

**General Services Fund Group**

**5F5 053-601 Operating Expenses**

2002 Actual	2003 Actual	2004 Actual	2005 Actual	2006 Appropriation	2007 Appropriation
\$8,015,215	\$7,381,914	\$7,025,929	\$8,239,754	<b>\$7,770,000</b>	<b>\$7,770,000</b>
	-7.9%	-4.8%	17.3%	<b>-5.7%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

**Source:** General Services Fund Group: Assessments against intrastate revenues of utility companies operating in Ohio, subject to a minimum assessment of \$100. The total assessments are based on the agency's current appropriation for operating expenses. At the end of each fiscal year any unused funds are credited back to the utilities.

**Legal Basis:** ORC 4911.18 (established by Am. Sub. H.B. 215 of the 122nd G.A.; prior to H.B. 215 assessments were deposited into the GRF, and appropriations to the agency were funded from the GRF)

**Purpose:** Funds in this line item are used for maintaining and administering the Office of Consumers' Counsel, including expenditures associated with salaries, maintenance, equipment and consultants.