

Office of the Governor  
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Chairman Dolan, ranking member Sykes and members of the Finance Committee, good morning. My name is Aaron Crooks and I serve as Governor DeWine’s Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. I am pleased to be with you today to discuss Governor DeWine’s internal operating budget request for the upcoming biennium.

The Governor serves as the chief executive officer of the state as outlined in the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The budget for the Governor also includes funding to support the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, whose role is to assist the Governor in the performance of executive duties and to assume the Office of the Governor if it becomes vacant.

In these roles, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor oversee the executive agencies and serve the people of Ohio through actively advance policies and practices that will strengthen the State of Ohio.

**FY 2022-2023 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW**

The Governor’s FY 2022-2023 biennial budget recommendation is flat funded from FY21 and is summarized in the following table:

FUND	ALI	ALI Name	HB166 (enacted)	Estimated	Recommended	
			FY2021	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
GRF	040321	Operating Expenses	2,973,034	\$2,728,922	2,973,034	2,973,034
<b>Total General Revenue Fund</b>			<b>2,973,034</b>	<b>\$2,728,922</b>	<b>2,973,034</b>	<b>2,973,034</b>
5AK0	040607	Government Relations	619,988	\$619,988	619,988	619,988
Total Internal Service Activity			619,988	\$619,988	619,988	619,988
Total			<b>3,593,022</b>	<b>\$3,348,910</b>	<b>3,593,022</b>	<b>3,593,022</b>

The budget consists of two line items – the primary line item 040321 is funded by the General Revenue Fund and provides the funding to manage and carry out the day to day activities of the governor’s office including salary and IT costs.

The second line item, 040607 is an intragovernmental fund and is used to fund activities related to advocacy on behalf of the state with other governmental units – local, state and federal, which includes membership in the National Governor’s Association, and maintaining the Washington DC staff and physical office.

This concludes my formal presentation of the Governor’s biennial budget recommendation with respect to internal operations. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.