



**MIKE DEWINE**  
**GOVERNOR OF OHIO**



Office of Governor Mike DeWine  
SFY26-SFY27 Budget Testimony  
House Finance Committee  
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Chairman Stewart, Vice Chairman Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee, good morning. My name is Lindsey Brigano and I serve as Governor DeWine's Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs. I am pleased to be with you today to discuss the Governor internal operating budget request for the upcoming biennium (SFY26-27).

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 by actively advancing policies and practices that will strengthen the State. The budget before you consists of two line items. The primary line item – 040321– is funded by the General Revenue Fund and provides funding to manage and carry out the day-to-day activities of the office including salary, office supplies, and IT costs.

The second line item – 040607 – is an intragovernmental fund which 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 as well as maintaining the Washington D.C. staff and physical office.

The Governor's FY 2026-2027 biennial budget recommendation includes no increase in the office's GRF line; but does include a small increase in FY26 and FY27 in the Internal Services line. This minimal increase accounts for the rising costs of rent, supplies, and staffing for the Governor's Washington D.C. office, as well as the National Governor's Association membership.

Thank you for this opportunity to present the biennial budget recommendation for the Office of the Governor. I appreciate your time and am happy to answer any questions you may have.

## FY 2026-2027 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

			Estimated	Recommended			
FUND	ALI	ALI Name	FY2025	FY2026	% Change	FY2027	% Change
GRF	040321	Operating Expenses	3,481,221	3,481,221	0%	3,481,221	0%
<b>Total General Revenue Fund</b>			<b>3,481,221</b>	<b>3,481,221</b>		<b>3,481,221</b>	
5AK0	040607	Government Relations	662,798	715,600	7.5%	734,442	3%
<b>Total Internal Service Activity</b>			<b>662,798</b>	<b>715,600</b>		<b>734,442</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>4,144,019</b>	<b>4,196,821</b>		<b>4,215,663</b>	