

Elections Commission

General Revenue Fund

GRF 051321 Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$398,454	\$404,044	\$414,998	\$429,746	\$214,400	\$0
% change	1.4%	2.7%	3.6%	-50.1%	-100.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for most operating costs incurred by the Ohio Election Commission (ELC). A portion of these expenses is also funded under Fund 4P20 line item 051601, Operating Support. ELC hears complaints brought against individual candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, or corporations that are required to file financial reports, as well as certain other elections-related matters. H.B. 96 abolishes the ELC as of January 1, 2026, and replaces it with the five-member Ohio Election Integrity Commission (OEIC), which the act creates within the Office of the Secretary of State.

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4P20 051601 Operating Support

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$233,135	\$204,077	\$285,002	\$260,093	\$225,600	\$0
% change	-12.5%	39.7%	-8.7%	-13.3%	-100.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Filing fee revenue from declarations of candidacy, as well as ballot questions and issues; fine revenue derived from violations of Ohio's election laws

Legal Basis: R.C. 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to supplement GRF funding for the operating expenses of the Ohio Elections Commission. Once ELC is abolished on January 1, 2026, the cash balance of Fund 4P20 will be transferred to the newly-created Ohio Election Integrity Commission Fund (Fund 5CS1) under the budget of the Secretary of State.