

GENERAL REVENUE FUND**GRF 050-321 OPERATING EXPENSES**

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$6,421,934	\$6,293,985	\$6,984,164	\$6,935,149	\$7,099,684	\$6,728,147
	-2.0%	11.0%	-0.7%	2.4%	-5.2%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 3501

Purpose: Money in this account covers operating expenses for the Secretary of State.

GRF 050-403 ELECTION STATISTICS

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$151,716	\$103,861	\$124,411	\$117,401	\$108,112	\$119,738
	-31.5%	19.8%	-5.6%	-7.9%	10.8%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 3503.27

Purpose: Money in this account covers all costs associated with maintaining a master file of currently registered Ohio voters. Temporary law in Am. Sub. H.B. 171 of the 117th General Assembly expanded the use of this fund to pay expenses related to the electronic compilation of election statistics, required by ORC 3505.33.

GRF 050-404 ELECTIONS COMMISSION

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$1,933	\$0	\$44,465	\$0	\$0	\$0
	-100.0%	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 3517.14 (originally established by H.B. 171 of the 117th G.A.)

Purpose: The line item is used to pay the operating expenses of the Ohio Elections Commission. However, S.B. 9 of the 121st See the Ohio Elections Commission entry for further details.

GRF 050-407 POLLWORKERS TRAINING

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$147,224	\$252,774	\$221,282	\$352,350	\$95,000	\$166,000
	71.7%	-12.5%	59.2%	-73.0%	74.7%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 3501.27 (originally established by H.B. 238 of the 116th G.A.)

Purpose: To reimburse county boards of elections for costs associated with pollworker training programs.

GRF 050-409 LITIGATION EXPENDITURES

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$0	\$0	\$164,501	\$296,691	\$0	\$0
	N/A	N/A	80.4%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: established by Controlling Board in June 1995

Purpose: To cover the legal expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in defending an action brought by Mallory et al. The case involves a dispute over the election of judges from at large districts and minority voting rights.

GENERAL SERVICES FUND GROUP

413 050-601 INFORMATION SYSTEMS

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$41,139	\$100,764	\$135,318	\$249,659	\$170,000	\$170,000
	144.9%	34.3%	84.5%	-31.9%	0.0%

Source: payment for printed lists or computer tapes containing registered voter data

Legal Basis: established by Controlling Board in October 1980 (originally established by S.B. 125 of the 112th G.A.)

Purpose: Primary users of this data are state and local political parties and candidates, labor unions, associations, advertising agencies, and issue organizations. Funds in the account can be spent only on the material and production costs for these printouts and tapes.

414 050-602 CITIZEN EDUCATION FUND

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$71,921	\$24,387	\$30,098	\$48,359	\$72,300	\$31,680
	-66.1%	23.4%	60.7%	49.5%	-56.2%

Source: funds from private groups who agree to pay all or part of the costs involved in providing educational materials and services, if the funds contributed are segregated for specified voter education purpose.

Legal Basis: originally established by Controlling Board on April 16, 1984

Purpose: Through this line item, the Secretary of State accepts and disburses funds for preparing, printing, and distributing voter registration and educational materials and for conducting registration, educational workshops, and conferences for schools and other public groups.

4B9 050-608 CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISKETTE SALES

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$2,998	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,211	\$5,000	\$5,000
	-100.0%	N/A	-75.8%	312.9%	0.0%

Source: revenues from the public as payment for computerized campaign finance reports

Legal Basis: originally established by Controlling Board on January 27, 1992

Purpose: To provide computerized information pertaining to campaign finance.

4S8 050-610 BOARD OF VOTING MACHINE EXAMINERS

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$0	\$5,400	\$848	\$16,008	\$7,200	\$7,200
	N/A	-84.3%	1787.7%	-55.0%	0.0%

Source: voting machine examiner fees

Legal Basis: ORC 3506.05 (originally established by H.B. 143 of the 120th G.A.)

Purpose: Amounts in this fund are used to pay for the operations of the Board of Voting Machine Examiners.

STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND GROUP

599 050-603 CORPORATIONS/UCC

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$1,354,051	\$1,708,856	\$1,837,184	\$1,559,613	\$1,586,422	\$1,603,975
	26.2%	7.5%	-15.1%	1.7%	1.1%

Source: S.B. 366 of the 115th G.A. provided for the automated filing of annual financial statements, increased the Uniform Commercial Code filing fees by \$4.00 per filing (to \$9.00), and created the Uniform Commercial Code Special Account. (The original \$5.00 fee was deposited directly into the General Revenue Fund, the \$4.00 increase was to be deposited into the account so-created - to be used only to process the filings under the Uniform Commercial Code) S.B. 270 of the 116th G.A. expanded the account to include a portion of the filing fees from articles of incorporation filings with the Corporations division and changed the name of the fund to Corporate and UCC filings (it also established "expedited filing services" for a \$10 fee, all of which would be deposited in the account) Am. Sub. H.B. 152 of the 120th G.A. changed the fee schedules for domestic and foreign corporation filings, creating a statement of continued existence filing which was only in existence during FY94 (the five dollar fee established Am. Sub. H.B. 152 was eliminated in Am Sub. H.B. 715 of the 120th G.A.) Lost fee revenue was supplemented by increasing the fee for filing a certificate of incorporation from \$75 to \$85 allowing SOS to keep an additional \$25 of the revenues in FY95 only (previously, the GRF had received \$50 of the \$75 and the SOS had kept \$25) in FY 96 the fee remains at \$85 but the GRF goes back to receiving \$50 and SOS receiving \$35.

Legal Basis: ORC 1309.401

Purpose: The fund is used to pay expenses related to both the processing of Uniform Commercial Code filings and the processing of filings related to corporations and partnerships.

HOLDING ACCOUNT REDISTRIBUTION FUND GROUP

R01 050-605 UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE REFUNDS

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$95,287	\$61,460	\$60,181	\$53,688	\$65,000	\$65,000
	-35.5%	-2.1%	-10.8%	21.1%	0.0%

Source: Uniform Commercial Code filing fees

Legal Basis: originally established by Controlling Board on December 29, 1985

Purpose: The line item is used to provide refunds to those whose applications are not accepted. The line item was originally part of the state Depository Trust Fund, which was abolished by Am. Sub. H.B. 201 of the 116th G.A.

R02 050-606 CORPORATE/BUSINESS FILING REFUNDS

FY 1994	FY 1995	FY 1996	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999
\$249,655	\$246,918	\$266,671	\$271,863	\$250,000	\$250,000
	-1.1%	8.0%	1.9%	-8.0%	0.0%

Source: Corporate/Business filing fees

Legal Basis: originally established by Controlling Board on December 29, 1985.

Purpose: The line item is used to provide refunds to those whose applications are not accepted. The line item was originally part of the state Depository Trust Fund, which was abolished by Am. Sub. H.B. 201 of the 116th G.A.