

Role and Overview

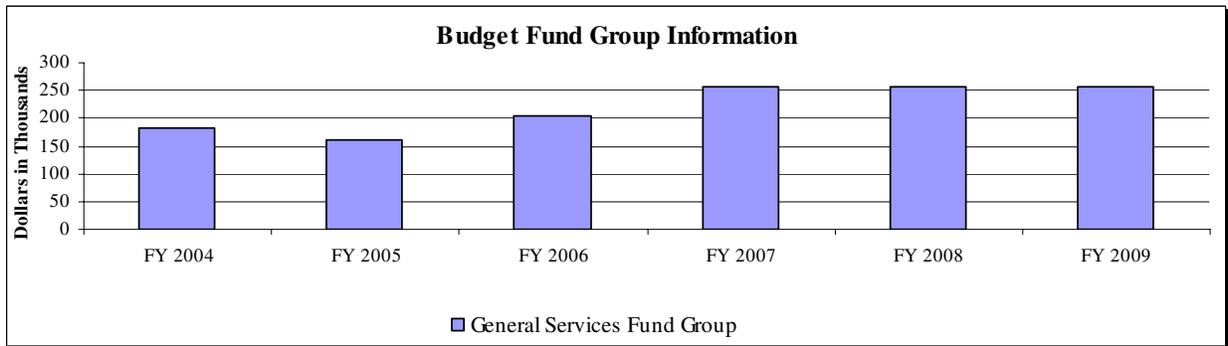
The Athletic Commission (ACO) was established to regulate boxing, mixed martial arts, wrestling, kickboxing, karate, tough person contests, and athlete agents. The board monitors licensees to ensure compliance with the laws and rules of the state. The board’s annual budget of approximately \$256,000 supports two full-time employees in addition to five commissioners. ACO has approximately 1,550 licensees.

More information about the Athletic Commission is available at <http://aco.ohio.gov/>.

Agency Priorities

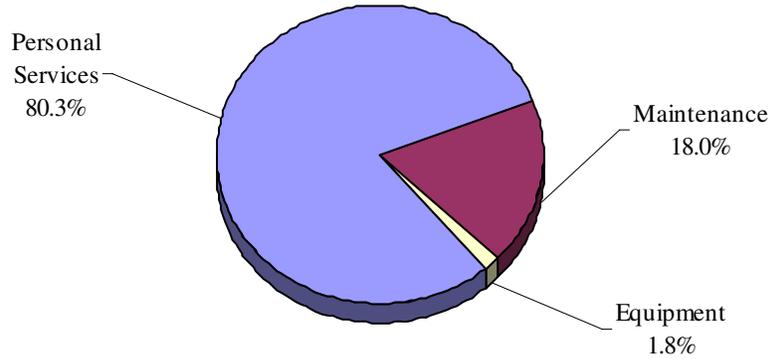
- Place all license forms on-line for all categories of licensing and bonding.
- Continually revise existing and introduce new safety measures and regulations for contestants participating in these sports.
- Set high standards for those competing in tough man and tough person contests by establishing an additional weight class and a senior division for contestants thirty-five years and older.
- Seek legislation to increase fines and penalties to deter serious violations of rules and regulations.
- Improve regulations for the safety of all who compete in the regulated sports.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	CHANGE	FY 2009	CHANGE
General Services Fund Group	181	162	203	256	25.8	256	.0	256	.0
TOTAL	181	162	203	256	25.8	256	.0	256	.0

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



(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	CHANGE	FY 2009	CHANGE
Personal Services	128	124	154	177	14.6	200	13.3	211	5.5
Purchased Services	9	7	1	4	174.9	0	(100.0)	0	.0
Maintenance	36	28	42	71	69.7	50	(30.1)	42	(14.9)
Equipment	8	2	6	4	(32.7)	6	50.0	3	(58.3)
Transfer & Other	0	1	0	0	.0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	181	162	203	256	25.8	256	.0	256	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Regulation

This program series contributes to ensuring the health, safety, and general welfare of citizens of the state through oversight of the regulated profession.

Program 01.01: License/Registration/Enforcement

This program includes all operations of the Athletic Commission.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Regulate the enforcement of rules for boxing, kickboxing, karate, tough person, and mixed martial arts sporting events;
- Support licensing application and renewal of 1,550 licensees;
- Renew approximately 55 athlete agent licenses over the biennium;
- Increase screening for illicit drug use;
- Continue to improve on rules and regulations to make for a safer and more competitive environment for participating contestants; and
- Conduct officials' seminars.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	4K9	175-609	Operating Expenses	255,850	255,850
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				255,850	255,850

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Athletic Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
4K9	175-609	Operating Expenses	179,668	162,387	203,455	255,850	255,850	.0	255,850	.0
5R1	175-602	Athlete Agent Registration	1,740	0	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			181,408	162,387	203,455	255,850	255,850	.0	255,850	.0
TOTAL OHIO ATHLETIC COMMISSION			181,408	162,387	203,455	255,850	255,850	.0	255,850	.0