

Role and Overview

The Attorney General (AGO) serves as the state's legal advisor, providing legal representation for the Governor, statewide elected officials, the legislature, and all state departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and state-support universities and colleges. As the state's chief law officer, the Attorney General provides assistance to local and federal law enforcement agencies, as well as acts to protect the citizens of Ohio in a wide variety of areas, including consumer sales practice, predatory lending and environmental concerns.

The Attorney General is a constitutional officer elected to a four-year term. The Attorney General has a staff of about 1,387 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$201 million. The office provides training and investigative and technical assistance to local law enforcement agencies through the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy, and the Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission. These sections constitute approximately one-third of the Attorney General's Office.

The Attorney General's employees also provide legal counsel and representation, either directly or through the appointment of special counsel, to all state agencies and officers. The Attorney General issues formal legal opinions on questions submitted by elected officials and county prosecutors, and handles approximately 35,000 active legal cases annually with issues ranging from consumer fraud and criminal justice to environmental enforcement and constitutional challenges. The office collects funds owed to the state through its collections enforcement program and from other activities such as Medicaid and workers' compensation fraud programs and antitrust litigation.

Additional information regarding the Attorney General's office is available at <http://www.ag.state.oh.us/default.asp>.



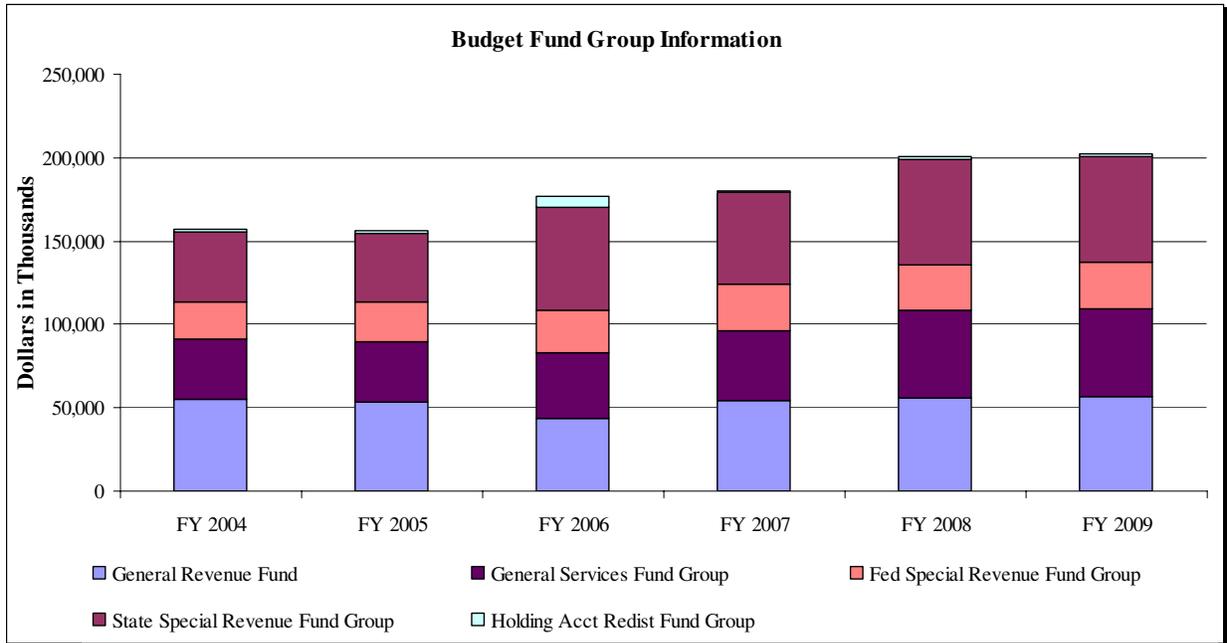
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Implement a transparent system for obtaining the best legal services for the State of Ohio.
- Provide services to local law enforcement through the enhanced use of technology.
- Operate the Office of Attorney General with a high level of transparency and accountability to Ohio citizens.

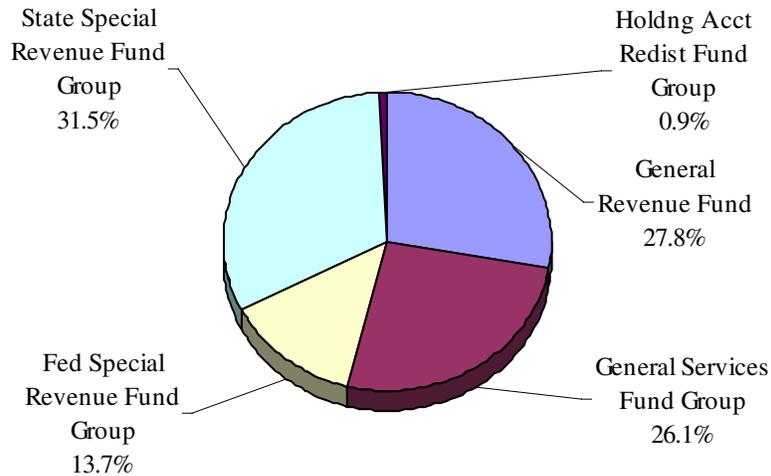
Agency Priorities

- Serve as the state's chief lawyer.
- Protect the people and interests of the state by assisting local law enforcement and demanding accountability for tax dollars.
- Protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens.
- Protect against fraud, waste, and abuse in the public and the private sectors.
- Fulfill the mandates of the legislature.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



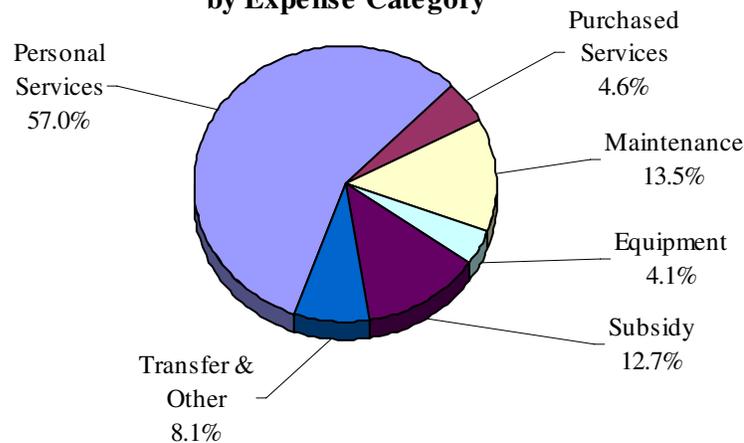
**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



State of Ohio
Attorney General

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2007	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	55,321	53,776	43,668	54,149	24.0	55,773	3.0	56,497	1.3
General Services Fund Group	36,034	36,016	39,121	42,433	8.5	52,664	24.1	52,809	.3
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	22,433	23,808	25,589	27,643	8.0	27,262	(1.4)	27,844	2.1
State Special Revenue Fund Group	41,542	40,847	61,687	54,699	(11.3)	63,549	16.2	63,549	.0
Holdng Acct Redist Fund Group	1,559	2,000	7,074	842	(88.1)	1,776	111.0	1,776	.0
TOTAL	156,889	156,446	177,138	179,766	1.5	201,024	11.8	202,475	.7

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category**



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2007	% CHANGE FY 06-07	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006			FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	90,690	88,863	90,700	98,407	8.5	113,676	15.5	116,300	2.3
Purchased Services	3,331	4,747	8,212	8,579	4.5	9,370	9.2	9,142	(2.4)
Maintenance	22,736	22,945	25,288	26,616	5.3	27,391	2.9	27,146	(.9)
Equipment	5,432	6,722	4,575	5,303	15.9	8,712	64.3	7,956	(8.7)
Subsidy	20,749	19,322	25,852	26,983	4.4	25,602	(5.1)	25,659	.2
Capital Improvements	0	0	1	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
Transfer & Other	13,951	13,848	22,511	13,878	(38.3)	16,272	17.3	16,272	.0
TOTAL	156,889	156,446	177,138	179,766	1.5	201,024	11.8	202,475	.7

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Criminal Justice

This program series includes law enforcement activities and victims services, the Attorney General's highest priority programs. The services provided under these programs have the greatest impact on protecting and assisting the citizens of Ohio.

Program 01.01: Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement Program encompasses all functions of the office charged with providing training, investigatory, and technical assistance services to the law enforcement community across the state, as well as those sections providing enforcement related activities, including the pursuit of Medicaid fraud. This is the largest segment of the Attorney General's Office and includes the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigations, the Peace Officer Training Academy, the Organized Crime Investigations Commission, and sections for capital crimes and health care fraud. The Drug Abuse Resistance Enforcement (D.A.R.E.) Program and the legislatively mandated pay supplements for county sheriffs and county prosecutors are included in this program.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support 426 current staff positions assigned to law enforcement activities;
- Focus on activities in the area of reducing turnaround time and reducing backlogs for various crime scene and laboratory operations;
- Develop and expand the Ohio Law Enforcement Gateway, a secure website designed to provide law enforcement agencies and prosecutors access to a host of crime-fighting databases and to encourage sharing information between jurisdictions;
- Implement and administer an expanded continuing professional training program for Ohio's Peace Officers, as newly established in S.B. 281; and
- Increase emphasis on programs administered by the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation that assist local law enforcement, ranging from DNA and crime lab analysis to internet juvenile crime prevention, undercover narcotics investigations, and detection of methamphetamine labs.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	055-321	Operating Expenses	29,748,863	29,743,140
GRF	GRF	055-404	TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENFORCEMENT	0	723,797
GRF	GRF	055-411	County Sheriffs Pay Supplement	813,117	842,134
GRF	GRF	055-415	County Prosecutors Pay Supplement	896,404	923,888
GSF	106	055-612	General Reimbursement	9,291,631	9,291,631
GSF	4Z2	055-609	BCI Asset Forfeiture/Cost Reimb	1,000,000	1,000,000
GSF	421	055-617	Police Officers' Trng Academy Fee	2,000,000	2,000,000
GSF	590	055-633	Peace Officer Private Security Fund	98,370	98,370
GSF	629	055-636	Corrupt Activity Invest/Prosecution	15,000	15,000
FED	3E5	055-638	Attorney General Pass Through Funds	2,850,000	3,030,000
FED	3R6	055-613	Attorney General Federal Funds	4,870,000	5,115,000
FED	306	055-620	Medicaid Fraud Control	3,139,500	3,296,500
SSR	4L6	055-606	DARE	3,927,962	3,927,962
SSR	659	055-641	Sol/Haz Waste Bkgrnd Investigations	621,159	621,159
090	R42	055-601	Organized Crime Comm Distribution	25,025	25,025
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				59,297,031	60,653,606

Program 01.02: Victims Services

This program encompasses all functions charged with assisting victims of crime and with protecting children and the elderly. Crime Victims' Services administers the Ohio Crime Victims Compensation Fund, which awards compensation to eligible victims of violent crime for their unreimbursed economic losses; the Victims' Assistance Program, which provides funding to rape crisis centers and domestic violence shelters; the Missing Children's Clearinghouse; and the Identity Theft Passport Program, which is aimed at assisting victims of stolen identities. In addition, the program supports the Child and Elder Protection Program by having experienced criminal prosecutors

and investigators assist local prosecutors in child support and physical and sexual abuse cases, internet and computer crime investigations, and elder abuse cases.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Enable the AGO to meet the requirements included in legislation regarding the Crime Victims Compensation Law;
- Maintain support to victim assistance programs in each Ohio county; and
- Enable the department to meet the DNA collection and testing requirements in H.B. 427.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
FED	383	055-634	Crime Victims Assistance	16,000,000	16,000,000
SSR	402	055-616	Victims of Crime	34,000,000	34,000,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				50,000,000	50,000,000

PROGRAM SERIES 02: Legal Services

This program series encompasses the broad provision of legal representation to the various clients of the Attorney General's Office. The series includes programs that defend the State of Ohio and its employees against claims, as well as programs that center on protecting citizens and businesses throughout the state.

Program 02.01: Citizen Protection

This program focuses on protecting the rights of citizens and businesses across the State of Ohio. Consumer protection programs work to educate, protect, and remedy cases where consumer rights have been violated by unscrupulous businesses. Environmental Enforcement strives to ensure Ohio's environmental protection laws are enforced and that business and agricultural communities comply with these laws. The Charitable Law Section, working in conjunction with the Ohio Lottery Commission, regulates charitable gaming in Ohio by licensing, auditing, and investigating gaming establishments, and ensures that organizations are following the laws and players are treated fairly. Antitrust works to foster competition in the marketplace by enforcing laws that prohibit collusive or anticompetitive business practices.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Increase enforcement of consumer protection statutes and improve public education on consumer issues through the use of technological advancements as well as enhanced outreach initiatives;
- Expand efforts for the development of a near-paperless, web-based database that will allow Ohio's 20,000 charities and nearly 2,000 bingo license applicants the ability to apply, register, and pay required fees electronically; and
- Establish Ohio's first-ever Predatory Lending Task Force, which will aggressively act to protect seniors and other citizens vulnerable to corrupt financial practices.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	055-321	Operating Expenses	3,237,847	3,237,847
GSF	106	055-612	General Reimbursement	2,035,381	2,010,381
GSF	4Y7	055-608	Title Defect Recision	750,000	750,000
GSF	418	055-615	Charitable Foundations	6,919,850	7,064,978
GSF	420	055-603	Attorney General Antitrust	1,500,000	1,500,000
GSF	5A9	055-618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	7,500	7,500
GSF	631	055-637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	2,500,000	2,500,000
SSR	419	055-623	Claims Section	8,350,046	8,350,046
090	R04	055-631	General Holdings	1,000,000	1,000,000
090	R05	055-632	Antitrust Settlements	1,000	1,000
090	R18	055-630	Consumer Frauds	750,000	750,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				27,051,624	27,171,752

Program 02.02: State Agencies

This program provides legal representation to state officials and state agencies. Sixteen sections, including but not limited to, Workers' Compensation, Taxation, Education, Transportation, Civil Rights, Health and Human Services, Constitutional Offices, and Opinions, provide legal advice, contract review, and litigation support to ensure that both tax dollars and the interests of the state are protected. The Collections Enforcement section is responsible for collecting all delinquent debt owed Ohio on behalf of agencies, institutions, universities, and other government entities for taxes, fines, penalties, service fees, loans, and any other debt due.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Enable the Attorney General to hire and retain qualified legal staff to reduce the state's special counsel costs;
- Provide a transparent and effective system of outside counsel selection in cases where such counsel is warranted; and
- Continue the progress made in the area of collections resulting in increased revenue to the state.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	055-321	Operating Expenses	12,399,363	12,348,585
GSF	106	055-612	General Reimbursement	13,871,245	13,896,245
GSF	195	055-660	Workers' Compensation Section	8,002,720	8,002,720
FED	381	055-611	Civil Rights Legal Service	402,540	402,540
SSR	419	055-623	Claims Section	16,649,954	16,649,954
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				51,325,822	51,300,044

PROGRAM SERIES 03: Program Management

This program series supports the functions of the Attorney General's Office.

Program 03.01: Program Management

This program provides support operations including information technology, finance, human resources, office services, facilities management, fleet management, library services, records retention, training, internal audit, and communications. This program serves primarily to benefit the overall programs and employees of the Attorney General's Office.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide for existing service levels;
- Support 250 current staff positions; and
- Expand the Attorney General's ability to effectively leverage federal dollars.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	055-321	Operating Expenses	8,677,760	8,677,760
GSF	106	055-612	General Reimbursement	4,671,939	4,671,939
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				13,349,699	13,349,699

Appropriation Line Item Analyses for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Line Item Notes

055-608, Title Defect Recision: Funding is increased to support enhanced efforts in the area of consumer protection, specifically under motor vehicle violations under ORC 1345.52. For additional information, please refer to Program 02.01, Citizen Protection.

055-631, General Holdings: Funding in this holding account is recovered moneys that are redistributed by settlement agreements and court orders. The increase reflects realistic expenditure projections. For additional information, please refer to Program 02.01, Citizen Protection.

055-633, Peace Officer Private Security: Funding is increased to support additional emphasis on the program that trains persons to qualify for special police positions, security guards, or other private employment in a police capacity, and the training program in basic firearms. For additional information, please refer to Program 01.01, Law Enforcement.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Attorney General

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	055-321	Operating Expenses	52,583,487	52,315,913	42,068,488	52,610,157	54,063,833	2.8	54,007,332	(.1)
GRF	055-404	TOBACCO SETTLEMENT ENFORCEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	.0	723,797	.0
GRF	055-406	Community Police Match/Assistance	1,310,209	362	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	055-411	County Sheriffs Pay Supplement	721,468	732,438	757,091	779,509	813,117	4.3	842,134	3.6
GRF	055-415	County Prosecutors Pay Supplement	705,701	727,413	841,950	759,222	896,404	18.1	923,888	3.1
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			55,320,865	53,776,126	43,667,529	54,148,888	55,773,354	3.0	56,497,151	1.3
106	055-612	General Reimbursement	18,676,980	18,717,224	20,766,821	21,370,195	29,870,196	39.8	29,870,196	.0
107	055-624	Employment Services	720,813	713,466	733,301	850,000	0	(100.0)	0	.0
195	055-660	Workers' Compensation Section	7,338,982	7,342,303	7,393,028	7,769,628	8,002,720	3.0	8,002,720	.0
4Y7	055-608	Title Defect Recision	235,148	170,175	253,941	250,000	750,000	**	750,000	.0
4Z2	055-609	BCI Asset Forfeiture/Cost Reimb	1,497,284	980,865	817,449	1,332,109	1,000,000	(24.9)	1,000,000	.0
418	055-615	Charitable Foundations	4,393,682	4,406,289	5,356,911	6,399,066	6,919,850	8.1	7,064,978	2.1
420	055-603	Attorney General Antitrust	381,238	925,812	1,127,456	1,346,449	1,500,000	11.4	1,500,000	.0
421	055-617	Police Officers' Trng Academy Fee	1,609,417	1,279,519	1,249,541	1,693,213	2,000,000	18.1	2,000,000	.0
5A9	055-618	Telemarketing Fraud Enforcement	0	0	0	7,500	7,500	.0	7,500	.0
590	055-633	Peace Officer Private Security Fund	95,961	96,226	45,189	26,125	98,370	**	98,370	.0
629	055-636	Corrupt Activity Invest/Prosecution	0	106,983	0	15,000	15,000	.0	15,000	.0
631	055-637	Consumer Protection Enforcement	1,084,552	1,277,262	1,377,686	1,373,832	2,500,000	82.0	2,500,000	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			36,034,057	36,016,124	39,121,323	42,433,117	52,663,636	24.1	52,808,764	.3
3E5	055-638	Attorney General Pass Through Funds	1,896,466	2,316,713	4,197,919	1,981,102	2,850,000	43.9	3,030,000	6.3
3R6	055-613	Attorney General Federal Funds	3,029,163	5,871,345	4,348,985	3,842,097	4,870,000	26.8	5,115,000	5.0
306	055-620	Medicaid Fraud Control	2,595,631	2,529,519	2,823,659	2,990,000	3,139,500	5.0	3,296,500	5.0
381	055-611	Civil Rights Legal Service	372,491	381,151	388,343	390,815	402,540	3.0	402,540	.0
383	055-634	Crime Victims Assistance	14,539,053	12,708,886	13,830,247	18,439,313	16,000,000	(13.2)	16,000,000	.0
TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group			22,432,804	23,807,614	25,589,153	27,643,327	27,262,040	(1.4)	27,844,040	2.1
4L6	055-606	DARE	3,409,912	3,654,124	3,713,176	3,927,962	3,927,962	.0	3,927,962	.0
402	055-616	Victims of Crime	23,928,216	25,637,450	34,046,568	30,000,000	34,000,000	13.3	34,000,000	.0
419	055-623	Claims Section	13,760,778	11,162,520	23,522,240	20,149,955	25,000,000	24.1	25,000,000	.0
659	055-641	Sol/Haz Waste Bkgrnd Investigations	443,490	392,456	404,683	621,159	621,159	.0	621,159	.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			41,542,396	40,846,550	61,686,667	54,699,076	63,549,121	16.2	63,549,121	.0
R03	055-629	Bingo License Refunds	525	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
R04	055-631	General Holdings	1,346,307	1,429,551	5,509,277	275,000	1,000,000	**	1,000,000	.0
R05	055-632	Antitrust Settlements	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	.0	1,000	.0

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Attorney General

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
R18	055-630	Consumer Frauds	189,967	444,869	365,373	510,000	750,000	47.1	750,000	.0
R42	055-601	Organized Crime Comm Distribution	22,166	125,216	1,199,056	55,915	25,025	(55.2)	25,025	.0
TOTAL Holdng Acct Redist Fund Group			1,558,965	1,999,636	7,073,706	841,915	1,776,025	111.0	1,776,025	.0
TOTAL Attorney General			156,889,087	156,446,050	177,138,378	179,766,323	201,024,176	11.8	202,475,101	.7