

Broadcast Educational Media Commission

General Revenue Fund

GRF 935401 Statehouse News Bureau

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$382,893	\$382,893	\$383,000	\$383,000	\$402,000	\$402,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 281.10 and 281.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides operating funds for the Statehouse News Bureau (SNB), a cooperative effort of all public radio and television stations. SNB, along with the Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT), provides coverage of the legislature and other governmental activities for Ohio's citizens. SNB produces news reports on state government activities for broadcast on Ohio's 15 public radio stations and their affiliates. It also places these broadcasts on a website accessible to all of Ohio's citizens. In addition, SNB produces a weekly half-hour video program that focuses on the latest statewide news and events; this program is made available for broadcast on Ohio's public television stations.

GRF 935402 Ohio Government Telecommunications Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$1,919,526	\$2,009,526	\$2,233,000	\$2,233,000	\$2,344,400	\$2,344,400
% change	4.7%	11.1%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3353.07; Sections 281.10 and 281.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item provides operating funds for Ohio Government Telecommunications (OGT). OGT, along with the Statehouse News Bureau, provides coverage of the legislature and other governmental activities for Ohio's citizens. OGT broadcasts General Assembly floor sessions, legislative committee meetings, sessions of the Ohio Supreme Court, and activities of the executive branch and makes the session footage available on its website. OGT produces educational documentaries on Ohio civics, history, government, and culture for use in Ohio's schools as well as for broadcast on public television stations. It also coordinates all media events for members of the General Assembly and events at the Statehouse.

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GRF 935410 Content Development, Acquisition, and Distribution

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$3,909,231	\$3,909,231	\$3,909,000	\$3,909,000	\$3,409,000	\$2,909,000
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-12.8%	-14.7%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3353.02; Sections 281.10 and 281.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 1 of the 128th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds operating subsidies provided to Ohio's public television stations, public radio stations, and radio reading services to assist them with the development, acquisition, and distribution of information resources and educational programming in the classroom and online.

GRF 935430 Broadcast Education Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$3,726,341	\$3,693,081	\$4,311,761	\$4,068,347	\$4,108,706	\$4,008,569
% change	-0.9%	16.8%	-5.6%	1.0%	-2.4%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3353.02; Section 281.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item funds the daily operations of the Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC), including network services to Ohio public broadcasters, agency administration, and information technology initiatives. Most of the line item supports BEMC's broadcast operations, which include a full-time master control center serving public broadcasting affiliates. The line item also supports BEMC's general overhead expenses, including salaries for operations and support staff, utilities, office equipment and supplies, building maintenance, and various fees to the Department of Administrative Services, as well as BEMC's development and maintenance of web-based applications to support various educational technology initiatives.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5FK0 935608 Media Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$700	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	-64.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	N/A	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by various state agencies and institutions of higher education for video conferencing services

Legal Basis: Section 281.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on October 20, 2008)

Purpose: This line item pays expenses associated with video conferencing, such as annual membership dues for the Ohio Distance Learning Association and purchasing Zoom licenses. BEMC does not expect new revenue in Fund 5FK0, as state agencies and educational institutions moved away from video conferencing services to other connectivity services like Zoom in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. BEMC plans to use Fund 5FK0's cash balance to support maintenance of its broadcasting infrastructure and annual membership in the Ohio Distance Learning Association.

5VB0 935650 Facility Rental

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$22,400	\$5,000	\$4,650	\$5,250	\$10,000	\$10,000
% change	-77.7%	-7.0%	12.9%	90.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Payments from the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center to rent classroom space to provide online classes

Legal Basis: Section 281.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 166 of the 133rd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used, along with GRF line item 935430, Broadcast Education Operating, to make rental payments for BEMC's headquarters. Rental payments from this line item decreased beginning in FY 2023 due to a reduction in the number of offices that the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center (ECOESC) leased from BEMC. ECOESC's sublease of this space ceased at the end of December 2024. As of late July 2025, BEMC has not yet secured a new tenant to sublease a portion of the facility.

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Internal Service Activity Fund Group

4F30 935603 Affiliate Services

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,200	\$4,200
% change	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.0%	0.0%

Source: Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Fees for services BEMC performs at the request of public broadcasting affiliates, primarily satellite or other video transmission connections for specific events

Legal Basis: R.C. 3353.06; Section 281.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item may be used for any BEMC operating expenses, including the purchase or repair of telecommunications equipment, the purchase or lease of educational programming, the purchase of media storage and maintenance of a media library, and administrative expenses. BEMC uses this line item to purchase internet address registration (domain names) from the American Registry of Internet Numbers (ARIN) for broadcast operations, public broadcasting affiliates, and information technology centers (the centers, or ITCs, provide various services to K-12 schools).

4T20 935605 Government Television/Telecommunications Operating

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$55,459	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%

Source: Internal Service Activity Fund Group: Transfer of funding from the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board and moneys received from contract productions of the Ohio Government Telecommunications Studio

Legal Basis: Section 281.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by H.B. 66 of the 126th G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used in FY 2026 to support OGT equipment purchases. The FY 2026 appropriation is intended to exhaust the cash balance of the Governmental Television and Telecommunications Operating Fund (Fund 4T20), which generally has been dormant for over 20 years.