

Role and Overview

The [Controlling Board](#) (CEB) provides legislative oversight of various activities of the executive branch and carries out responsibilities delegated to it by the legislature. For administrative purposes, the Controlling Board is housed within the Office of Budget and Management. It has a staff of two, including the president of the board. The board consists of seven members: the director of Budget and Management, or the director's designee who serves as president of the board; the chairman of the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives; the chairman of the Finance and Financial Institutions Committee of the Senate; two members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, one from the majority party and one from the minority party; and two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one from the majority party and one from the minority party. The board usually meets every two weeks to consider and vote on requests for action that are submitted to it by state agencies. The board has a number of powers that are delegated by the legislature, including making adjustments to the appropriations of state agencies, waiving competitive selection purchasing requirements, releasing capital appropriations, and approving certain loans and grants made by the Department of Development.

The board does not disburse moneys appropriated to it, but transfers appropriations from the board to other agencies for expenditure. This is the reason the budget tables for the Controlling Board show zero in the "Actual" columns. The record of actual disbursements of appropriations that were made to the board appears in the spending totals of the agencies to which the funds were transferred. The amount in the "FY 2005 Estimate" column in the budget tables represents the appropriation authority that remained in the line items after the Controlling Board meeting of December 6, 2004.

Agency Merger and Task Force

A task force will be convened to develop recommendations for a new agency whose core responsibility is to promote educational achievement through technology. The task force will consider which programs should be retained by the new agency created out of a merger between the Ohio SchoolNet Commission (NET) and the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission (OEB), which programs should be transferred to existing agencies, and which programs should be discontinued. The recommendations are due to the Governor by the end of March 2005, at which point the Governor will develop a plan for the merger of these agencies. The funds available for this agency, as well as for any programs that may be transferred to another agency, are to be appropriated and held within the Controlling Board's budget. These funds are equal to the total amount of the combined budget requests of NET and OEB.

This task force will be appointed by the Governor and will include the chairs and vice chairs of each commission, two additional members representing each organization's constituents, one legislator each appointed by the House and the Senate, a representative of OBM, and representatives of the Governor's staff.

Executive Priorities for the Controlling Board

- Provides appropriation and spending oversight for state agencies.
- Transfers appropriation authority and provides funding to state agencies for unplanned contingencies.
- Provides financial assistance to local governments and school districts for the cost of unfunded state mandates.
- Provides Emergency Purposes dollars to assist with natural disasters or emergencies.

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Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	0	0	0	2,340	.0	41,043	1,654.3	35,893	(12.5)
General Services Fund Group	0	0	0	0	.0	3,500	.0	3,500	.0
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	0	0	0	0	.0	589	.0	589	.0
State Special Revenue Fund Group	0	0	0	0	.0	900	.0	325	(63.9)
TOTAL	0	0	0	2,340	.0	46,032	1,867.6	40,307	(12.4)

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Transfer & Other	0	0	0	2,340	.0	46,032	1,867.6	40,307	(12.4)
TOTAL	0	0	0	2,340	.0	46,032	1,867.6	40,307	(12.4)

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: Appropriation and Spending

This program series provides appropriation authority and/or funding to state agencies, local units of government, and school districts for various purposes such as unplanned contingencies, unfunded state mandates, and ballot advertising costs.

Program 01.01: Appropriation and Spending Oversight

This program provides appropriation authority and funding to state agencies for the costs of emergencies and unplanned contingencies. It also provides funding to local units of government and school districts for unfunded state mandates and to reimburse county boards of elections with advertising costs associated with statewide ballot initiatives.

What the Budget Buys:

- Provides \$12.2 million in fiscal year 2006 and \$7.0 million in fiscal year 2007 to state agencies for the remediation of emergencies and other unforeseen circumstances;
- Provides a total of \$950,000 in each fiscal year to local governments and school districts for the costs of unfunded state mandates as well as the costs of public notices associated with statewide ballot initiatives; and
- Provides funding for a new agency whose core responsibility is to promote educational achievement through technology. The new agency will be created as a result of a merger between the Ohio Educational Telecommunications Network Commission (OET) and the Ohio SchoolNet Commission (NET). Funding for this new agency will be appropriated and held within CEB's budget and released based on a plan submitted by the Governor.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	911-401	Emergency Purposes/Contingencies	12,150,000	7,000,000
GRF	GRF	911-404	Mandate Assistance	650,000	650,000
GRF	GRF	911-417	Educational Technology Fund	27,942,693	27,942,693
GRF	GRF	911-441	Ballot Advertising Costs	300,000	300,000
GSF	4F3	911-603	Affiliate Services	2,000,000	2,000,000
GSF	4T2	911-604	Government Television/Telecom Operating	150,000	150,000
GSF	5D4	911-605	Conference/Special Purpose Expenses	1,350,000	1,350,000
FED	3S3	911-610	Technology Literacy Challenge	589,363	589,363
SSR	4W9	911-607	Ohio Telecommunity Fund	50,000	25,000
SSR	4X1	911-608	Distance Learning	250,000	100,000
SSR	5T3	911-609	Gates Foundation Grants	600,000	200,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				46,032,056	40,307,056

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Controlling Board

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	911-401	Emergency Purposes/Contingencies	0	0	0	1,217,247	12,150,000	898.2	7,000,000	(42.4)
GRF	911-404	Mandate Assistance	0	0	0	664,019	650,000	(2.1)	650,000	.0
GRF	911-417	Educational Technology Fund	0	0	0	0	27,942,693	.0	27,942,693	.0
GRF	911-441	Ballot Advertising Costs	0	0	0	458,250	300,000	(34.5)	300,000	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			0	0	0	2,339,516	41,042,693	1654.3	35,892,693	(12.5)
4F3	911-603	Affiliate Services	0	0	0	0	2,000,000	.0	2,000,000	.0
4T2	911-604	Govt Television/Telecomm Operating	0	0	0	0	150,000	.0	150,000	.0
5D4	911-605	Conference/Special Purpose Expenses	0	0	0	0	1,350,000	.0	1,350,000	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			0	0	0	0	3,500,000	.0	3,500,000	.0
3S3	911-610	Technology Literacy Challenge	0	0	0	0	589,363	.0	589,363	.0
TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group			0	0	0	0	589,363	.0	589,363	.0
4W9	911-607	Ohio Telecommuniyt Fund	0	0	0	0	50,000	.0	25,000	(50.0)
4X1	911-608	Distance Learning	0	0	0	0	250,000	.0	100,000	(60.0)
5T3	911-609	Gates Foundation Grants	0	0	0	0	600,000	.0	200,000	(66.7)
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			0	0	0	0	900,000	.0	325,000	(63.9)
TOTAL Controlling Board			0	0	0	2,339,516	46,032,056	1867.6	40,307,056	(12.4)