

Office of the Governor
FY24-FY25 Budget Testimony
Senate Finance Committee
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Chairman Dolan, Vice Chairman Cirino, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the Senate Finance Committee, good morning. My name is Giles Allen 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 2024-2025 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

The Governor's FY 2024-2025 biennial budget recommendation includes a 4% increase in FY24 over FY23, and no increase in FY25 over FY24; this minimal increase accounts for the rising costs of routine supplies and staffing; the recommendation is summarized in the following table:

			Estimated	Recommended			
FUND	ALI	ALI Name	FY2023	FY2024	% Change	FY2025	% Change
GRF	040321	Operating Expenses	3,095,179	3,218,986	4%	3,218,986	0%
Total General Revenue Fund			3,095,179	3,218,986		3,218,986	
5AKO	040607	Government Relations	637,306	662,798	4%	662,798	0%
Total Internal Service Activity			637,306	662,798		662,798	
Total			3,732,485	3,881,784		3,881,784	

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, office supplies, 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.

Thank you for this opportunity to present the Governor’s biennial budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor. I appreciate your time, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.