

## Ohio Elections Commission

### General Revenue Fund

#### GRF 051321 Operating Expenses

FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Appropriation	FY 2019 Appropriation
\$331,769	\$331,553	\$335,690	\$328,145	<b>\$418,613</b>	<b>\$435,221</b>
	-0.1%	1.2%	-2.2%	<b>27.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** ORC 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to pay for a portion of the Ohio Election Commission's personnel, maintenance, and equipment costs. The Commission hears approximately 800 to 1,000 cases annually. The cases typically involve complaints brought against individual candidates, campaign committees, political action committees, or corporations that are required to file financial reports.

#### GRF 051602 False Statement Judgments

FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Appropriation	FY 2019 Appropriation
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,478,000	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>-100%</b>	<b>N/A</b>

**Source:** General Revenue Fund

**Legal Basis:** As needed line item (originally established by Controlling Board on August 8, 2016)

**Purpose:** This line item is used to cover court-ordered attorney's fees stemming from judgements against the state. In FY 2017, there were two federal cases, one challenging the constitutionality of Ohio's candidate false statement statute and the other the constitutionality of the ballot issue false statement statute. The state lost both cases and on July 28, 2016 was ordered by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio to pay the legal fees of the opposing counsel in each case.

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### Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

#### 4P20 051601 Operating Support

FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Appropriation	FY 2019 Appropriation
\$245,590	\$272,158	\$256,276	\$223,571	<b>\$199,460</b>	<b>\$199,460</b>
	10.8%	-5.8%	-12.8%	<b>-10.8%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**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:** ORC 3517.152; Section 267.10 of H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.

**Purpose:** This line item is used to supplement GRF funding for the operating expenses of the Ohio Elections Commission.