

**Role and Overview**

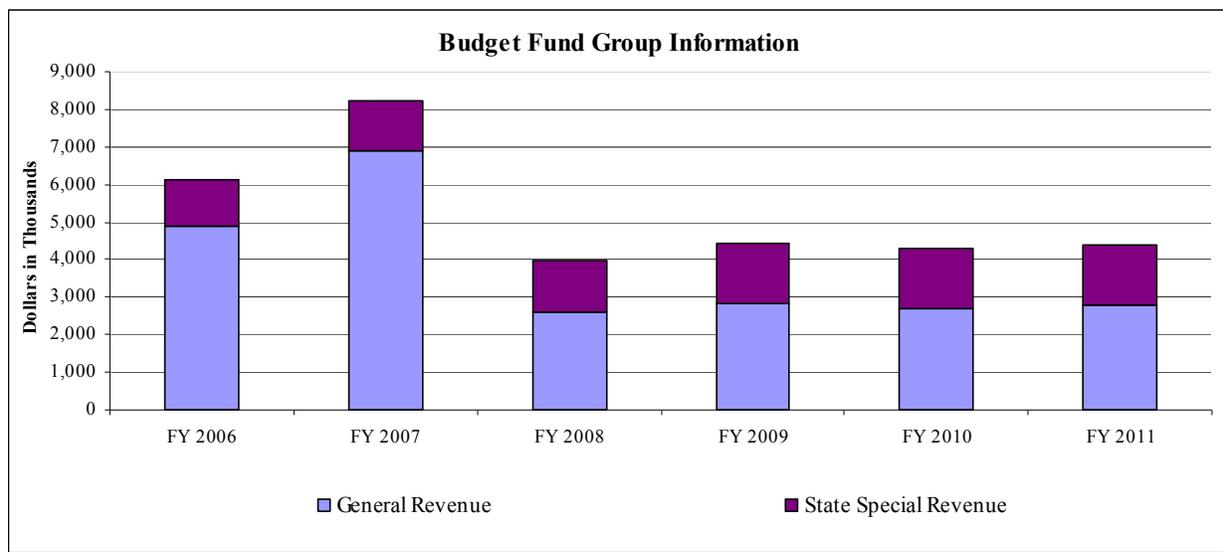
The Court of Claims (CLA) is a statutory court of original jurisdiction that was created to hear and determine all civil actions against the State of Ohio. The Court of Claims also hears and determines appeals from decisions concerning claims filed by victims of crime for awards of reparations, which are initially determined by the Attorney General. The Court of Claims has 29 full-time employees, three part-time retired judges assigned by the Chief Justice, one part-time magistrate appointed by a judge of the Court of Claims, seven part-time commissioners appointed by the Supreme Court, and two part-time law students appointed by the clerk. The annual budget of approximately \$4.4 million includes a GRF operating budget of \$2.8 million. Additional information regarding the Court of Claims is available at <http://www.cco.state.oh.us>.

As required by Section 107.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Governor has made no alterations to funding requests made by the judicial branch of government. Recommended amounts are as requested.

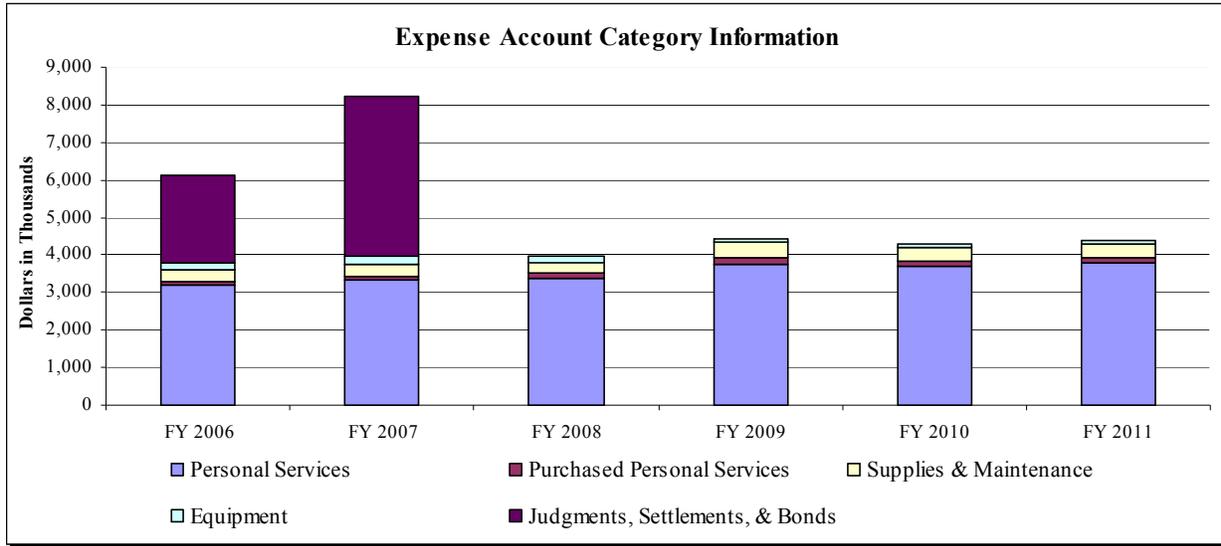
**Agency Priorities**

- Hear and determine all civil actions filed against the State of Ohio and state agencies.

**Summary of Budget History and Recommendations**



(In Thousands)	ACTUAL			EST.	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	CHANGE	FY 2011	CHANGE
General Revenue	4,906	6,878	2,603	2,841	9.2	2,699	-5.0	2,780	3.0
State Special Revenue	1,222	1,362	1,350	1,583	17.2	1,583	0.0	1,583	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,128</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>4,424</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>1.9</b>



- The Court's GRF Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation line item is not appropriated in the biennial budget bill. Moneys are transferred from the Controlling Board's Emergency Purposes line item on an as-needed basis to pay individuals who have been judged wrongfully imprisoned by the State of Ohio. Upon certification by the Court of Claims (CLA), the Controlling Board transfers the sum necessary to the CLA line item. The Office of Budget and Management then distributes payment to the plaintiff. In fiscal years 2006 and 2007, the State of Ohio settled a total of six wrongful imprisonment lawsuits. This type of expense is reflected in the category of judgments, settlements, and bonds.

(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST.	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 08-09	FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	3,186	3,340	3,381	3,746	10.8	3,720	-0.7	3,778	1.6
Purchased Personal Services	87	85	137	172	25.1	132	-23.2	134	1.5
Supplies & Maintenance	354	330	283	421	49.1	365	-13.5	370	1.4
Equipment	143	225	153	85	-44.1	66	-22.6	82	24.1
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	2,358	4,260	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,128</b>	<b>8,240</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>4,424</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>4,363</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**PROGRAM SERIES 01: Court of Claims**

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**Program 01.01: Court of Claims**

The Court of Claims hears claims that typically involve contract disputes, property damage, personal injury, immunity of state officers and employees, discrimination, and wrongful imprisonment.

**The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:**

- Hear and determine civil actions filed against the State of Ohio and state agencies;

- Hear appeals from decisions made by the Attorney General on claims allowed under the Victims of Crime Act; and
- Continue the current level of 29 full-time positions, three part-time retired judges, one part-time magistrate, and seven part-time commissioners.

<b>FUND</b>				<b>RECOMMENDED</b>	
<b>GROUP</b>	<b>FUND</b>	<b>ALI</b>	<b>ALI NAME</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
GRF	GRF	015321	Operating Expenses	2,699,369	2,780,350
SSR	5K20	015603	CLA Victims Of Crime	1,582,684	1,582,684
<b>TOTAL FOR PROGRAM</b>				<b>4,282,053</b>	<b>4,363,034</b>

**LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Court of Claims**

FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	015321	Operating Expenses	2,548,356	2,617,810	2,603,050	2,841,441	2,699,369	-5.0	2,780,350	3.0
GRF	015402	Wrongful Imprisonment Fund	2,357,877	4,260,000	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
<b>TOTAL General Revenue</b>			<b>4,906,233</b>	<b>6,877,810</b>	<b>2,603,050</b>	<b>2,841,441</b>	<b>2,699,369</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>2,780,350</b>	<b>3.0</b>
5K20	015603	Cla Victims of Crime	1,221,627	1,362,490	1,350,493	1,582,684	1,582,684	0.0	1,582,684	0.0
<b>TOTAL State Special Revenue</b>			<b>1,221,627</b>	<b>1,362,490</b>	<b>1,350,493</b>	<b>1,582,684</b>	<b>1,582,684</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,582,684</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL Court of Claims</b>			<b>6,127,860</b>	<b>8,240,300</b>	<b>3,953,543</b>	<b>4,424,125</b>	<b>4,282,053</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>4,363,034</b>	<b>1.9</b>