

Ohio Elections Commission

Role and Overview

The Ohio Elections Commission (ELC) oversees political party spending, campaign finance laws, corporate political activity, and investigates and hears cases involving unlawful campaign practices and false statements. Six of the commission's seven members are appointed by the Governor upon the recommendation of the Democratic and Republican caucuses of the Ohio legislature with the seventh being appointed by the six partisan members of the ELC. The commission acts on campaign finance-related complaints filed by individuals, local boards of election, or the Secretary of State. The commission holds regular meetings to hear these complaints and to decide whether a violation has occurred. If so, the ELC can impose fines, refer complaints to the appropriate county prosecutor, or issue a letter of reprimand. The ELC also can issue advisory opinions and make recommendations to the Ohio General Assembly on certain areas of law, which are within the commission's jurisdiction. Along with the seven members, the commission is supported by three employees, of which two are currently full-time.

More information regarding the Ohio Elections Commission is available at <http://elc.ohio.gov/>.

Agency Priorities

- Enforce Ohio's campaign finance, corporate electoral activities, and fair campaign practices laws outlined in the Ohio Revised Code.

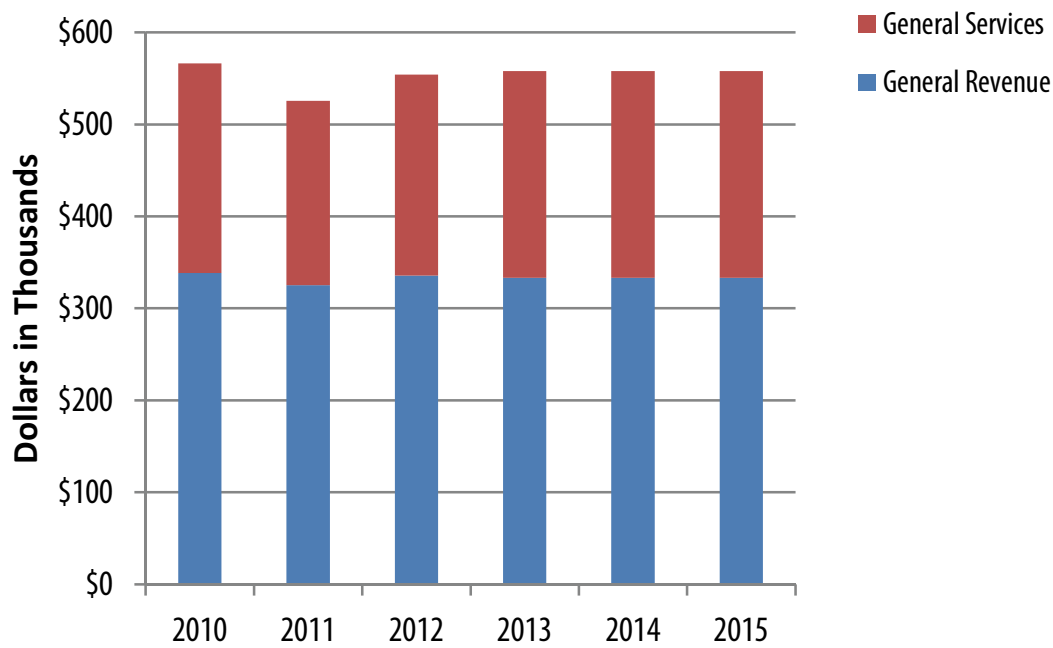
Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$333.1 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$333.1 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$558.1 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$558.1 thousand (or a 0.0% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Enforcement of Ohio's campaign finance and fair campaign practices laws.

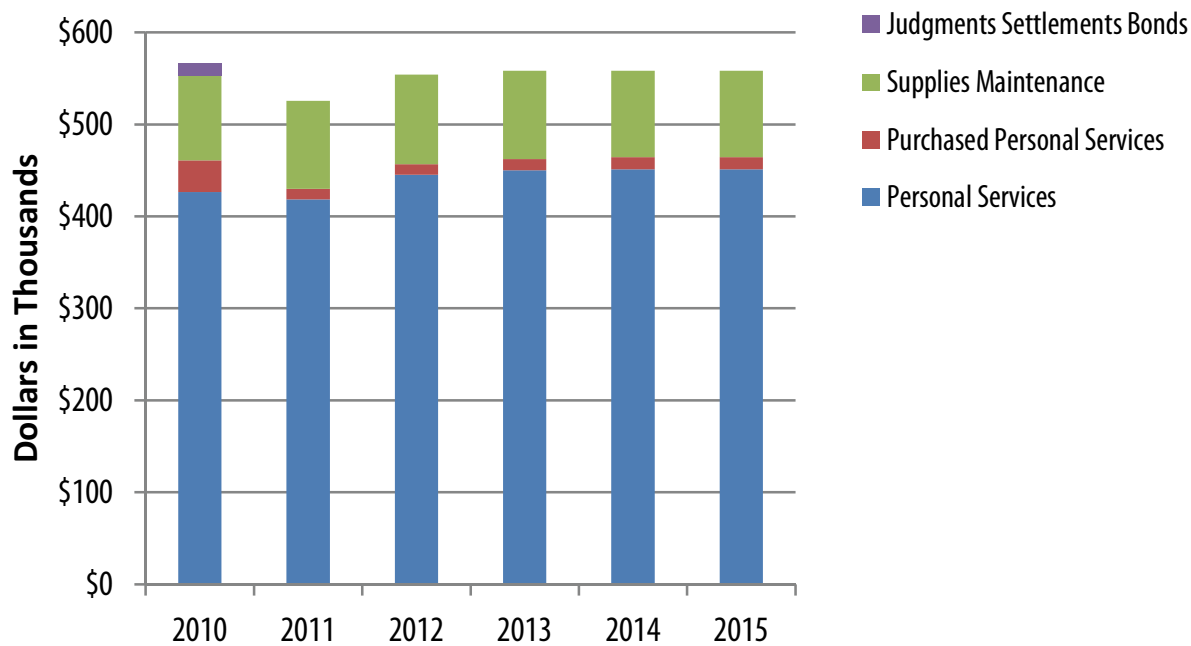
Budget Fund Group Information



(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	338	325	335	333	-0.7%	333	0.0%	333	0.0%
General Services	228	201	219	225	2.9%	225	0.0%	225	0.0%
Total	566	526	554	558	0.7%	558	0.0%	558	0.0%

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Expense Account Category Information



(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	427	419	445	450	1.1%	451	0.2%	451	0.0%
Purchased Personal Services	34	11	11	12	6.5%	13	10.9%	13	0.0%
Supplies & Maintenance	92	96	98	96	-1.6%	94	-2.5%	94	0.0%
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	14	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	566	526	554	558	0.7%	558	0.0%	558	0.0%

Program Series 1: Ohio Elections Commission (125A0)

This program series contains the Compliance, Investigation, and Enforcement Program (125B1). The role of this program is to enforce the commission's statutory duty to enforce Ohio's campaign finance, corporate electoral activities, and fair campaign practices laws.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	51321	Operating Expenses	333,117	333,117	0.0%	333,117	0.0%
4P20	51601	Ohio Elections Commission	225,000	225,000	0.0%	225,000	0.0%
Total for Ohio Elections Commission			558,117	558,117	0.0%	558,117	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	051321	Operating Expenses	338,325	325,114	335,461	333,117	333,117	0.0%	333,117	0.0%
Total General Revenue			338,325	325,114	335,461	333,117	333,117	0.0%	333,117	0.0%
4P20	051601	Ohio Elections Commission	228,136	200,542	218,620	225,000	225,000	0.0%	225,000	0.0%
Total General Services			228,136	200,542	218,620	225,000	225,000	0.0%	225,000	0.0%
Grand Total Ohio Elections Commission			566,461	525,656	554,081	558,117	558,117	0.0%	558,117	0.0%