

Role and Overview

The Department of Commerce regulates several industries including securities, financial institutions, liquor, and real estate. The department also enforces the state building codes, fire codes, and prevailing and minimum wage requirements, and administers the collection and return of unclaimed funds. A director is appointed by the Governor to oversee the operations of approximately 900 employees and manage an annual budget of approximately \$667 million. The department is financed primarily by revenue generated from fees assessed to the regulated communities.

Additional information regarding the Department of Commerce is available at <http://www.com.state.oh.us/>.



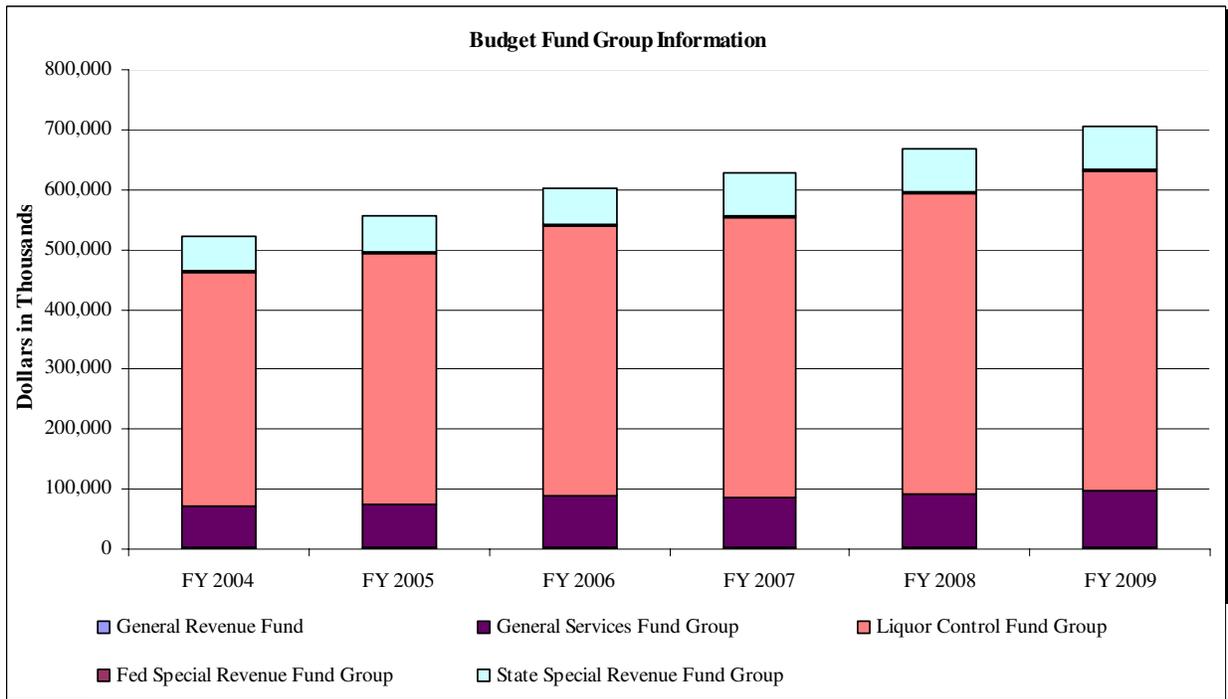
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Develop a strong predatory lending outreach and enforcement strategy consistent with the revitalization of cities and towns.
- Commit to fair and effective regulation of financial services and the real estate industry and increasing resources for the enforcement of minimum wage and prevailing wage laws.
- Strengthen department-wide strategic planning processes for enhanced fiscal accountability.

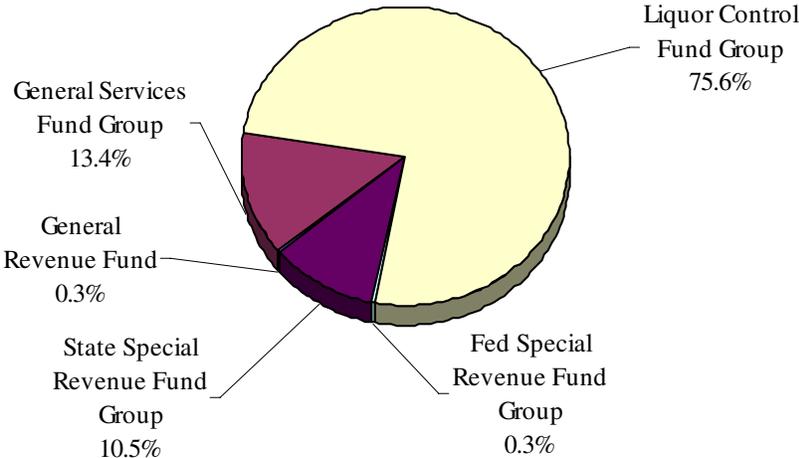
Agency Priorities

- Review industry regulations for appropriateness to modernize regulations where practicable and feasible and to commit to fair and efficient regulations that protects consumers without overburdening business.
- Improve accountability and services provided by the Division of State Fire Marshal.
- Improve response time to customers’ needs across the regulated industries.
- Facilitate the retrieval and distribution of unclaimed funds.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

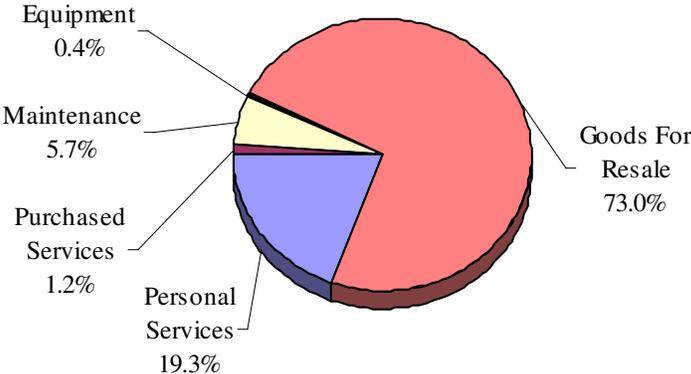


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



(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 Revenue Fund	3,937	4,011	1,978	2,032	2.7	2,132	4.9	2,132	.0
General Services Fund Group	68,841	71,784	85,633	84,754	(1.0)	89,154	5.2	94,544	6.0
Liquor Control Fund Group	387,603	417,210	451,423	466,544	3.3	502,780	7.8	534,662	6.3
Fed Special Revenue Fund Group	3,030	3,209	1,681	2,047	21.7	2,045	(.1)	2,045	.0
State Special Revenue Fund Group	58,658	60,816	62,466	72,442	16.0	71,030	(1.9)	72,635	2.3
TOTAL	522,069	557,029	603,181	627,820	4.1	667,141	6.3	706,018	5.8

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



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(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	%	FY 2009	%
Personal Services	91,438	94,178	95,025	101,467	6.8	106,183	4.6	111,529	5.0
Purchased Services	11,451	9,624	14,599	7,696	(47.3)	7,436	(3.4)	6,634	(10.8)
Maintenance	23,779	25,725	24,783	29,159	17.7	31,903	9.4	32,056	.5
Equipment	2,154	2,772	2,595	2,631	1.4	2,308	(12.3)	1,946	(15.7)
Subsidy	1,462	1,424	1,717	1,937	12.8	1,937	.0	1,907	(1.5)
Goods For Resale	319,773	338,295	365,272	361,186	(1.1)	400,202	10.8	421,802	5.4
Transfer & Other	72,012	85,010	99,190	123,743	24.8	117,172	(5.3)	130,144	11.1
TOTAL	522,069	557,029	603,181	627,820	4.1	667,141	6.3	706,018	5.8

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Financial Institutions and Services

This program series provides for the supervision and regulation of banks, credit unions, savings institutions, securities, securities professionals, and various consumer finance organizations. It also provides education regarding home mortgage lending practices to reduce the number of consumers falling victim to abusive lending practices.

Program 01.01: Banks

This program is responsible for the supervision and regulation of state-chartered banks and trust companies including banks, trust-only banks, and bank-trust operations. (This program does not have jurisdiction over federal thrifts or national banks.)

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Regulate over 110 institutions with aggregate assets of over \$92 billion;
- Provide 44 full-time employees to supervise and regulate state-chartered banks and trust; and
- Increase training for the examination staff as consistent with federal regulators.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	837,502	854,255
SSR	544	800-612	Banks	6,118,442	6,304,917
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,955,944	7,159,172

Program 01.02: Consumer Affairs

This program educates Ohioans on how to protect themselves in the mortgage lending process, receives complaints from those who have been victimized, and acts as a referral service to organizations that can assist borrowers. If lending laws have been violated, the office initiates enforcement actions and refers criminal cases for prosecution. In fiscal year 2006, this program received nearly 2,200 telephone inquiries and over 1,460 formal complaints. The program also produced and distributed educational materials and conducted 30 educational programs which reached 750 citizens.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide resources to educate the most vulnerable Ohioans on how to protect themselves against abusive lenders;
- Implement initiatives of the recently created Consumer Finance Education Board;

- Support enforcement actions and referrals for criminal prosecution;
- Maintain 11 full-time employees; and
- Distribute financial assistance to address increasing foreclosure rates.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	209,088	213,271
SSR	553	800-607	Consumer Finance	1,676,184	1,571,132
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,885,272	1,784,403

Program 01.03: Consumer Finance

This program is responsible for regulating various consumer finance organizations including check cashing services, check casher lenders, credit service organizations, insurance premium finance companies, mortgage brokers, mortgage broker loan officers, pawnbrokers, precious metals dealers, second mortgage businesses, and small loan businesses.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain 36 full-time employees to regulate over 16,095 organizations and individuals;
- Conduct over 1,800 examinations of licensees;
- Issue settlement agreements for continuing education non-compliance;
- Deny or revoke over 300 license applications if necessary; and
- Resolve cases on enforcement issues.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	692,835	706,698
SSR	553	800-607	Consumer Finance	4,124,261	4,229,313
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,817,096	4,936,011

Program 01.04: Credit Unions

This program is responsible for the supervision and regulation of 203 state-chartered credit unions with total aggregated assets of \$9 billion. It also supervises and co-regulates the private insurer American Share Insurance (ASI), formerly the National Deposit Insurance Corporation (NDIC).

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain 21 full-time employees to supervise and regulate activities of state-chartered credit unions.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	395,256	403,165
SSR	552	800-604	Credit Union	3,521,037	3,627,390
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,916,293	4,030,555

Program 01.05: Money Transmitters

This program provides for the licensing, supervision, and regulation of 23 domestic and 31 foreign money transmitters including financing networks that may be potential threats to Homeland Security.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain three full-time employees to license and regulate money transmitters.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	44,540	45,430
SSR	544	800-612	Banks	398,065	398,336
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				442,605	443,766

Program 01.06: Savings Institutions

This program is responsible for the supervision and regulation of 29 state-chartered savings and loan associations with aggregate assets of \$4 billion and 27 state-chartered savings banks with aggregate assets of \$5.5 billion as of June 30, 2006.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund 15 full-time employees for supervision and regulation of savings institutions; and
- Provide training for the examination staff as consistent with federal regulators.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	295,193	301,099
SSR	545	800-613	Savings Institutions	2,244,370	2,286,616
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,539,563	2,587,715

Program 01.07: Securities

This program promotes investor education, regulates the sale of securities in Ohio, and licenses securities professionals who sell securities and give advice about investing in securities. It engages in administrative sanctions against those persons and entities violating the securities laws and makes referrals for criminal prosecution.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund 38 full-time employees for licensing and regulation of securities professionals;
- Maintain reviews of over 7,087 filings for sale of securities; and
- Sustain licensure of over 137,000 securities professionals.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	550	800-617	Securities	4,312,453	4,473,094
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,312,453	4,473,094

PROGRAM SERIES 02: Industrial Compliance

This program series is responsible for code development, inspection, plan review, licensing, and permit services related to the commercial building and construction industry.

Program 02.01: Building Code Compliance

This program reviews building plans for new construction, major renovations, additions or alterations for structures, except where local certified building departments have jurisdiction. It also provides for building, electrical, and plumbing inspections of new construction and additions and major alterations of existing structures as well as licensing and certification of plumbing inspectors.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support review of nearly 5,000 architectural project plans;
- Provide funds for the database project to automate scheduling and dispatching for field operations;
- Provide funds to implement an electronic-commerce initiative for plans, inspections, and reporting processes;
- Provide funds to implement a mobile office initiative;
- Maintain over 40,000 yearly electrical, plumbing, and structural inspections; and
- Sustain regulatory activities of more than 2,000 violations and 2,000 corresponding enforcement actions.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	6,766,506	7,040,595
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,766,506	7,040,595

Program 02.02: Operations and Maintenance

This program provides for proper operations of critical systems including boilers, elevators, and escalators, and inspections of bedding and upholstered furniture. It provides licensing and certification for steam engineers and boiler operators, ski lift inspections, and roller rink registration.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide inspection of over 14,200 boilers, 51,000 elevators and escalators, and approximately 6,700 pieces of bedding and upholstered furniture articles;
- Provide funds for the database project to automate scheduling and dispatching for field operations;
- Provide funds to implement an electronic-commerce initiative for plans, inspections, and reporting processes;
- Provide funds to implement a mobile office initiative;
- Provide for licensing and certification of steam engineers and boiler operators including 582 historic steam tractor operators; and
- Provide for seven ski lift inspections and 100 roller rink registrations.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	8,719,717	9,329,855
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				8,719,717	9,329,855

Program 02.03: Building Code

This program supports the Board of Building Standards and the Board of Building Appeals. The Board of Building Standards formulates and adopts rules governing building construction and maintenance to ensure building safety. The board also certifies local building code enforcement departments and regulates industrialized units. The Board of Building Appeals reviews appeals of orders issued by the department's Bureau of Construction Compliance or of a certified city or county building department.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support the Board of Building Standards and the Board of Building Appeals;
- Maintain review of more than 660 appeals;
- Sustain the certification of over 3,300 building department personnel, design professionals, and contractors; and
- Fund more than 150 continuing education courses developed and taught by the board's staff.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	2,361,885	2,439,894
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,361,885	2,439,894

Program 02.04: Ohio Construction Industry Licensing Board

This program provides for the testing, licensing, and continuing education for electrical, plumbing, hydraulic, HVAC, and refrigeration contractors.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain issuance of over 19,000 licenses; and
- Provide approval of over 250 training agencies.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	1,094,903	1,163,772
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,094,903	1,163,772

Program 02.05: DIC Program Administration

This program directs, administers, supports, and coordinates the activities of the Industrial Compliance Program Series and serves as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities. This program oversees the general management and direction of the programs within the Industrial Compliance Program Series.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide oversight of 270 employees who provide regulatory services to the construction industry;
- Provide funds for the database project to automate scheduling and dispatching for field operations;
- Provide funds to implement an electronic-commerce initiative for plans, inspections, and reporting processes;
- Provide funds to implement a mobile office initiative;
- Maintain 35 full-time employees to direct, administer, support, and coordinate activities; and
- Provide staff which serve as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	6,090,897	5,595,895
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,090,897	5,595,895

PROGRAM SERIES 03: Liquor Control

This program series is responsible for controlling the manufacture, distribution, and sale of all alcoholic beverages in Ohio. The Division of Liquor Control is the state's sole purchaser and distributor of spirituous liquor (intoxicating liquor containing more than 21 percent alcohol by volume).

Program 03.01: Liquor Agency Operations

This program is responsible for the sale of spirituous liquor by more than 400 private businesses, known as liquor agencies, which are contracted by the division to serve as its sales agents. This program contributed \$138 million to the General Revenue Fund in fiscal year 2006.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Enable the sale of spirituous liquor through more than 400 private liquor agencies; and
- Provide transfer of profits to the General Revenue Fund to support other state services.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
LCF	043	800-601	Merchandising	440,499,979	464,027,015
LCF	043	800-627	Liquor Control Operating	3,199,761	3,299,411
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				443,699,740	467,326,426

Program 03.02: Permit Licensing and Compliance

This program administers the liquor permitting system for the sale, manufacture, and distribution of all alcoholic beverages. This includes issuance of new permits, renewal and transfer of permits, and the investigative and hearing requirements associated with permit issuance. Permit fees of \$37 million were collected in fiscal year 2006 of which 35 percent was returned to local taxing districts for liquor law enforcement. The program also oversees compliance in the manufacture and distribution of beer, wine, and low-proof mixed beverages.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Administer the liquor permitting system for alcoholic beverages including issuance of over 9,200 liquor permits and 23,000 permit renewals; and
- Conduct investigations and hold objection hearings as necessary.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
LCF	043	800-627	Liquor Control Operating	6,064,594	6,316,579
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,064,594	6,316,579

Program 03.03: Debt Service Payments

This program provides debt service payments on bonds issued under the authority of Ohio Revised Code, Chapters 166 and 151 to support various economic development initiatives and environmental clean-up initiatives that are appropriated in the Department of Development.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide debt service payments for Department of Development programs.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
LCF	043	800-633	Development Assistance Debt Service	33,678,800	38,616,800
LCF	043	800-636	Revitalization Debt Service	12,620,900	15,683,300
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				46,299,700	54,300,100

Program 03.04: Liquor Control Program Administration

This program provides administrative support for the Liquor Control Program Series and pays administrative costs not specific to other programs. This program provides services that include, but are not limited to, administration, communications, equipment purchase, building rent and utilities, and workers' compensation.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide oversight and general management of over 150 state employees.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
LCF	043	800-627	Liquor Control Operating	6,716,369	6,718,593
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,716,369	6,718,593

PROGRAM SERIES 04: Real Estate

This program series licenses Ohio real estate brokers, salespeople, appraisers, and foreign real estate dealers and salespeople, and registers property located outside of Ohio but marketed in the state. It also registers active cemeteries in Ohio.

Program 04.01: Real Estate

This program licenses and regulates real estate brokers and salespersons. It also regulates foreign real estate brokers and salespersons, and registers foreign real estate property. In fiscal year 2006, this program recorded almost 41,000 active licensees, both real estate salespersons and brokers. In addition, 589 complaints were assigned for investigation and 52 administrative hearings were held.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain the licensing and regulatory activities of real estate brokers and salespersons and brokers; and
- Fund 41 full-time employees to investigate complaints and conduct corresponding administrative hearings.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	547	800-603	Real Estate Education/Research	250,000	250,000
SSR	548	800-611	Real Estate Recovery	50,000	50,000
SSR	549	800-614	Real Estate	3,480,038	3,574,171
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,780,038	3,874,171

Program 04.02: Real Estate Appraisers

This program licenses and certifies all general and residential appraisers in the state.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide regulation of approximately 4,345 real estate appraisers.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4B2	800-631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	35,000	35,000
SSR	6A4	800-630	Real Estate Appraiser Operating	664,006	664,006
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				699,006	699,006

Program 04.03: Cemetery Registration

This program registers all active cemeteries in Ohio, and investigates complaints or disputes involving registered cemeteries. This program also collects fees for burial permits issued in Ohio. During fiscal year 2006, revenue from burial permits was nearly \$265,000.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support registration of almost 3,400 registered cemeteries.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	4H9	800-608	Cemeteries	273,465	273,465
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				273,465	273,465

PROGRAM SERIES 05: State Fire Marshal

This program series is responsible for training, education, research, regulation, and enforcement in the area of fire safety and fire prevention.

Program 05.01: Ohio Fire Academy

This program conducts fire-related training courses for more than 15,000 emergency responders annually. Training, which is conducted at the Academy facilities and on-site throughout the state, includes firefighting, anti-terrorism response, and urban search and rescue.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide over 150 on-campus courses and more than 850 direct delivery classes; and
- Provide specialized weapons of mass destruction courses through homeland security grants.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	2,742,085	2,824,274
SSR	546	800-640	Homeland Security Grants	10,000	10,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,752,085	2,834,274

Program 05.02: Code Enforcement

This program performs fire safety inspections at hotels, motels, hospitals, nursing homes, and other buildings and events. It also enforces the fire code at fireworks facilities, manufacturers, and exhibitions.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Conduct over 9,500 fire safety inspections and 5,500 reinspections.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	3,119,981	3,259,542
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,119,981	3,259,542

Program 05.03: Investigations

This program is responsible for investigating the cause, origin, and circumstances of fires, explosions, and fireworks incidents in Ohio. It is also responsible for the prosecution of persons believed to be guilty of arson or a similar crime. In fiscal year 2006, this program determined that 405 of the 1,159 incidents investigated were a result of arson.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide approximately 1,000 fire and explosion investigations;
- Support the filing of felony criminal charges if necessary;
- Support 17 arson investigators and 5 supervisors to perform fire and explosion investigations for over 1,200 fire departments; and
- Provide three accelerant detection canine teams to assist in recovering valuable evidence at arson crime scenes.

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FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	2,319,814	2,426,184
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,319,814	2,426,184

Program 05.04: Fire Prevention

This program creates fire safety publications and conducts fire safety education outreach at schools, senior centers, health care facilities, and other locations as requested. This program also promotes the use of fire detectors and distributes free detectors in southeast Ohio. In fiscal year 2006, 3,721 fire safety-related programs reached 86,500 Ohioans.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain fire prevention programs for Ohioans.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	1,001,444	1,045,380
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,001,444	1,045,380

Program 05.05: Forensic Lab

This program analyzes evidence from fires and explosions as well as hazardous material leaks and spills on behalf of fire investigators and state and local law enforcement agencies. During fiscal year 2006, the laboratory examined nearly 692 cases consisting of almost 2,300 pieces of evidence.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Maintain seven full-time employees for the examination of evidence for fire related investigations.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	665,030	695,138
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				665,030	695,138

Program 05.06: Bureau of Underground Storage Tanks

This program regulates and enforces statutes related to the registration, installation, removal, upgrade, or repair of petroleum underground storage tanks. In fiscal year 2006, the program performed approximately 900 inspections of underground storage tank systems to determine compliance with state regulations, initiated 298 administrative enforcement actions, and completed the assessment and cleanup of 1,100 releases of petroleum into the environment.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide an additional five inspectors for a total of 39 full-time employees for regulation of tanks; and
- Increase inspections to meet new federal requirements.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
FED	348	800-622	Underground Storage Tanks	195,008	195,008
FED	348	800-624	Leaking Undergrnd Storage Tank	1,850,000	1,850,000
SSR	653	800-629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	1,342,062	1,296,710
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,387,070	3,341,718

Program 05.07: Fire Department Assistance

This program provides grants and no-interest loans to local fire departments to offset the cost of training and equipment. In fiscal year 2006, grants totaling \$1,894,640 were issued.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide over 100 grants to local fire departments with an average grant amount of \$7,880;
- Provide more than 540 grants for training reimbursement with an average award amount of \$1,167; and
- Increase from two to three the number of loans for fire departments.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	5F1	800-635	Small Government Fire Departments	300,000	300,000
SSR	546	800-639	Fire Department Grants	1,647,140	1,647,140
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,947,140	1,947,140

Program 05.08: State Fire Marshal Program Administration

This program directs, administers, supports, and coordinates the activities of the programs of the State Fire Marshal Program Series and serves as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities. It provides support for employees who provide regulatory services and support to Ohio's fire service industry. The services provided include, but are not limited to, communications, fiscal administration, legal, quality control, and support services. This program also includes regulation of the fireworks industry.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Fund 15 full-time employees to oversee over 200 employees of the State Fire Marshal Program Series;
- Maintain the new dorm and office building for the Academy and State Fire Marshal offices.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	546	800-610	Fire Marshal	3,256,039	3,328,632
SSR	653	800-629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	170,450	170,450
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,426,489	3,499,082

PROGRAM SERIES 06: Unclaimed Funds

This program series is responsible for the safekeeping and return of moneys designated as "unclaimed."

Program 06.01: Unclaimed Funds

Each year, due to death, inadvertence, or forgetfulness, more than 200,000 people and organizations lose track of moneys, rights to moneys, and intangible property in Ohio. The funds are remitted to this program by various entities, such as employers, corporations, financial institutions, and insurance companies. The program then acts as the custodian of the funds and returns them to their rightful owners. In fiscal year 2006, \$210.2 million was collected and a total of over \$64.3 million was returned to current or former Ohio residents.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Increase the number of audits of businesses for reporting of unclaimed funds;
- Continue advertisement of unclaimed funds to citizens for collection, including the online Treasure Hunt service;
- Provide for the return of \$70 million or more of unclaimed funds in fiscal year 2008 and \$75 million or more in fiscal year 2009; and

- Maintain the collection and reporting of unclaimed funds from holders.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	543	800-602	Unclaimed Funds - Operating	7,880,468	8,049,937
GSF	543	800-625	Unclaimed Funds - Claims	70,000,000	75,000,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				77,880,468	83,049,937

PROGRAM SERIES 07: Wage, Hour, and Minor Law Enforcement

This program series promotes minor safety in the work place and overall compliance with wage laws. Two programs formerly associated with this program series, the Public Employment Risk Reduction Program and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Consultation Program, are transferred to the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Program 07.01: Wage, Hour, and Minor Law Enforcement

This program enforces minimum wage and minor labor laws. It also enforces Ohio's prevailing wage, which is the wage rate that must be paid to employees who work on public improvement construction projects. In fiscal year 2006, this program collected \$942,281 in prevailing wage back wages, \$98,799 in minimum and overtime back wages, and \$13,863 in prevailing wage penalties.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Increase resources to receive and process complaints regarding the increased minimum wage.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	800-410	Labor and Worker Safety	2,132,397	2,132,397
SSR	5K7	800-621	Penalty Enforcement	100,000	100,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				2,232,397	2,232,397

PROGRAM SERIES 08: Program Management

This program series provides policy and administrative direction as well as centralized functions for the department.

Program 08.01: Program Management

This program directs, administers, supports, and coordinates the activities of the seven program series of the department and serves as a liaison to other government, corporate, and public entities. It provides support services for over 900 state employees including, but not limited to, communications, fiscal administration, human resources, legal, legislative affairs, quality control, training, and employee development.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Support 90 full-time employees to provide administration for the seven program series of the department.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	163	800-620	Division of Administration	4,323,037	4,413,037
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				4,323,037	4,413,037

Program 08.02: Information Technology Group

This program provides information technology (IT) support services for over 900 employees within the department. These services include, but are not limited to, planning, technical support, hardware/software purchasing advice, infrastructure support for agency-wide IT databases/systems, web development and maintenance of the agency website, and support for the creation and implementation of new technology systems.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide for the consolidation of the department’s IT staff to provide organized and flexible support services for all department programs;
- Increase the total number of staff from 48 to 53 to meet the growing demands of electronic commerce; and
- Provide planning, technical, procurement, development, and maintenance related to IT for individual programs as well as agency-wide strategies.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GSF	163	800-637	Information Technology	6,650,150	6,780,963
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,650,150	6,780,963

Appropriation Line Item Analyses for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Line Item Notes

800-621, Penalty Enforcement: This line item is increased to provide more funding for enforcement of prevailing wage laws in Ohio.

800-637, Information Technology: This line item is increased significantly to transfer all information technology staff within the Department of Commerce's distinct divisions into the centralized information technology office.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Commerce

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	800-402	Grants-Volunteer Fire Depts.	622,035	609,076	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	800-410	Labor and Worker Safety	3,315,130	3,402,076	1,978,124	2,032,396	2,132,397	4.9	2,132,397	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			3,937,165	4,011,152	1,978,124	2,032,396	2,132,397	4.9	2,132,397	.0
163	800-620	Division of Administration	4,013,146	4,051,319	4,056,335	4,368,037	4,323,037	(1.0)	4,413,037	2.1
163	800-637	Information Technology	1,953,654	2,401,469	2,831,761	2,785,045	6,650,150	**	6,780,963	2.0
5F1	800-635	Small Government Fire Departments	0	310,500	84,000	250,000	300,000	20.0	300,000	.0
543	800-602	Unclaimed Funds - Operating	13,698,709	11,152,976	14,379,498	7,351,051	7,880,468	7.2	8,049,937	2.2
543	800-625	Unclaimed Funds - Claims	49,175,417	53,867,433	64,281,118	70,000,000	70,000,000	.0	75,000,000	7.1
TOTAL General Services Fund Group			68,840,926	71,783,697	85,632,712	84,754,133	89,153,655	5.2	94,543,937	6.0
043	800-601	Merchandising	351,560,667	371,747,444	401,268,248	397,847,141	440,499,979	10.7	464,027,015	5.3
043	800-627	Liquor Control Operating	13,630,760	15,177,420	15,990,580	15,981,346	15,980,724	.0	16,334,583	2.2
043	800-633	Development Assistance Debt Service	21,229,598	25,429,817	28,876,375	39,230,000	33,678,800	(14.2)	38,616,800	14.7
043	800-636	Revitalization Debt Service	1,182,282	4,854,885	5,288,108	13,485,800	12,620,900	(6.4)	15,683,300	24.3
TOTAL Liquor Control Fund Group			387,603,307	417,209,566	451,423,311	466,544,287	502,780,403	7.8	534,661,698	6.3
348	800-622	Underground Storage Tanks	193,900	192,244	190,210	196,800	195,008	(.9)	195,008	.0
348	800-624	Leaking Undergrnd Storage Tank	1,325,340	1,592,879	1,491,033	1,850,000	1,850,000	.0	1,850,000	.0
349	800-626	OSHA Enforcement	1,510,685	1,423,414	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL Fed Special Revenue Fund Group			3,029,925	3,208,537	1,681,243	2,046,800	2,045,008	(.1)	2,045,008	.0
4B2	800-631	Real Estate Appraisal Recovery	0	0	0	35,000	35,000	.0	35,000	.0
4H9	800-608	Cemeteries	239,891	252,343	260,609	273,465	273,465	.0	273,465	.0
4L5	800-609	Fireworks Training & Education	3,815	4,800	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
4X2	800-619	Financial Institutions	1,391,419	1,490,048	2,816,087	2,913,343	2,474,414	(15.1)	2,523,918	2.0
5B9	800-632	PI & Security Guard Provider	990,889	10	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
5K7	800-621	Penalty Enforcement	29,459	28,350	34,475	50,000	100,000	**	100,000	.0
544	800-612	Banks	5,780,933	6,335,750	5,940,081	6,759,197	6,516,507	(3.6)	6,703,253	2.9
545	800-613	Savings Institutions	2,328,273	2,304,020	1,740,773	2,669,774	2,244,370	(15.9)	2,286,616	1.9
546	800-610	Fire Marshal	12,285,825	13,025,845	12,441,760	13,332,397	13,104,393	(1.7)	13,579,150	3.6
546	800-639	Fire Department Grants	0	0	1,644,640	1,647,140	1,647,140	.0	1,647,140	.0
546	800-640	Homeland Security Grants	0	0	0	0	10,000	.0	10,000	.0
547	800-603	Real Estate Education/Research	85,991	90,777	48,581	250,000	250,000	.0	250,000	.0
548	800-611	Real Estate Recovery	20,000	1,750	40,000	100,000	50,000	(50.0)	50,000	.0
549	800-614	Real Estate	3,077,353	3,226,963	3,226,129	3,605,892	3,480,038	(3.5)	3,574,171	2.7
550	800-617	Securities	3,728,148	3,810,913	3,934,456	4,400,000	4,312,453	(2.0)	4,473,094	3.7
552	800-604	Credit Union	2,414,107	2,374,025	2,795,908	3,654,352	3,521,037	(3.6)	3,627,390	3.0
553	800-607	Consumer Finance	3,171,714	3,504,194	3,624,366	5,800,445	5,800,445	.0	5,800,445	.0

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FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
556	800-615	Industrial Compliance	21,430,177	22,542,263	22,065,059	25,037,257	25,033,908	.0	25,570,011	2.1
6A4	800-630	Real Estate Appraiser Operating	529,262	607,273	660,972	664,006	664,006	.0	664,006	.0
653	800-629	UST Registration/Permit Fee	1,150,825	1,216,278	1,191,688	1,249,633	1,512,512	21.0	1,467,160	(3.0)
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			58,658,081	60,815,602	62,465,584	72,441,901	71,029,688	(1.9)	72,634,819	2.3
TOTAL Department of Commerce			522,069,404	557,028,554	603,180,974	627,819,517	667,141,151	6.3	706,017,859	5.8

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