

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Environmental Review Appeals Commission

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Environmental Review Appeals Commission

- GRF is sole funding source
- Purpose is to provide quasi-judicial appellate review

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The Environmental Review Appeals Commission (EBR) is an appellate review board whose primary statutory duty is to hear and resolve appeals from certain legal actions taken by state and local governmental entities, including the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA), the State Fire Marshal, the State Emergency Response Commission, the Department of Agriculture, and county and local boards of health.

The Commission's governing authority consists of three Commission members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Commission members serve staggered six-year terms; their salaries are fixed by the Governor. The members conduct hearings, review filings, and issue rulings, and are supported by three full-time staff: an executive director, a staff lawyer/program administrator, and an office assistant.

Appropriation Overview

The Commission's budget consists of one GRF line item that pays for all of its operating expenses. As Table 1 below shows, the amount of GRF appropriated in each of FY 2014 and FY 2015 represents an increase of 25.8%, or \$111,862, from FY 2013 actual expenditures totaling \$433,668. FY 2013 expenditures were less than budgeted, largely due to a vacant Commissioner position. That position has been filled for FY 2014 with a salary of approximately \$60,000 annually plus benefits.

Fund Group	FY 2013*	FY 2014	% change, FY 2013-FY 2014	FY 2015	% change, FY 2014-FY 2015
General Revenue	\$433,668	\$545,530	25.8%	\$545,530	0.0%
TOTAL	\$433,668	\$545,530	25.8%	\$545,530	0.0%

*FY 2013 figure represents actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

As noted, the Commission's operations are funded by a single line item that draws its appropriation from the GRF. Table 2 below shows the funding level for this line item in each of FY 2014 and FY 2015. It is followed by a description of how those appropriated amounts will be allocated.

Table 2. Commission Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2014	FY 2015
General Revenue Fund (GRF)				
GRF	172321	Operating Expenses	\$545,530	\$545,530
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$545,530	\$545,530
Total Funding: Commission Operations			\$545,530	\$545,530

Operating Expenses (GRF line item 172321)

This GRF line item provides funding for all of the Commission's operating expenses, including personal services, purchased personal services, supplies and maintenance, and equipment expenses. Approximately 90% of that funding in each year will be allocated for personal services, which are essentially payroll expenses (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and other personnel charges). The appropriated amounts are sufficient for the Commission to maintain existing staffing and service levels.

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FY 2014 - FY 2015 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			Appropriation	FY 2013 to FY 2014	Appropriation	FY 2014 to FY 2015		
			FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015		
					% Change	% Change		
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted					
EBR Environmental Review Appeals Commission								
GRF	172321	Operating Expenses	\$ 482,342	\$ 433,668	\$ 545,530	25.79%	\$ 545,530	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 482,342	\$ 433,668	\$ 545,530	25.79%	\$ 545,530	0.00%
Environmental Review Appeals Commission Total			\$ 482,342	\$ 433,668	\$ 545,530	25.79%	\$ 545,530	0.00%