

Court of Claims

Role and Overview

The Court of Claims (CLA) was established in 1975 by act of the General Assembly. At that time, the General Assembly enacted a limited waiver of sovereign immunity and established the Court of Claims as the court in which all civil actions against the state would be tried. The Court of Claims operates under statutory authority in Chapter 2743. of the Revised Code, Rules of the Court of Claims adopted by the Supreme Court pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B) of the Ohio Constitution, Local Rules of the Court of Claims adopted by the Court of Claims pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(B) of the Ohio Constitution, and Rules of the Court of Claims, Crime Victims Compensation Section established pursuant to R.C. 2743.09(H). The Court of Claims decides civil claims that typically involve contract disputes, property damage, personal injury, immunity of state officers and employees, discrimination, and wrongful imprisonment. The Chief Justice assigns judges to hear such cases. Civil complaints filed for \$10,000 or less are decided on the contents of the case file or, administratively, by the clerk of the court or a deputy clerk. Appeals from those decisions or, administrative determinations, may be taken to a judge of the court upon motion for court review. The court's judgment cannot be the subject of further appeal. Crime victims' appeals are heard and determined by a panel of three commissioners who are appointed by the Supreme Court for a six-year term. A further and final appeal from the panel's decisions may be taken to a judge of the court. As in the case of administrative determinations, the judge's decision is final. The Court of Claims employs 27 individuals.

More information regarding the Court of Claims is available at www.cco.state.oh.us.

Agency Priorities

- Hear and determine all civil actions filed against the State of Ohio and its agencies. Hear and determine appeals from decisions of the Ohio Attorney General concerning claims filed by victims of crime for awards of reparations.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

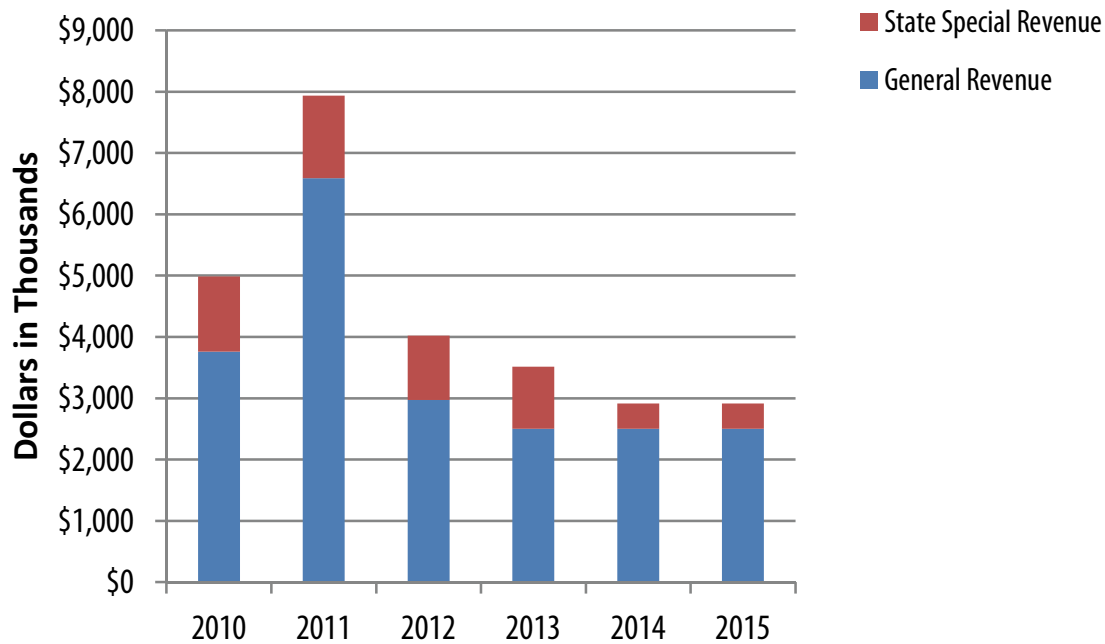
- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$2.5 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$2.5 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$2.9 million (or a 17.0% decrease from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$2.9 million (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Provide resources to hear and determine civil actions filed against the State of Ohio as well as provide resources to hear and determine appeals from decisions made by the Attorney General on claims allowed under the Victims of Crime Act.

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Budget Fund Group Information

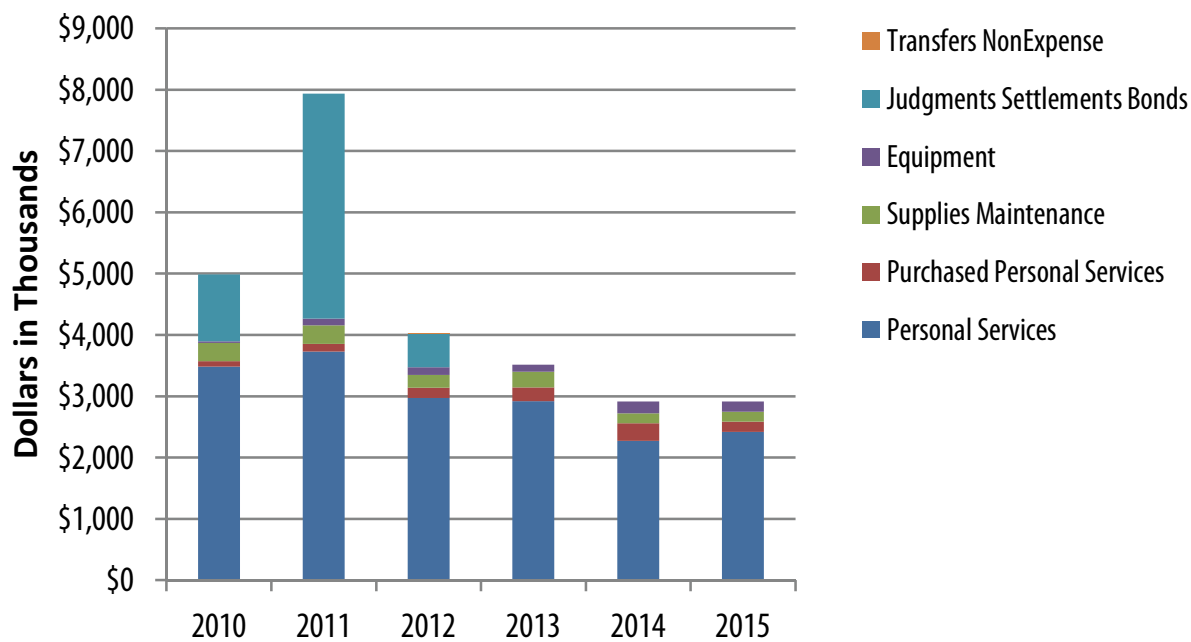


- The GRF Wrongful Imprisonment line item is not appropriated in the budget bill. Rather, appropriation for that line item is established by the Controlling Board as it is needed when judgments and settlements occur related to wrongful imprisonment lawsuits.

(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
Budget Fund Group	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Revenue	3,759	6,588	2,970	2,501	-15.8%	2,501	0.0%	2,501	0.0%
State Special Revenue	1,226	1,345	1,054	1,014	-3.8%	416	-59.0%	416	0.1%
Total	4,985	7,933	4,024	3,515	-12.6%	2,917	-17.0%	2,917	0.0%

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Expense Account Category Information



- The Judgments, Settlements, and Bonds expense account is used when wrongful imprisonment suits are paid after suits are determined or settled. The amount of allotment for the judgments and settlements expense account is established via a request to the Controlling Board.

(in Thousands)	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
Expense Account Category	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	3,484	3,731	2,969	2,918	-1.7%	2,272	-22.1%	2,420	6.5%
Purchased Personal Services	89	123	170	225	32.6%	286	26.9%	167	-41.7%
Supplies & Maintenance	298	304	209	255	22.2%	161	-36.9%	161	0.0%
Equipment	25	110	126	117	-7.0%	198	69.3%	169	-14.6%
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	1,088	3,665	550	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	0	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	4,985	7,933	4,024	3,515	-12.6%	2,917	-17.0%	2,917	0.0%

Program Series 1: Court Of Claims (116A0)

The Court of Claims program series consists of one program named the Court of Claims (116B1). The Court of Claims is a court of original jurisdiction that was created to hear and determine all civil actions against the State of Ohio. The Court of Claims hears claims that typically involve contract disputes, property damage, personal injury, immunity of state officers and employees, discrimination, and wrongful imprisonment. The Court of Claims also hears and determines appeals of decisions concerning claims filed by victims of crime for awards of reparations, which are initially determined by the Attorney General.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	15321	Operating Expenses	2,501,052	2,501,052	0.0%	2,501,052	0.0%
5K20	15603	CLA Victims of Crime	1,013,756	415,556	-59.0%	415,953	0.1%
Total for Court Of Claims			3,514,808	2,916,608	-17.0%	2,917,005	0.0%

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			Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
Fund	ALI	ALI Name	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	015321	Operating Expenses	2,670,384	2,923,374	2,420,053	2,501,052	2,501,052	0.0%	2,501,052	0.0%
GRF	015402	Wrongful Imprisonment Fund	1,088,396	3,664,717	549,628	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total General Revenue			3,758,780	6,588,091	2,969,681	2,501,052	2,501,052	0.0%	2,501,052	0.0%
5K20	015603	CLA Victims of Crime	1,226,348	1,345,350	1,053,869	1,013,756	415,556	-59.0%	415,953	0.1%
Total State Special Revenue			1,226,348	1,345,350	1,053,869	1,013,756	415,556	-59.0%	415,953	0.1%
Grand Total Court of Claims			4,985,128	7,933,441	4,023,550	3,514,808	2,916,608	-17.0%	2,917,005	0.0%