for the grants. These grants must be used to (1) purchase firefighting or rescue equipment or gear or similar items, (2) provide full or partial reimbursement for the documented costs of firefighter training, or (3) at the discretion of the State Fire Marshal, cover fire department costs for providing fire protection services in that grant recipient's jurisdiction. Grants for firefighting or rescue equipment, gear, or the provision of fire protection services are limited to \$15,000 per fiscal year unless an eligible entity serves a jurisdiction in which the Governor declared a natural disaster during the preceding or current fiscal year in which the grant was awarded. In those cases, grants are limited to \$25,000 per fiscal year. Grants for reimbursement of firefighter training costs are limited to \$15,000 per fiscal year. Eligible entities may receive grants for both purposes. For each fiscal year, the State Fire Marshal will determine the total amounts to be allocated for each eligible purpose.

Earmarks

Small County Volunteer Fire Department Grant Program. H.B. 96 provides funding of \$8.0 million in FY 2026 for this new program. Departments located within the 52 counties with populations of 70,000 or lower are eligible for the grants, which are limited to \$50,000 per recipient. Grants must be used for firefighting or rescue equipment gear, or for fire department costs associated with the provision of fire protection services. The grant program is funded through a transfer of \$8.0 million in FY 2026 from the Ohio Highway and Transportation Safety Fund (Fund 5X10) to the State Fire Marshal Fund (Fund 5460).

MARCS Grant Program. Up to \$4.0 million in each fiscal year can be used for MARCS grants. This grant program helps offset the costs that local fire departments incur for

MARCS-related radio equipment and services and to promote the interoperability between fire responders. Grants are limited to \$50,000 in each fiscal year per grant recipient.

Firefighter I Training Grant Program. Lastly, up to \$1.3 million in each fiscal year may go to fire training schools for providing training to newly hired or volunteer firefighters at no cost to the local government.

C3:3: Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training (ALI 800659)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5BG1 ALI 800659, Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	\$1,315,745	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
% change	--	128.0%	0.0%

This ALI is used by the State Fire Marshal to carry out firefighter training programs and cover the expenses attributable to administering the Fireworks Law as established by H.B. 172 of the 134th General Assembly. These programs are funded through a fee of 4% of the gross receipts on retail sales of consumer-grade fireworks by licensed retailers, wholesalers, and manufacturers deposited into the Fireworks Fee Receipts Fund (Fund 5BG1). Fund 5BG1 collected slightly more than \$2.6 million in FY 2025. Under the law, 87.5% of the fee revenue collected is required to be used to conduct firefighter training programs with the remaining portion used to regulate the fireworks industry.

Online sale and curbside pickup of consumer fireworks

H.B. 96 permits licensed fireworks manufacturers and wholesalers to conduct online sales of 1.4G fireworks (“consumer fireworks”), subject to certain procedural requirements. These sales may take place so long as the sales are linked to a specific manufacturer or wholesaler that will deliver the consumer fireworks in the manufacturer’s or wholesaler’s retail showroom or via curbside delivery in a designated pick-up zone on the same licensed premises, and in a building and fire code compliant tent or similar structure at the delivery location. Because of these changes, the State Fire Marshal will see some increase in oversight costs. If online access to consumer fireworks induces more sales, then there could be a gain in sales tax and receipts for Fund 5BG1.

C3:4: Small Government Fire Departments (ALI 800635)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5F10 ALI 800635, Small Government Fire Departments	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports the Small Government Fire Department Services Revolving Loan Program, which makes no interest loans to small governments for up to 95.0% of the cost of firefighter equipment or the construction or renovation of fire department buildings. To provide

loan funding, H.B. 96 gives the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director the authority, upon the request of the Director of Commerce, to transfer up to \$600,000 from Fund 5460 to Fund 5F10 for the purpose of this program during the biennium.

C3:5: Underground Storage Tanks (ALIs 800629, 800622, and 800624)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 6530 ALI 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee	\$2,373,641	\$2,813,369	\$2,824,398
% change	--	18.5%	0.4%
Fund 3480 ALI 800622, Underground Storage Tanks	\$779,614	\$779,620	\$779,620
% change	--	0.0%	0.0%
Fund 3480 ALI 800624, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$1,843,252	\$1,899,016	\$1,899,016
% change	--	3.0%	0.0%
Total Underground Storage Tanks	\$4,996,507	\$5,492,005	\$5,503,034
% change	--	9.9%	2.0%

These three ALIs provide support for the Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulation (BUSTR), which regulates the installation, operation, maintenance, and removal of underground storage tank (UST) systems as well as the investigation and cleanup of petroleum products released from UST systems into the environment. BUSTR oversees over 21,000 USTs.

Fund 6530 ALI 800629, UST Registration/Permit Fee, provides funding for underground storage tank regulation and is supported by annual tank registration fees and permits. It provides the state matching funds required for BUSTR's federal funding.

Fund 3480 ALI 800622, Underground Storage Tanks, provides the federal funds used for the regulation of underground storage tanks, including the permitting of tank installation, removal, upgrade, or major repair. Federal funding for this program requires a 25% state match.

Fund 3480 ALI 800624, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, provides the federal funds necessary to evaluate and clean up leaking underground storage tanks containing petroleum. Federal funding for this program requires a 10% state match.

C3:6: Cigarette Enforcement (ALI 800641)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5HV0 ALI 800641, Cigarette Enforcement	\$0	\$27,324	\$27,324
% change	--	--	0.0%

This ALI supports the functions of the Cigarette Enforcement Program, which certifies cigarettes as meeting reduced ignition propensity standards. To be certified by the state, each

cigarette manufacturer must (1) test cigarettes through a laboratory or an alternative testing method to ensure the cigarettes meet the standards specified in law, (2) indicate on the packaging that the cigarettes meet fire safety standards, and (3) certify that each type of cigarette tested meets the standards. Manufacturers must recertify each type of cigarette every three years. To offset the State Fire Marshal's costs for administering the certification program, manufacturers pay a \$1,000 fee for each type of brand family included in an application which is then deposited into Fund 5HV0.

Category 4: Financial Institutions and Securities

This category of appropriations provides funding to oversee state-chartered banks, savings institutions, credit unions, and various consumer finance organizations through the Division of Financial Institutions as well as securities and securities professionals through the Division of Securities. These ALIs fund programs that ensure the overall safety and soundness of these institutions and individuals and provide education regarding financial literacy, home mortgage lending practices, and securities investing to reduce the number of consumers falling victim to abusive practices.

Division of Financial Institutions

C4:1: Financial Institutions (ALI 800619)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 4X20 ALI 800619, Financial Institutions	\$1,911,985	\$2,129,695	\$2,138,176
% change	--	11.4%	0.4%

This ALI provides centralized administrative support to the Division of Financial Institutions' various sections, which include Banks, Credit Union, and Consumer Finance. The executive staff, facilities management, front desk operations, and centralized records retention and administration are all funded out of this line item. The Financial Institutions Fund (Fund 4X20) receives revenue from quarterly assessments on the Banks Fund (Fund 5440), the Credit Unions Fund (Fund 5520), and the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530). Quarterly assessments are prorated among these operating funds based on the budgeted headcount for each fund.

C4:2: Banks (ALI 800612)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5440 ALI 800612, Banks	\$9,451,597	\$11,467,455	\$11,775,392
% change	--	21.3%	2.7%

This ALI supports the regulation of state-chartered banks, trust companies, and money transmitters. The Banks Fund (Fund 5440) receives revenue from application and examination fees paid by state-chartered banks, assessments charged to all banks subject to examination by the Division, and money transmitter fees.

The Banks Program oversees 104 state-chartered banks, including the review of new bank charters, mergers, new branch ventures, and other activities. The Banks Program does not have jurisdiction over federal thrifts or national banks. Its main responsibility is to review and approve new bank charters, mergers, branch ventures, and other activities. The program also determines the safety and soundness of each bank and monitors institution adherence to applicable laws and regulations through regular onsite field examinations and off-site surveillance and monitoring. Program staff coordinate supervisory activities with the applicable federal regulatory agencies, the Federal Reserve, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). While Banks Program staff coordinate with their federal counterparts, they also compete with them to maintain bank charters due to the dual regulatory environment within the financial services industry.

The Money Transmitters Program provides for the licensing, supervision, and regulation of money transmitters operating within the state. The program's funding is derived from annual licensing and investigation fees collected from money transmitters. The fee for a new money transmitter license is \$6,000. The renewal fee is based on the transmitter's volume of business in the state.

C4:3: Credit Union (ALI 800604)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5520 ALI 800604, Credit Union	\$3,502,346	\$5,194,284	\$4,831,282
% change	--	48.3%	-7.0%

This ALI supports the Credit Union Program which monitors the financial safety and soundness of Ohio's state-chartered credit unions. The program is funded by a semiannual assessment on the gross assets of credit unions. These assessments generated over \$4.0 million in FY 2025. Activities include onsite field examinations, off-site surveillance and monitoring, and coordination of supervisory activities with the appropriate federal agency, the National Credit Union Administration. The program supervised and regulated 95 state-chartered credit unions with total aggregated assets of \$33.3 billion as of the end of CY 2024.

C4:4: Consumer Finance (ALI 800607)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5530 ALI 800607, Consumer Finance	\$5,354,671	\$6,440,712	\$7,215,971
% change	--	20.3%	12.0%

This ALI supports the costs associated with regulating the consumer finance or nondepository lending industries. These activities are funded through annual fees paid by various consumer finance providers paid into Fund 5530. The ALI also supports the Office of Consumer Affairs, which educates Ohioans on borrowing, refers borrowers to credit counseling services, receives complaints of alleged violations of Division-administered statutes, contacts the persons that are the subject of the complaint, and forwards possible violations for administrative action.

C4:5: Financial Literacy Education (ALI 800616)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5FW0 ALI 800616, Financial Literacy Education	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
% change	--	200.0%	0.0%

This ALI supports various adult financial literacy education programs. At least half of the programs must be presented by or made available at public community colleges or state institutions of higher education throughout the state. The initial funding for these programs was provided through a transfer of 5.0% of the cash balance (just under \$500,000) from the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to the Financial Literacy Education Fund (Fund 5FW0) in FY 2009. The funding is derived from two sources.

To provide sufficient funding for this type of programming, H.B. 96 allows the COM Director to request that the OBM Director a quarterly cash transfer of up to 5% of the fees and charges received by the Consumer Finance Fund (Fund 5530) to Fund 5FW0.

Division of Securities

C4:6: Securities (ALI 800617)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5500 ALI 800617, Securities	\$8,994,254	\$9,782,453	\$10,204,710
% change	--	8.8%	4.3%

This ALI supports the Division of Securities, which regulates the sale of securities in Ohio, licenses securities professionals in Ohio who sell securities and provide investment advice. The Division also promotes investor education. These appropriations are supported by revenue from license application and renewal fees for various securities industry professionals and from securities registration and exemption filings that are deposited into the Division of Securities Fund (Fund 5500).

The Division oversees a community of over 250,000 professionals in the securities and investment trade. Customarily, the income from fees collected each year exceeds the funding required to operate the Division. This allows for cash transfers of the excess to the GRF, as well as two other Division of Securities funds, as detailed below.

C4:7: Securities Investor Education/Enforcement (ALI 800609)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5GK0 ALI 800609, Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	\$555,051	\$742,863	\$542,863
% change	--	33.8%	-26.9%

Fund 5GK0 ALI 800609 supports the Division's efforts to educate securities investors about and enforce the Securities Law. The ALI is funded by cash settlements related to violations of securities laws which are deposited into Fund 5GK0.

C4:8: Ohio Investor Recovery (ALI 800657)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5XK0 ALI 800657, Ohio Investor Recovery	\$410,424	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000
% change	--	509.1%	0.0%

Ohio Investor Recovery Fund (Fund 5XK0) ALI 800657, Ohio Investor Recovery, is used to provide restitution assistance to victims of securities crimes who are identified in final administrative orders issued by the Division of Securities or final court orders. The money in the fund provides compensation and provides partial restitution assistance (up to \$25,000 or 25% of monetary loss, whichever is less) to victims who have not received the full amount of any restitution ordered in a final order before the application for restitution assistance is due.

Cash transfer and elimination of statutory cap

H.B. 96 allows the OBM Director, on request of the COM Director, to transfer up to \$2.5 million in both FY 2026 and FY 2027 from Fund 5500 to Fund 5XK0 to support this ALI. Related to this process, H.B. 96 also lifts the statutory cap of \$2.5 million on the cash transfers that can be made from Fund 5500.

Category 5: Liquor Control

This category of appropriations funds the control of the manufacture, distribution, pricing, and sale of alcoholic beverages in Ohio, functions overseen by the Division of Liquor Control. In FY 2013, the state transferred Ohio's exclusive liquor merchandising rights to JobsOhio, the state's private, nonprofit economic development corporation, for 25 years in exchange for an estimated \$1.3 billion. Under this Operating Services Agreement, JobsOhio has become the state's sole purchaser and distributor of spirituous liquor. Consequently, JobsOhio is responsible for using a share of liquor profits to pay for liquor inventory and shipping, as well as liquor agency store commissions. However, JobsOhio contracts with the Division of Liquor Control to merchandise spirituous liquor and provide ongoing regulatory oversight of sales. The state receives payments from JobsOhio for these services.

C5:1: Liquor Operating Services (ALI 800645)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5LNO ALI 800645, Liquor Operating Services	\$14,874,155	\$18,105,130	\$18,371,853
% change	--	21.7%	1.5%

This ALI pays for the Division's liquor merchandising operations under the Operating Services Agreement with JobsOhio. The Agreement calls for JobsOhio to make quarterly

payments to cover these expenses. The Division's budget for liquor merchandising is agreed upon biennially to align with state budget periods, but may be adjusted when needed. The payments are deposited into the Liquor Operating Services Fund (Fund 5LN0).

C5:2: Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance (ALI 800644)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5LC0 ALI 800644, Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This ALI serves as a contingency account as part of the Operating Services Agreement with JobsOhio. As described above, the quarterly payments received from JobsOhio are deposited into the Liquor Operating Services Fund (Fund 5LN0). However, 4.0% of these payments are set aside as a contingency and placed in a separate state fund, the Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Fund (Fund 5LC0) at the beginning of each fiscal year. This provides stopgap funding until the Controlling Board authorizes additional appropriations from Fund 5LN0.

C5:3: Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses (ALI 800646)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5LP0 ALI 800646, Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	\$20,943,380	\$17,782,397	\$17,681,629
% change	--	-15.1%	-0.6%

This ALI supports the Division of Liquor Control's permitting and compliance duties under the state Liquor Control Law. The program (1) licenses the manufacture, distribution, and sale of all alcoholic beverages in Ohio, (2) issues new liquor permits, and (3) renews and transfers existing liquor permits.

In contrast to the ALIs that support the cost of liquor merchandising, this ALI is funded by liquor permit fee revenue received into the Undivided Liquor Permit Fund (Fund 7066). Of those amounts, 45% goes to the State Liquor Regulatory Fund (Fund 5LP0). From the remainder, 35% goes to the local taxing district where the permit is issued, and 20% goes to the Statewide Treatment and Prevention Fund (Fund 4750) used by the Department of Behavioral Health. Fund 7066 collected \$47.1 million in revenues in FY 2025. After accounting for the Division's permitting oversight costs covered under this ALI and the operating costs of the Liquor Control Commission, excess Fund 5LP0 revenue is credited to the GRF.

Liquor permit fee increases

H.B. 96 contains a series of fee increases related to liquor permits. All these receipts are deposited into Fund 7066 and subsequently distributed to other sources as detailed above. The first fee increase pertains to F-4 (wine festival) and F-11 (craft beer festival) permits. These permits are currently issued for \$60 per day for a maximum of three days. The bill changes this

to a flat fee of \$180 regardless of if the festival is less than three days. The final fee increase is the S-2 liquor permit renewal fee (wineries producing more than 250,000 gallons a year). For these permits, H.B. 96 increases the renewal fee from \$100 to \$250, the same as the initial permit. In totality, according to the latest permit fee data, all three fees combined generated less than \$100,000 annually. Fund 5LP0 would see a proportional share of the gains from the increased permit fees.

Category 6: Real Estate and Professional Licensing

This category of appropriations provides funding for the licensure and regulation of real estate brokers, salespersons, and appraisers; registers foreign real estate property; and registers and investigates complaints involving Ohio cemeteries. Additionally, it provides funding for the Video Authorization Program. These activities are regulated by the Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing.

C6:1: Real Estate (ALI 800614)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5490 ALI 800614, Real Estate	\$6,391,782	\$7,808,917	\$8,014,934
% change	--	22.2%	2.6%

Fund 5490 ALI 800614, Real Estate, covers the cost the Division incurs for overseeing professionals in the real estate industry. This includes: (1) licensing of real estate brokers and salespersons and those dealing in foreign real estate, (2) advancing education and research in real estate, (3) regulating manufactured housing brokers, dealers, and salespersons, (4) licensing home inspectors, and (5) licensing real estate appraisers and real estate appraiser assistants. The bulk of revenue comes from real estate salespersons licenses. In FY 2025, Fund 5490 collected nearly \$6.1 million from fees and other sources.

C6:2: Real Estate Recovery (ALI 800611)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5480 ALI 800611, Real Estate Recovery	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This ALI is used to reimburse persons who obtain a court judgment for losses caused by the actions of a licensed or certified real estate broker or salesperson. The Real Estate Recovery Fund (Fund 5480) receives a \$10 assessment on real estate broker and salesperson license renewals, fines, and civil penalties against persons participating in unlicensed activity. The \$10 assessment is required if the Fund 5480 cash balance falls below \$250,000. Additionally, the bill allows the OBM Director with Controlling Board approval, upon request of the COM Director and if the cash balance in Fund 5480 exceeds \$250,000 during the biennium, to transfer cash from Fund 5480 to Fund 5490. As of the start of FY 2026, the cash balance in Fund 5480 was over \$1.5 million.

C6:3: Real Estate Appraisal Recovery (ALI 800631)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4B20 ALI 800631, Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This ALI is used to reimburse persons who obtain a court judgment against a licensed or certified appraiser. The Real Estate Appraiser Recovery Fund (Fund 4B20) is supported through a \$50 assessment on new real estate appraiser license/certification applications. If the cash balance in Fund 4B20 exceeds \$200,000, H.B. 96 authorizes a cash transfer from Fund 4B20 to Fund 5490. As of the beginning of FY 2026, the cash balance in Fund 4B20 was nearly \$1.2 million.

C6:4: Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery (ALI 800653)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5VD0 ALI 800653, Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This ALI is used to pay judgments against home inspectors when granted by the court. In such instances, a home inspector's license is suspended until that individual repays the amount ordered, plus applicable interest, to the Home Inspection Recovery Fund (Fund 5VD0). Judgments are limited to \$40,000.

C6:5: Cemeteries (ALI 800608)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4H90 ALI 800608, Cemeteries	\$172,107	\$326,349	\$332,990
% change	--	89.6%	2.0%

This ALI supports the registration of all active cemeteries in Ohio and the investigation of complaints or disputes involving registered cemeteries. Complaints against cemeteries are investigated and referred to the Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission. The program also audits cemetery trust records, sets guidelines for cemetery maintenance, and provides education to consumers concerning their rights, responsibilities, and options when interacting with a cemetery. This ALI also supports the Cemetery Grant Program. The program provides grants to not-for-profit cemeteries to defray the costs of exceptional maintenance and train cemetery personnel in the maintenance and operation of cemeteries. As of FY 2025, there were over 4,100 registered cemeteries.

Burial permit fee increase

Burial permit fees are the main source of revenue for this program. During FY 2025, revenue to the Cemetery Registration Fund (Fund 4H90) from burial permits and cemetery registrations and renewals were approximately \$307,000. The budget contains a provision that increases the burial permit fee from \$3 to \$10 which would generate additional revenue for Fund 4H90. The bill also increases from \$1 to \$6, the amount of each burial permit fee that is allocated to the Cemetery Grant Program. Finally, the bill also increases the maximum cemetery grant from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

C6:6: Video Service (ALI 800623)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5X60 ALI 800623, Video Service	\$343,163	\$429,981	\$441,076
% change	--	25.3%	2.6%

This ALI supports the Video Service Authorization Program. This system, which permits video service areas to span multiple counties, municipalities, or townships, is being phased in to replace a licensing process under which cable television providers negotiated franchise agreements and fees with individual local governments. To compensate local governments for the forgone fee revenue generated under the old agreements, a video service provider fee is paid to each municipality and township in which a provider offers video service. Video service providers make these payments directly to local governments on a quarterly basis. On the state level, applicants pay a \$2,000 fee to apply for and a \$100 fee to amend each authorization. These fees are deposited in the Video Service Authorization Fund (Fund 5X60).

Category 7: Cannabis Control

This category of appropriations funds the Medical Marijuana Control Program (MMCP) which was created in H.B. 523 of the 131st General Assembly and adult-use marijuana, which was passed on November 7, 2023. The Division of Cannabis Control (DCC) currently has 55 employees to regulate these programs.

C7:1: Medical Marijuana Control Program (ALI 800650)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
DPF Fund 5SY0 ALI 800650, Medical Marijuana Control Program	\$11,056,437	\$21,339,688	\$21,180,201
% change	--	93.0%	-1.0%

This ALI supports regulatory oversight of both licensed medical and adult-use cultivators, processors, testing labs, dispensaries, as well as patients and caregivers registered under the MMCP. The appropriations for FY 2026 and FY 2027 are notably higher than FY 2025 spending due to growth in the medical marijuana newly legalized adult-use marijuana industries.

Cash transfer

To provide sufficient operating funding to oversee these two industries, H.B. 96 requires a cash transfer of \$10.0 million in FY 2026 from the GRF to Fund 5SY0. Additionally, the budget contains an earmark of \$5.0 million in each fiscal year to be used to fund the regulation of adult-use marijuana.

C7:2: Drug Addiction Partnership (ALI 800661)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5TZ0 ALI 800661, Drug Addiction Partnership	--	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This new line item is to be used to pay for a contract with a statewide nonprofit corporation to develop and implement cannabis and related drug misuse prevention, education, and public awareness initiatives, which are required by H.B. 96. The budget further requires at least 10% of the funding for the initiatives to be provided by the nonprofit corporation through private contributions. The Division is also required to oversee and evaluate the effectiveness of the initiatives and submit an annual report to the General Assembly detailing program activities, use of funds, and measurable outcomes.

Under H.B. 96, Fund 5TZ0 will consist of the proceeds of a settlement between Ohio and McKesson Corporation related to the company's role in the opioid crisis. Programs overseen by the Department of Public Safety and the Ohio Attorney General are also supported by the amounts Ohio receives under the settlement.

Category 8: Administration

This category of appropriations provides direction, administration, support, and coordination of the activities of the Department's operating divisions and to serve as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities.

C8:1: Division of Administration (ALI 800620)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 1630 ALI 800620, Division of Administration	\$9,441,610	\$11,532,983	\$11,239,902
% change	--	22.2%	-2.5%

This ALI supports the costs of administering, supporting, and coordinating activities of the various operating divisions of the Department. Functions associated with human resources, support services, fiscal operations, public information, employee training and development, legislative services, legal counsel, and the Director's office are funded through this ALI. These intra-departmental services are funded by assessments charged to the operating divisions based on a percentage of the actual operating appropriation of each individual fund used by the Department.

C8:2: Information Technology (ALI 800637)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
ISA Fund 1630 ALI 800637, Information Technology	\$12,105,589	\$12,728,427	\$13,134,526
% change	--	5.2%	3.2%

This ALI supports the Information Technology Group (ITG), which is responsible for developing, maintaining, and protecting the Department's computer systems, network, electronic business applications, and electronic data. ITG is also responsible for the way these systems interface with, and are aligned to, the state's overall IT direction and enterprise structure. As with appropriation item 800620, Division of Administration, this ALI is funded by the assessments levied on the seven operating divisions within the Department.

C8:3: Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund (ALI 800648)

Fund/ALI	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 5SJ0 ALI 800648, Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	--	N/A	0.0%

This ALI provides monthly death benefits to survivors of volunteer, part-time, and reserve police officers, sheriffs' deputies, constables, and deputy marshals killed in the line of duty and disability benefits to such officers and deputies if they become disabled. Specifically, the benefit amounts are: (1) to surviving spouses, a lump-sum award of \$1,000 plus a \$300 benefit per month, (2) dependent children, a benefit of \$125 per month, and (3) to disabled volunteer peace officers, a disability benefit of \$300 per month.

The Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund (Fund 5SJ0) was created in S.B. 11 of the 131st General Assembly and is funded by assessments collected from peace officer departments that are part of the fund. Each fund member (peace officer departments) is required to contribute an initial premium to Fund 5SJ0 depending on each member's assessed property valuation. The total initial premiums form what is referred to as the basic capital account for Fund 5SJ0. No further contributions are required from fund members until claims against Fund 5SJ0 have reduced its balance to 95% or less of its basic capital account. If that happens, the Director of Commerce is required to certify additional premiums based on current property valuation. There have been no expenditures under this line item since its inception in March 2016.

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COM Department of Commerce								
4B20	800631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$35,000	\$35,000	N/A	0.00%
4H90	800608	Cemeteries	\$176,451	\$172,107	\$326,349	\$332,990	89.62%	2.03%
4X20	800619	Financial Institutions	\$1,918,306	\$1,911,985	\$2,129,695	\$2,138,176	11.39%	0.40%
5430	800602	Unclaimed Funds - Operating	\$13,000,784	\$12,833,089	\$17,777,906	\$17,249,752	38.53%	-2.97%
5430	800625	Unclaimed Funds - Claims	\$149,382,722	\$109,756,891	\$90,000,000	\$90,000,000	-18.00%	0.00%
5440	800612	Banks	\$8,901,031	\$9,451,597	\$11,467,455	\$11,775,392	21.33%	2.69%
5460	800610	Fire Marshal	\$28,247,491	\$30,055,265	\$30,366,505	\$31,171,353	1.04%	2.65%
5460	800639	Fire Department Grants	\$7,514,557	\$7,471,694	\$15,515,000	\$7,515,000	107.65%	-51.56%
5480	800611	Real Estate Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	0.00%
5490	800614	Real Estate	\$6,322,723	\$6,391,782	\$7,808,917	\$8,014,934	22.17%	2.64%
5500	800617	Securities	\$8,346,355	\$8,994,254	\$9,782,453	\$10,204,710	8.76%	4.32%
5520	800604	Credit Union	\$3,450,952	\$3,502,346	\$5,194,284	\$4,831,282	48.31%	-6.99%
5530	800607	Consumer Finance	\$4,826,154	\$5,354,671	\$6,440,712	\$7,215,971	20.28%	12.04%
5560	800615	Industrial Compliance	\$31,103,955	\$31,548,335	\$33,508,390	\$33,692,610	6.21%	0.55%
5BG1	800659	Fireworks Fee Firefighter Training	\$0	\$1,315,745	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	128.01%	0.00%
5F10	800635	Small Government Fire Departments	\$572,986	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000	0.00%	0.00%
5FW0	800616	Financial Literacy Education	\$43,726	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	200.00%	0.00%
5GK0	800609	Securities Investor Education/Enforcement	\$587,138	\$555,051	\$742,863	\$542,863	33.84%	-26.92%
5HV0	800641	Cigarette Enforcement	\$0	\$0	\$27,324	\$27,324	N/A	0.00%
5LC0	800644	Liquor JobsOhio Extraordinary Allowance	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	N/A	0.00%
5LN0	800645	Liquor Operating Services	\$17,407,712	\$14,874,155	\$18,105,130	\$18,371,853	21.72%	1.47%
5LP0	800646	Liquor Regulatory Operating Expenses	\$17,669,530	\$20,943,380	\$17,782,397	\$17,681,629	-15.09%	-0.57%
5SJ0	800648	Volunteer Peace Officers' Dependent Fund	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000	N/A	0.00%
5SY0	800650	Medical Marijuana Control Program	\$6,392,189	\$11,056,437	\$21,339,688	\$21,180,201	93.01%	-0.75%
5TZ0	800661	Drug Addiction Partnership	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	N/A	0.00%
5VD0	800653	Real Estate Home Inspector Recovery	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A	0.00%

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COM Department of Commerce								
5X60	800623	Video Service	\$393,339	\$343,163	\$429,981	\$441,076	25.30%	2.58%
5XK0	800657	Ohio Investor Recovery	\$339,410	\$410,424	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	509.13%	0.00%
6530	800629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	\$2,345,669	\$2,373,641	\$2,813,369	\$2,824,398	18.53%	0.39%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$308,943,180	\$279,966,012	\$308,153,418	\$301,806,514	10.07%	-2.06%
1630	800620	Division of Administration	\$9,296,398	\$9,441,610	\$11,532,983	\$11,239,902	22.15%	-2.54%
1630	800637	Information Technology	\$11,469,635	\$12,105,589	\$12,728,427	\$13,134,526	5.15%	3.19%
Internal Service Activity Fund Group Subtotal			\$20,766,033	\$21,547,199	\$24,261,410	\$24,374,428	12.60%	0.47%
3480	800622	Underground Storage Tanks	\$773,260	\$779,614	\$779,620	\$779,620	0.00%	0.00%
3480	800624	Leaking Underground Storage Tanks	\$2,164,862	\$1,843,252	\$1,899,016	\$1,899,016	3.03%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$2,938,122	\$2,622,866	\$2,678,636	\$2,678,636	2.13%	0.00%
Department of Commerce Total			\$332,647,336	\$304,136,077	\$335,093,464	\$328,859,578	10.18%	-1.86%