

Judiciary / Supreme Court

Role and Overview

The Judiciary/Supreme Court (JSC) is established by Article IV, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution. Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution sets the number of justices of the Court and outlines its jurisdiction. Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution grants rule making and other authority to the Court. Specifically, the Constitution gives the Supreme Court authority to prescribe rules governing practice and procedure in all courts of the state and general superintendence authority over all state courts. The Constitution grants the Supreme Court exclusive authority to regulate admission to the practice of law, the discipline of attorneys admitted to practice, and all other matters relating to the practice of law. The Judiciary/Supreme Court budget pays all or a substantial portion of the salaries for all trial and appellate judges of the state, as established by the General Assembly, and funds other expenses of the state's judicial system such as the salaries for support staff of the 12 courts of appeals, salaries for the justices of the Supreme Court and its staff, the operation and maintenance of the Thomas J. Moyer Ohio Judicial Center, and programs for the benefit of the trial and appellate courts throughout the state. Special purpose appropriations are included for the Ohio Center for Law Related Education and the Ohio Courts Technology Initiative. The Ohio Courts Technology Initiative supports projects to facilitate the exchange of information between and among Ohio courts and their justice system partners. This includes the Ohio Courts Network and the delivery of technology services to courts throughout the state. Special purpose appropriations also include the development and implementation of educational and training programs for judges and court personnel, and the operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts which promulgates statewide rules, policies, and uniform standards, to aid in the orderly adoption and comprehensive use of technology in Ohio courts. The Judiciary/Supreme Court employs 505 people.

More information regarding the Judiciary / Supreme Court is available at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/>.

Agency Priorities

- Judges will preside over cases in the trial courts, intermediate appellate courts and Supreme Court. Qualified attorneys will be admitted to practice law and register to continue practicing law, and the fees they pay will support programs affecting attorneys in the state and grievance/disciplinary matters involving attorneys.
- Programs involving case management, mental health and drug courts, mediation, family and children, judicial education, and technology modernization will continue to help the justice system run more effectively for the benefit of all citizens of the state.

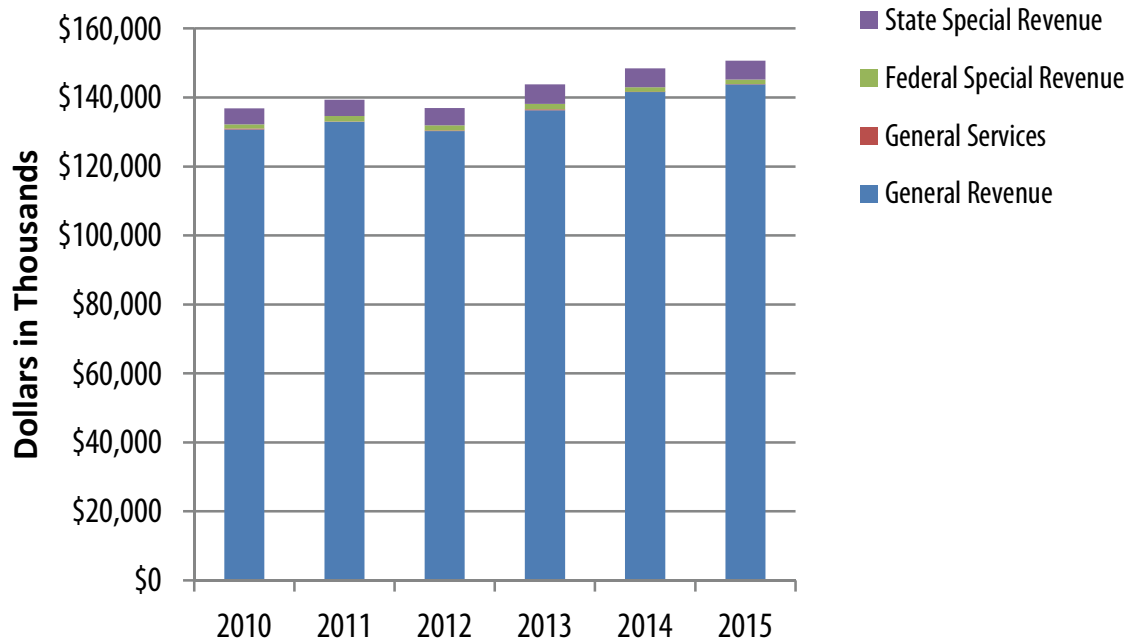
Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$141.6 million (or a 3.9% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$143.8 million (or a 1.6% increase from fiscal year 2014).
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$148.5 million (or a 3.2% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$150.7 million (or a 1.5% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Fund the constitutional obligations by supporting the judicial process for all citizens in the state of Ohio.
- Fund critical functions by helping the judicial system run more effectively for the benefit of all citizens in the state of Ohio.

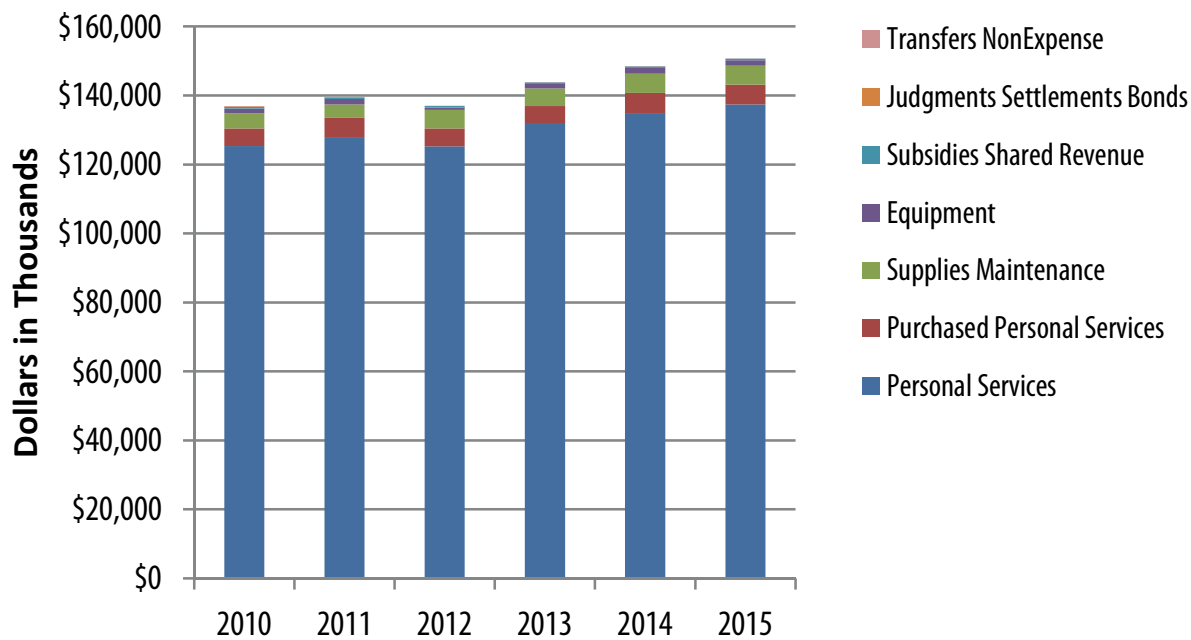
Budget Fund Group Information



(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	130,740	132,954	130,238	136,309	4.7%	141,603	3.9%	143,819	1.6%
General Services	256	127	212	261	23.5%	101	-61.2%	94	-7.7%
Federal Special Revenue	1,250	1,536	1,482	1,606	8.3%	1,236	-23.0%	1,253	1.4%
State Special Revenue	4,622	4,778	5,016	5,635	12.3%	5,513	-2.2%	5,530	0.3%
Total	136,868	139,395	136,947	143,811	5.0%	148,453	3.2%	150,695	1.5%

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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	125,317	127,946	125,216	131,730	5.2%	134,930	2.4%	137,399	1.8%
Purchased Personal Services	5,084	5,587	5,220	5,248	0.5%	5,794	10.4%	5,730	-1.1%
Supplies & Maintenance	4,404	3,914	5,382	5,089	-5.4%	5,609	10.2%	5,519	-1.6%
Equipment	1,368	1,554	690	1,284	86.2%	1,630	26.9%	1,535	-5.8%
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	447	366	419	436	4.2%	464	6.3%	486	4.9%
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	205	17	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Transfers & Non-Expense	42	12	21	23	7.9%	25	12.4%	25	0.0%
Total	136,868	139,395	136,947	143,811	5.0%	148,453	3.2%	150,695	1.5%

Program Series 1: Judiciary/Supreme Court (138A0)

The Supreme Court has one program series containing one program (138B0), both named Judiciary/Supreme Court, which is established by Article IV, Section 1 of the Ohio Constitution. Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution sets the size of the court and outlines its jurisdiction. Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution grants rule making and other authority to the court. The Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Ohio, and most of its cases are appeals from the 12 district courts of appeals.

			Estimated	Recommended			
Fund	ALI	ALI Name	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	5321	Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court	133,922,523	138,016,534	3.1%	140,232,737	1.6%
GRF	5406	Law Related Education	236,172	236,172	0.0%	236,172	0.0%
GRF	5409	Ohio Courts Technology Initiative	2,150,000	3,350,000	55.8%	3,350,000	0.0%
6720	5601	Continuing Judicial Education	261,420	101,392	-61.2%	93,563	-7.7%
3J00	5603	Federal Grants	1,605,717	1,235,900	-23.0%	1,252,600	1.4%
4C80	5605	Attorney Services	3,895,914	3,923,101	0.7%	3,915,721	-0.2%
5HT0	5617	Court Interpreter Certification	39,000	23,000	-41.0%	23,000	0.0%
5JY0	5620	Co Law Library Resources Board	430,000	258,000	-40.0%	258,000	0.0%
5T80	5609	Grants And Awards	50,000	25,000	-50.0%	25,000	0.0%

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			Estimated	Recommended			
Fund	ALI	ALI Name	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
6A80	5606	Supreme Court Admissions	1,220,012	1,283,751	5.2%	1,308,025	1.9%
Total for Judiciary/Supreme Court			143,810,758	148,452,850	3.2%	150,694,818	1.5%

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	005321	Operating Expenses - Judiciary/Supreme Court	128,178,010	130,575,037	127,845,496	133,922,523	138,016,534	3.1%	140,232,737	1.6%
GRF	005401	State Criminal Sentencing Council	155,330	206,766	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
GRF	005406	Law Related Education	236,172	236,172	236,172	236,172	236,172	0.0%	236,172	0.0%
GRF	005409	Ohio Courts Technology Initiative	2,170,510	1,936,067	2,155,889	2,150,000	3,350,000	55.8%	3,350,000	0.0%
Total General Revenue			130,740,022	132,954,042	130,237,557	136,308,695	141,602,706	3.9%	143,818,909	1.6%
6720	005601	Continuing Judicial Education	256,043	127,268	211,745	261,420	101,392	-61.2%	93,563	-7.7%
Total General Services			256,043	127,268	211,745	261,420	101,392	-61.2%	93,563	-7.7%
3J00	005603	Federal Grants	1,250,084	1,535,621	1,481,985	1,605,717	1,235,900	-23.0%	1,252,600	1.4%
Total Federal Special Revenue			1,250,084	1,535,621	1,481,985	1,605,717	1,235,900	-23.0%	1,252,600	1.4%
4C80	005605	Attorney Services	3,358,373	3,789,510	3,658,890	3,895,914	3,923,101	0.7%	3,915,721	-0.2%
5HT0	005617	Court Interpreter Certification	1,185	21,262	12,254	39,000	23,000	-41.0%	23,000	0.0%
5JY0	005620	Co Law Library Resources Board	0	0	187,332	430,000	258,000	-40.0%	258,000	0.0%
5T80	005609	Grants And Awards	58,373	33,407	16,000	50,000	25,000	-50.0%	25,000	0.0%
6A80	005606	Supreme Court Admissions	1,204,255	934,179	1,141,212	1,220,012	1,283,751	5.2%	1,308,025	1.9%
Total State Special Revenue			4,622,186	4,778,358	5,015,688	5,634,926	5,512,852	-2.2%	5,529,746	0.3%
Grand Total Judiciary / Supreme Court			136,868,335	139,395,289	136,946,975	143,810,758	148,452,850	3.2%	150,694,818	1.5%