

Secretary of State

General Revenue Fund

GRF 050321 Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$622,985	\$1,438,238	\$784,254	\$2,135,968	\$3,505,147	\$3,510,274
% change	130.9%	-45.5%	172.4%	64.1%	0.1%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line is used to pay the staffing costs for cybersecurity personnel, including the Chief Information Officer and Chief Information Security Officer, as well as provide the federally required matching funding for grants received under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and appropriated under Fund 3AS0 line item 050616, Help America Vote Act (HAVA).

GRF 050407 Poll Workers Training

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$468,392	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000
% change	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: R.C. 3501.27; Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to provide online training programs and reimburse county boards of elections for costs associated with poll worker training programs. Training typically occurs twice per year.

GRF 050509 County Voting Systems Lease Rental Payments

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$9,675,838	\$12,117,249	\$12,150,078	\$12,150,372	\$12,200,000	\$12,200,000
% change	25.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established under Section 4 of S.B. 135 of the 132nd G.A.)

Purpose: This line item is used to make debt service payments on certificates of participation (COPs) issued through OBM, the proceeds of which are used for counties to acquire new voting and tabulation equipment.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

4120 050609 Notary Commission

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$422,607	\$513,172	\$442,165	\$481,259	\$541,455	\$555,487
% change	21.4%	-13.8%	8.8%	12.5%	2.6%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees paid by individuals for notary public licenses

Legal Basis: R.C. 147.01 and 147.37; Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item pays for the operating costs for the Notary Public Office, including the cost of issuing licenses.

4S80 050610 Board of Voting Machine Examiners

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$18,700	\$24,000	\$16,727	\$14,042	\$14,400	\$14,400
% change	28.3%	-30.3%	-16.1%	2.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fee of \$2,400 charged to voting machine vendors

Legal Basis: R.C. 3506.05; Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for services and expenses of the four members of the Board of Voting Systems Examiners and for other expenses related to examining, testing, and certifying voting machine devices.

5990 050603 Business Services Operating Expenses

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$17,369,792	\$17,648,025	\$22,896,271	\$27,225,522	\$28,686,668	\$29,281,310
% change	1.6%	29.7%	18.9%	5.4%	2.1%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: R.C. 111.16 to 111.18 and 1309.528; Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay for expenses the Business Services Division incurs for processing Uniform Commercial Code filings and various filings required of corporations and partnerships.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5990 050629 Statewide Voter Registration Database

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$733,775	\$607,340	\$452,805	\$966,657	\$705,000	\$730,000
% change	-17.2%	-25.4%	113.5%	-27.1%	3.5%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the maintenance and operating costs of the Statewide Voter Registration Database (SWVRD).

5990 050630 Elections Support Supplement

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$2,465,911	\$2,674,906	\$3,225,000	\$4,115,526	\$4,458,687	\$4,545,000
% change	8.5%	20.6%	27.6%	8.3%	1.9%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the various operating expenses associated with election administration, including the salaries of the Elections Division staff. The Elections Division consists of three sections: (1) Elections, which provides instructions and procedures for voter registration, petitions, and ballot language; (2) Campaign Finance, which processes and examines campaign finance statements; and (3) Field Services, which provides liaison services to county boards of elections and gives voter information to citizens.

5990 050631 Precinct Election Officials Training

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$488,046	\$0	\$500,000
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings

Legal Basis: As needed line item

Purpose: This line item has been used to provide online training programs and reimburse county boards of elections for costs associated with poll worker training programs. Typically, funding under this line item is used to assist county boards of elections with precinct election official training in preparation for even numbered year general elections, in conjunction with GRF line item 050407, Poll Workers Training.

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5990 050636 County Election Officials Training

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$16,210	\$139,942	\$163,357	\$146,832	\$240,000	\$240,000
% change	763.3%	16.7%	-10.1%	63.5%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Fees charged for Corporate and Uniform Commercial Code filings.

Legal Basis: Section 395.10 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on October 10, 2021)

Purpose: This line item is used to provide support for training provided to Ohio election officials, including the Secretary of State's annual summer training.

5AS1 050639 Data Analysis Transparency

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,202,774	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: One time transfer of \$5.0 million from the FY 2023 GRF ending balance

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: This funding was used to carry out the requirements of the Data Analysis Transparency Archive (DATA) Act. It was earmarked for two purposes: (1) \$2.7 million to run the Office of Data Analytics and Archives and upgrade the Statewide Voter Registration Database, and (2) \$2.3 million to issue grants to county boards of elections to update their county voter registration systems.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5CS1 050604 Ohio Election Integrity Commission

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
% change	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-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; excess campaign contributions; January 2026 transfer of remaining cash from Fund 4P20 used by the Ohio Elections Commission

Legal Basis: R.C. 3513.10, 3517.171, 3517.102, 3517.109, and 3517.99; Sections 395.10 and 525.50 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A

Purpose: This line item is used to support the five-member Ohio Election Integrity Commission (OEIC) established under H.B. 96 of the 136th General Assembly. Under the SOS, the OEIC generally serves as an appellate body if the SOS's decision on an elections-related matter is objected to by the subject of the complaint. This line item is used alongside Fund 5990 line item 050630, Election Support Supplement, to ensure compliance with the Ohio Elections Law.

5FG0 050620 BOE Reimbursement and Education

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$12,362,867	\$11,575,596	\$17,597,866	\$15,832,492	\$0	\$0
% change	-6.4%	52.0%	-10.0%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers authorized by the Controlling Board; in FY 2024, a transfer of \$15.0 million from Fund 5KM0

Legal Basis: As needed line item

Purpose: This line item is used to reimburse boards of elections for the costs of certain elections and recounts. For example, the FY 2025 spending included \$950,000 in reimbursements to boards of elections for the costs of conducting the 6th Congressional District Special Election, and supplemental funding of \$15.0 million through S.B. 54 of the 135th G.A. to assist in conducting the March 19, 2024 Primary and November 5, 2024 General Elections.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5FH0 050621 Statewide Ballot Advertising

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$357,109	\$700,043	\$762,587	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	96.0%	8.9%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Transfers from the Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0) as approved by the Controlling Board

Legal Basis: As needed line item

Purpose: This line item is used by the Secretary of State to pay all costs associated with the required advertising of statewide ballot issues, ballot issue explanations, and arguments for or against issues. The Secretary of State contracts with the appropriate media sources for the mandated state ballot advertising. FY 2025 ballot advertising costs were just over \$760,000.

5RG0 050627 Absentee Voter Ballot Application Mailing

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$2,361,585	\$0	\$2,298,595	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Cash transfers from the Emergency Purposes/Contingencies Fund (Fund 5KM0)

Legal Basis: As needed line item

Purpose: This line item is used to pay the costs associated with printing and mailing unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots. The funding must be approved by the Controlling Board. The mailing costs were nearly \$2.3 million for the November 5, 2024 general election.

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Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5SN0 050626 Address Confidentiality

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$175,003	\$214,190	\$20,238	\$183,437	\$375,000	\$400,000
% change	22.4%	-90.6%	806.4%	104.4%	6.7%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Court fines of \$70 to \$500 levied against certain offenders; cash transfers of up to \$400,000 per fiscal year from the Business Services Operating Expenses Fund (Fund 5990)

Legal Basis: R.C. 111.48, 2929.18, and 2929.28; Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to administer the Address Confidentiality Program for eligible survivors of domestic violence or people who have been subjected to menacing by stalking, human trafficking, rape, or sexual battery. This service ensures that a program participant's address is kept confidential. It works by having the Secretary of State receiving mail on the participant's behalf, then forwarding it to the prescribed confidential mailing address.

5VX0 050634 Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$5,127	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
% change	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Gifts and donations made to the fund, and earned interest

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: This line was used to provide funding to the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission for planning and hosting events related to women's suffrage and raising awareness about the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

5ZE0 050638 Electronic Pollbooks

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$0	\$1,505,031	\$3,887,312	\$899,644	\$0	\$0
% change	N/A	158.3%	-76.9%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: One time \$7,500,000 cash transfer from the GRF under Section 285.12 of H.B. 45 of the 134th G.A.

Legal Basis: Section 395.30 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to provide reimbursements to counties for the cost of acquiring electronic pollbooks, whether buying or leasing. These reimbursements are up to 85% of the cost of acquiring electronic pollbooks and are paid to the county board of elections.

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Holding Account Fund Group

R002 050606 Corporate/Business Filing Refunds

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$32,044	\$27,840	\$69,060	\$30,501	\$85,000	\$85,000
% change	-13.1%	148.1%	-55.8%	178.7%	0.0%

Source: Holding Account Fund Group: Corporate, Uniform Commercial Code, and business filing fees

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: This line item is used to refund filers for corporate filings that are not recorded or for overpayments related to these filings. Beginning in FY 2020, this line item is also used to make refunds for Uniform Commercial Code filings that are not recorded or for overpayments related to those filings.

Federal Fund Group

3AS0 050616 Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
\$3,910,020	\$5,096,238	\$5,273,289	\$2,737,860	\$100,000	\$100,000
% change	30.3%	3.5%	-48.1%	-96.3%	0.0%

Source: Federal Fund Group: FAL 90.401, Federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002; federal Election Security Grants awarded to Ohio under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

Legal Basis: Sections 395.10 and 395.20 of H.B. 96 of the 136th G.A.

Purpose: The line item is used to purchase new Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) or optical scan voting machines in compliance with HAVA, make voter registration upgrades, provide voter education, undertake election cybersecurity upgrades, and administer the federal grant program.