

# **LSC Greenbook**

**Analysis of the Enacted Budget**

**Ohio Ethics Commission**

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Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

# Ohio Ethics Commission

- Budget splits funding 68% GRF, 32% non-GRF
- Around 90% of funding for payroll costs
- Staffing and service levels to be maintained

## OVERVIEW

### Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Ethics Commission administers, interprets, and enforces ethical conduct in state and local government, primarily under the Ohio Ethics Law (R.C. Chapter 102.). It has jurisdiction over all state and local government officials and employees, except legislators, judges, and their staffs.

The Commission consists of six members who are appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The political affiliation of the Commission is equally divided between the two major parties. Members are compensated \$75 for each meeting, up to a maximum of \$1,800 per year. Day-to-day operations are handled by the Executive Director and 21 full-time employees.

### Appropriation Overview

The table below shows the Commission's appropriations by fund group. The budget fully funds the Commission's request for a total appropriation of \$2,022,556 in each of FYs 2016 and 2017. Of the Commission's total biennial budget, the appropriations set the GRF/non-GRF split at 68%/32%, with the latter amount appropriated from money generated largely by financial disclosure filing fees.

Ethics Commission Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2016-FY 2017 (Am. Sub. H.B. 64)					
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$1,381,446	\$1,381,556	0.0%	\$1,381,556	0.0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$539,154	\$641,000	18.9%	\$641,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,920,600</b>	<b>\$2,022,556</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>\$2,022,556</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

\*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.

## ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Summarized in the table below are the appropriations for the two line items that will be used to pay for the Commission's FY 2016-FY 2017 biennial operating expenses. The table is followed by a narrative describing how each appropriated amount will be used.

Ethics Commission Appropriations				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2016	FY 2017
<b>General Revenue Fund (GRF)</b>				
GRF	146321	Operating Expenses	\$1,381,556	\$1,381,556
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group</b>				
4M60	146601	Operating Expenses	\$641,000	\$641,000
<b>Total Funding: Ethics Commission</b>			<b>\$2,022,556</b>	<b>\$2,022,556</b>

### Operating Expenses (GRF line item 146321, DPF line item 146601)

These two line items fund all of the Commission's operations, which include oversight of Ohio's ethics laws dealing with financial disclosure, conducting investigations, providing advisory opinions, and offering education on ethics issues to public officials.

The appropriated funding level for the two line items should be sufficient for the Commission to maintain existing staffing and service levels, including the payroll costs of 21 full-time staff. Around 90% of the Commission's total funding in each of FYs 2016 and 2017 is likely to be allocated for personal services (salaries, wages, fringe benefits, and other payroll charges). The remainder will be allocated for other operating expenses, items such as supplies and maintenance, and purchased personal services.

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# FY 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

# All Fund Groups

## Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2014	FY 2015	Appropriation FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Appropriation FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: As Enacted</b>					
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GRF	146321	Operating Expenses	\$ 1,410,850	\$ 1,381,446	\$ 1,381,556	0.01%	\$ 1,381,556	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,410,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,446</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,556</b>	<b>0.01%</b>	<b>\$ 1,381,556</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
4M60	146601	Operating Support	\$ 468,965	\$ 539,154	\$ 641,000	18.89%	\$ 641,000	0.00%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 468,965</b>	<b>\$ 539,154</b>	<b>\$ 641,000</b>	<b>18.89%</b>	<b>\$ 641,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Ethics Commission Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,879,815</b>	<b>\$ 1,920,600</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,556</b>	<b>5.31%</b>	<b>\$ 2,022,556</b>	<b>0.00%</b>