



Fiscal Year 2027 General Operating Budget

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Fiscal Year 2026

**Forecast
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**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

**FY 2026 FORECAST vs FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET
EXPENSES**

	FORECAST FY 2 0 2 6	BUDGET FY 2 0 2 6	INCREASE (DECREASE)	Per Cent
1. SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,407,476	\$3,489,879	(82,403)	-2.4%
2. FRINGE BENEFITS	1,324,350	1,494,143	(169,793)	-11.4%
3. TRAVEL, SUBSISTENCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	138,570	198,668	(60,098)	-30.3%
Employee Travel	17,036	18,438	(1,402)	-7.6%
Professional Development	94,746	129,866	(35,120)	-27.0%
Executive Board Travel	573	25,000	(24,427)	-97.7%
Agency Memberships	23,818	22,846	972	4.3%
Professional Publications	2,397	2,518	(121)	-4.8%
4. PRINTING, MARKETING AND CONTRACTUAL	4,656,092	4,990,553	(334,461)	-6.7%
Technical Consultants	594,096	786,855	(192,759)	-24.5%
Professional Services, Other	267,518	292,725	(25,207)	-8.6%
Contracts with Government Agencies	3,456,188	3,572,728	(116,540)	-3.3%
Outside Printing and Graphics	1,888	1,635	253	15.5%
Marketing and Promotions	326,570	325,250	1,320	0.4%
Temporary Services	969	0	969	#DIV/0!
Data Subscriptions and Other	8,863	11,360	(2,497)	-22.0%
5. OTHER EXPENDITURES	939,625	1,015,558	(75,933)	-7.5%
Materials and Supplies	115,272	140,890	(25,618)	-18.2%
Occupancy and Communications	381,369	384,219	(2,850)	-0.7%
Postage, Freight and Shipping	3,119	1,326	1,793	135.2%
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	57,412	84,063	(26,651)	-31.7%
Legal Counsel and Audit	133,221	148,543	(15,322)	-10.3%
Insurance	42,286	43,126	(840)	-1.9%
Meetings and Public Hearings	75,801	70,558	5,243	7.4%
Depreciation of Agency Assets	27,093	34,601	(7,508)	-21.7%
Legal Advertising	7,296	5,004	2,292	45.8%
EE Benefit Plan Fees	0	500	(500)	-100.0%
Other Unclassified Expenses	96,756	102,728	(5,972)	-5.8%
6. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	494,552	264,350	230,202	87.1%
Contributed Services	494,552	264,350	230,202	
Contributed Services in excess of required ma	46,642	45,436	1,206	
BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$10,960,665</u>	<u>\$11,453,151</u>	<u>(492,486)</u>	-4.3%

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

**FY 2026 FORECAST vs FY 2026 OPERATING BUDGET
REVENUES**

	FORECAST FY 2 0 2 6	BUDGET FY 2 0 2 6	INCREASE (DECREASE)	Per Cent
1. FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	\$3,416,549	\$3,551,049	(134,500)	-3.8%
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	2,744,554	3,286,640	(542,086)	-16.5%
Federal Rail Administration (FRA)	411,852	0	411,852	#DIV/0!
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)	260,143	264,409	(4,266)	-1.6%
2. STATE FUNDED CONTRACTS	5,779,742	6,219,279	(439,537)	-7.1%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Planning (CPG)	3,362,291	3,633,161	(270,870)	-7.5%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds (STBG)	620,169	593,565	26,604	4.5%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Rideshare (CMAQ)	147,905	153,014	(5,109)	-3.3%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Ozone (CMAQ)	128,210	141,243	(13,033)	-9.2%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds State Safety	137,303	114,000	23,303	20.4%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Planning (PL & FTA)	959,048	1,062,441	(103,393)	-9.7%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds (SNK)	131,945	126,285	5,660	4.5%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Rideshare (SNK)	39,335	40,693	(1,358)	-3.3%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Ozone (SNK)	34,097	37,563	(3,466)	-9.2%
FHWA/INDOT - State Funds (SPR)	37,125	60,000	(22,875)	-38.1%
OEPA - 604(b) & State Biennium	182,314	257,314	(75,000)	-29.1%
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS	1,164,245	1,249,029	(84,784)	-6.8%
Member County Funding Agreements	716,603	716,603	0	0.0%
Local Contracts	447,642	532,426	(84,784)	-15.9%
4. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	196,277	114,736	81,541	71.1%
Interest Income and Administrative Fees	38,496	43,736	(5,240)	-12.0%
Operating Revenues and Misc.	157,781	71,000	86,781	122.2%
5. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	494,552	264,350	230,202	87.1%
Contributed Services	494,552	264,350	230,202	
Contributed Services in excess of required match	46,642	45,436	1,206	
6. OPERATING SURPLUS	(90,700)	54,708	(145,408)	-265.8%
Funds Provided (to)/from Surplus	(90,700)	54,708	(145,408)	
BUDGETED REVENUES	<u>10,960,665</u>	<u>11,453,151</u>	<u>(492,486)</u>	-4.3%

Fiscal Year 2027

Budget

vs

Fiscal Year 2026

Forecast

Section II

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

**FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET vs FY 2026 FORECAST
EXPENSES**

	BUDGET FY 2 0 2 7	FORECAST FY 2 0 2 6	INCREASE (DECREASE)	Per Cent
1. SALARIES AND WAGES	\$3,707,788	\$3,407,476	300,312	8.8%
2. FRINGE BENEFITS	1,515,832	1,324,350	191,482	14.5%
3. TRAVEL, SUBSISTENCE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	214,352	138,570	75,782	54.7%
Employee Travel	22,416	17,036	5,380	31.6%
Professional Development	139,815	94,746	45,069	47.6%
Executive Board Travel	25,000	573	24,427	4266.4%
Agency Memberships	25,511	23,818	1,693	7.1%
Professional Publications	1,610	2,397	(787)	-32.8%
4. PRINTING, MARKETING AND CONTRACTUAL	3,969,794	4,656,092	(686,298)	-14.7%
Technical Consultants	904,128	594,096	310,032	52.2%
Professional Services, Other	297,986	267,518	30,468	11.4%
Contracts with Government Agencies	2,425,998	3,456,188	(1,030,190)	-29.8%
Outside Printing and Graphics	3,203	1,888	1,315	69.7%
Marketing and Promotions	328,225	326,570	1,655	0.5%
Temporary Services	1,500	969	531	54.7%
Data Subscriptions and Other	8,754	8,863	(109)	-1.2%
5. OTHER EXPENDITURES	929,709	939,625	(9,916)	-1.1%
Materials and Supplies	135,532	115,272	20,260	17.6%
Occupancy and Communications	407,831	381,369	26,462	6.9%
Postage, Freight and Shipping	1,651	3,119	(1,468)	-47.1%
Equipment Repairs and Maintenance	80,407	57,412	22,995	40.1%
Legal Counsel and Audit	141,305	133,221	8,084	6.1%
Insurance	42,583	42,286	297	0.7%
Meetings and Public Hearings	82,004	75,801	6,203	8.2%
Depreciation of Agency Assets	23,920	27,093	(3,173)	-11.7%
Legal Advertising	4,595	7,296	(2,701)	-37.0%
EE Benefit Plan Fees	500	0	500	
Other Unclassified Expenses	9,381	96,756	(87,375)	-90.3%
6. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	244,510	494,552	(250,042)	-50.6%
Contributed Services	244,510	494,552	(250,042)	
Contributed Services in excess of required match	45,231	46,642	(1,411)	
BUDGETED EXPENSES	10,581,985	10,960,665	(378,680)	-3.5%

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

**FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET vs FY 2026 FORECAST
REVENUES**

	BUDGET FY 2 0 2 7	FORECAST FY 2 0 2 6	INCREASE (DECREASE)	Per Cent
1. FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS	\$2,245,846	\$3,416,549	(\$1,170,703)	-34.3%
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	2,079,538	2,744,554	(665,016)	-24.2%
Federal Rail Administration (FRA)	0	411,852	(411,852)	-100.0%
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)	166,308	260,143	(93,835)	-36.1%
2. STATE FUNDED CONTRACTS	6,532,982	5,779,742	753,240	13.0%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Planning (CPG)	3,749,599	3,362,291	387,308	11.5%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds (STBG)	834,833	620,169	214,664	34.6%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Rideshare (CMAQ)	154,554	147,905	6,649	4.5%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds Ozone (CMAQ)	142,784	128,210	14,574	11.4%
FHWA/ODOT - Federal Funds State Safety	0	137,303	(137,303)	-100.0%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Planning (PL & FTA)	978,614	959,048	19,566	2.0%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds (SNK)	295,065	131,945	163,120	123.6%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Rideshare (SNK)	41,103	39,335	1,768	4.5%
FHWA/KYTC - Federal Funds Ozone (SNK)	37,973	34,097	3,876	11.4%
FHWA/INDOT - State Funds (SPR)	84,943	37,125	47,818	128.8%
OEPA - 604(b) & State Biennium	213,514	182,314	31,200	17.1%
IDEM - ARRA Water	0	0	0	
Other Water Quality Environmental Funding	0	0		
3. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS	1,282,110	1,164,245	117,865	10.1%
Member County Funding Agreements	719,680	716,603	3,077	0.4%
Local Contracts	562,430	447,642	114,788	25.6%
4. MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES	144,821	196,277	(51,456)	-26.2%
Interest Income and Administrative Fees	38,121	38,496	(375)	-1.0%
Operating Revenues and Misc.	106,700	157,781	(51,081)	-32.4%
5. CONTRIBUTED SERVICES	244,510	494,552	(250,042)	-50.6%
Contributed Services	244,510	494,552	(250,042)	
Contributed Services in excess of required match	45,231	46,642	(1,411)	
6. OPERATING SURPLUS	131,716	(90,700)	222,416	-245.2%
Funds Provided (to)/from Surplus	131,716	(90,700)	222,416	
BUDGETED REVENUES	<u>10,581,985</u>	<u>10,960,665</u>	<u>(378,680)</u>	-3.5%

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Capital Expenditure Budget

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

FY 2027 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

1.	Computer Hardware and Software	\$18,000
2.	GIS, Transportation Modeling, and Simulation Systems	16,715
3.	Office Furniture and Equipment	20,500
4.	Leasehold Improvements	0
5.	Financial Management Software	0
6.	Vehicles	0
FY 2027 CAPITAL BUDGET		\$55,215

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Program Activities

Section IV

**Transportation,
Mobile Source Air Quality, and
Transportation Investment Analysis
and PE/EIS Activities**

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

**TRANSPORTATION, MOBILE SOURCE AIR QUALITY,
TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT ANALYSIS AND PE/EIS ACTIVITIES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Direct Personnel	\$2,009,295	\$1,812,968
Direct Fringe Benefits	\$1,311,552	\$1,147,512
Travel and Development	\$123,899	\$101,759
Contractual & Marketing	\$3,211,597	\$3,890,055
Capital Expenditure - Computers & Software	\$0	\$86,260
Printing and Reproduction	\$0	\$0
Other Direct Expenses	\$142,586	\$137,961
Allocated Indirect Costs	\$2,331,558	\$2,137,977
Contributed Services	\$224,741	\$476,194
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$9,355,228</u>	<u>\$9,790,686</u>

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
FTA 5310 Funds (Administrative and Pass-Through)	\$2,079,538	\$2,744,554
Federal Rail Administration (FRA)	\$0	\$411,852
FHWA/ODOT Federal/State Funds (CPG, STBG, & Research)	\$4,584,433	\$4,119,763
FHWA/KYTC Federal/State Funds (PL, FTA, & SNK)	\$1,273,679	\$1,090,994
FHWA/INDOT Federal/State Funds (PL & SPR)	\$84,943	\$37,125
Member County Contributions	\$592,636	\$491,332
Local Match Contracts	\$515,258	\$418,872
Freight Conference Revenue	\$0	\$0
Contributed Services	\$224,741	\$476,194
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Funds Provided from Operational Surplus	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	<u>\$9,355,228</u>	<u>\$9,790,686</u>

**Commuter Services
And
Regional Clean Air Program**

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

COMMUTER SERVICES and REGIONAL CLEAN AIR PROGRAM

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Direct Personnel	\$14,425	\$5,208
Direct Fringe Benefits	\$9,416	\$3,296
Travel and Development	\$1	\$0
Contractual	\$9,900	\$9,900
Marketing and Promotion	\$325,000	\$325,000
Printing and Reproduction	\$0	\$0
Other Direct Expenses	\$934	\$0
Allocated Indirect Costs	\$16,738	\$6,142
Contributed Services	\$19,769	\$18,358
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	<u>\$45,231</u>	<u>\$46,642</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u><u>\$396,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$367,904</u></u>

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
FHWA/ODOT Funds - Rideshare & Clean Air (CMAQ)	\$297,338	\$276,115
FHWA/KYTC Funds - Rideshare & Clean Air (CMAQ and SNK)	\$79,076	\$73,431
Member County Contributions	\$0	\$0
Contributed Services	\$19,769	\$18,358
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	<u>\$45,231</u>	<u>\$46,642</u>
Funds Provided from Operational Surplus	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	<u><u>\$396,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$367,904</u></u>

Regional Planning Activities

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
REGIONAL PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Direct Personnel	\$ 24,712	\$ 12,872
Direct Fringe Benefits	\$ 16,131	\$ 8,147
Travel and Development	\$ 164	\$ 213
Contractual	\$ -	\$ 800
Printing and Reproduction	\$ -	\$ -
Other Direct Expenses	\$ 317	\$ 38
Allocated Indirect Costs	\$ 28,676	\$ 15,180
Contributed Services	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$ 70,000</u>	<u>\$ 37,250</u>

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Duke Class Benefit Fund	\$0	\$0
Member County Contributions	\$70,000	\$37,250
Contributed Services - Other Public Agencies	\$0	\$0
<i>Contributed Services in excess of required match</i>	\$0	\$0
Funds Provided from Operational Surplus	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	<u>\$70,000</u>	<u>\$37,250</u>

**Environmental Services -
Water Quality Planning
Activities**

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - WATER QUALITY PLANNING ACTIVITIES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Direct Personnel	\$126,828	\$143,717
Direct Fringe Benefits	\$82,786	\$90,965
Travel and Development	\$4,686	\$1,871
Contractual	\$110,800	\$155,223
Printing and Reproduction	\$479	\$300
Other Direct Expenses	\$434	\$391
Contributed Services	\$0	\$0
Allocated Indirect Costs	<u>\$147,170</u>	<u>\$169,481</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u><u>\$473,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$561,948</u></u>

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
United States Environmental Protection Agency	\$166,308	\$260,142
Ohio EPA Section 604(b) Funds	\$138,514	\$107,314
Ohio General Assembly State Biennium Water Quality Funds	\$75,000	\$75,000
Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA)	\$25,700	\$72,831
Member County Contributions	\$67,661	\$46,661
Local Contracts	\$0	\$0
Contributed Services - Other Public Agencies	\$0	\$0
Funds Provided from Operational Surplus	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	<u><u>\$473,183</u></u>	<u><u>\$561,948</u></u>

General and Administrative Activities

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Direct Personnel	\$48,564	\$32,356
Direct Fringe Benefits	\$30,900	\$19,723
Executive Board Travel	\$25,000	\$573
Board Development & Director Search	\$0	\$0
Travel and Development - Staff	\$19,277	\$18,884
Meeting Expenses	\$55,087	\$49,624
Interest Expense	\$0	\$0
Other Direct Expenses	\$53,632	\$44,971
Allocated Indirect Costs	<u>\$54,931</u>	<u>\$36,746</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u><u>\$287,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$202,877</u></u>

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>	<u>FY 2027 BUDGET</u>	<u>FY 2026 FORECAST</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Interest Income	\$38,121	\$38,496
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$81,000	\$84,950
Member County Contributions	-\$10,617	\$141,361
Local Contracts	\$47,171	\$28,770
Funds Provided (to)/from Operational Surplus	<u>\$131,716</u>	<u>-\$90,700</u>
TOTAL BUDGETED REVENUES	<u><u>\$287,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$202,877</u></u>

Additional Information

**Fiscal Year 2027
Member County Contribution Data**

**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

LOCAL MEMBER COUNTY CONTRIBUTIONS

COUNTY	FY 2027 TOTAL	Administration	Commuter Services	Transportation & Air Quality	Water Quality	Regional Planning
OHIO						
BUTLER COUNTY	\$132,042	-\$1,948	\$0	\$108,733	\$12,414	\$12,843
CLERMONT COUNTY	\$71,602	-\$1,056	\$0	\$58,962	\$6,732	\$6,964
HAMILTON COUNTY	\$276,678	-\$4,082	\$0	\$227,836	\$26,012	\$26,912
WARREN COUNTY	\$84,870	-\$1,252	\$0	\$69,888	\$7,979	\$8,255
KENTUCKY						
BOONE COUNTY	\$47,954	-\$707	\$0	\$39,489	\$4,508	\$4,664
CAMPBELL COUNTY	\$31,496	-\$464	\$0	\$25,936	\$2,961	\$3,063
KENTON COUNTY	\$58,007	-\$856	\$0	\$47,767	\$5,454	\$5,642
INDIANA						
DEARBORN COUNTY	\$17,031	-\$252	\$0	\$14,025	\$1,601	\$1,657
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD						
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET	\$719,680	-\$10,617	\$0	\$592,636	\$67,661	\$70,000

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**OHIO-KENTUCKY-INDIANA REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FY 2027 OPERATING BUDGET**

COMPUTATION BASIS FOR LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT

County	07/01/2025 Population Estimate	% of Council Region	% Of Individual States	% Of Air Quality & Transportation Service Area [⌘]	% Of Commuter Service Area
OHIO		78.5338%	100.0000%	78.5338%	78.5338%
BUTLER	400,128	18.3474%	23.3624%	18.3474%	18.3474%
CLERMONT	216,977	9.9492%	12.6687%	9.9492%	9.9492%
HAMILTON	838,418	38.4446%	48.9529%	38.4446%	38.4446%
WARREN	257,181	11.7927%	15.0161%	11.7927%	11.7927%
KENTUCKY		19.0997%	100.0000%	19.0997%	19.0997%
BOONE	145,316	6.6633%	34.8868%	6.6633%	6.6633%
CAMPBELL	95,441	4.3763%	22.9130%	4.3763%	4.3763%
KENTON	175,779	8.0601%	42.2002%	8.0601%	8.0601%
INDIANA		2.3665%	100.0000%	2.3665%	2.3665%
DEARBORN	51,609	2.3665%	100.0000%	2.3665%	2.3665%
TOTALS	2,180,849	100.00%	n/a	100.00%	100.00%

[⌘] See Footnote 6

Footnotes

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FOOTNOTES TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET

Note 1 - Overall Operating Budget Cost Classification System (Section II, Page 3)

The Overall Operating Budget, Section II, has six major cost categories. Five categories deal with expenditures of the Council and the sixth deals with the valuation of assets or services contributed to the Council by outside organizations. Of these major cost categories, Item 3 (Travel, Subsistence, and Professional Development), Item 4 (Printing, Marketing, and Contractual), and Item 5 (Other Expenditures) are detailed by sub-cost categories for financial presentation. Established procedure of the Council is that cost overruns of the five major cost categories require a budget revision to be approved by the Budget and Executive Committees; individual sub-classification overruns will be explained in monthly financial reports. Overrun in the sixth major category, Contributed Services, does not require a budget revision. Although such services appear as an expense, they are actually contributed services to the Council that have a positive impact on Council finances as long as project budgets can absorb the value of such services.

The Budget Committee of the Council will make the determination if and when budget revisions are appropriate.

Note 2 – Capitalization Procedures

Effective July 1, 2003, fixed assets of the Council are capitalized when the cost of an individual item exceeds \$5,000.00. Previous policy required capitalization when cost exceeded \$250.00 per item. It is the belief of management that this depreciation schedule along with reporting techniques surpasses the requirement of the *Government Accounting and Standards Board* (GASB) procedure, GASB 34.

Note 3- Capital Expenditure Authorization Budget (Section III, Page 5)

The following capital expenditures are budgeted for fiscal year 2027.

Computer Hardware and Software. The micro-computerization capital re-investment program for the Council will continue this fiscal year. The fiscal year 2027 capital budget includes \$12,000 for a HyperV Server Replacement and \$6,000 for a Simulation PC. The supply budget includes \$38,535 for replacement computers and related hardware and software. The

fiscal year 2027 software subscription budget includes \$65,377 for Acrobat Pro DC, Google Cloud SQL, Microsoft Office 365, AI subscriptions, Silktide, NearMap Online Imagery, Citix AI Evo Counter SW, and other software services.

GIS, Transportation Modeling, and Simulation Systems. In fiscal year 2003, the Council began its GIS program with \$20,000 budgeted for Hardware. Since then, additional GIS hardware and software have been added to the system, along with Transportation Modeling and Simulation hardware and software for a more comprehensive system. The items in this category have been direct purchased with specific program funds. The fiscal year 2027 capital budget includes \$16,715 for Miovision Scout Plus. The fiscal year 2027 expense budget includes \$4,000 for Regrid Premium Parcel Data.

Office Furniture and Equipment. The fiscal year 2027 capital budget includes \$20,500 for 2 new color copiers. The supply budget includes \$3,194 for hosted phone system equipment fees and other miscellaneous office equipment.

Leasehold Improvements. Nothing is budgeted in this category for fiscal year 2027.

Financial Management Software. The fiscal year 2027 software subscription budget includes \$12,270 for the annual financial management system software subscription fee.

Replacement Staff Vehicle. Nothing is programmed in the capital budget for fiscal year 2027. Currently the Council has a 2019 minivan in service.

Note 4 - Depreciation and Use Charges (Section II, Page 3)

Office furniture and fixtures are depreciated over a period of ten years with one-half year depreciation taken in the year of purchase and of disposal. Personal computers acquired prior to July 1, 1998 were depreciated over a 60-month life beginning with the month of purchase. Computers acquired after June 30, 1998 are depreciated over a life of three years. GIS hardware and software and reproduction/copier equipment will be depreciated over a 60-month life, each beginning the month that such items are placed in service.

Vehicles are depreciated over a period of 60 months. The estimated salvage value is deducted from the purchase price to arrive at an "adjusted basis" which is the depreciable amount. Depreciation begins in the month of purchase, with half-month convention used for fiscal years beginning after 1987. It is the belief of management that this depreciation schedule along with reporting techniques surpasses the requirement of the *Government Accounting and Standards Board* (GASB) procedure, GASB 34.

Note 5 - Accounting System Information

The Council is on an accrual basis of accounting. Unlike fund accounting systems that are on a modified accrual basis, the Council recognizes expenditures and revenues when incurred, and matches revenues to the appropriate period in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Council uses non-budgetary types of accounts since fund accounting is not utilized, and relies on a sophisticated job-cost accounting system to control its financial programs.

The Council, under the direction of the Auditor of the State of Ohio, engages the service of an independent public accounting firm (CPA) to audit OKI's books, and the Council has received "unqualified" opinions on their financial statements since 1970.

Note 6 - Member County Contribution Information (Section V, Pages 11 & 12)

The member county contributions requested for fiscal year 2027 may be found in Section V, page 11 of the budget. In order to distribute costs in an equitable fashion between OKI member counties, July 2025 census population for the eight counties, three state areas is used for calculating allocation percentages for all activities. All allocations are based upon population unless otherwise noted. The computational table may be found on page 12 of the budget document. The County dues continue to be calculated on the approved rate of \$0.33 cents per capita in effect since FY 2000.

Note 7 – Salary Adjustments

Fiscal year 2027 budget includes 5.5% for merit salary adjustments to be awarded in conformity with the Council compensation program, as has been approved by the Board. Cost of living increases are **not** provided for in this budget document.

Beginning in fiscal year 2002, the budget provides for and authorizes only merit increases based upon the compensation plan adopted by the Executive Committee in late 2000. Such increases will be awarded solely on a basis of performance/merit. Approval of this budget document provides the specific authorization to award such merit increases in conformity with the approved program.

Note 8 – Office Lease

In May 2023, the Council executed a new 7-year lease with CBRE Corporation to provide for office occupancy at 720 E. Pete Rose Way through June 30, 2030. Per the terms of this lease arrangement, OKI's base rent for FY2027 will be \$193,536.60. During the lease term, the Base Rent shall increase 2.5% per lease year.

Period	Annual Base Rent (per RSF)	Monthly Base Rent
July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024	\$11.00	\$14,976.50
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025	\$11.28	\$15,350.91
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026	\$11.56	\$15,734.69
July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027	\$11.85	\$16,128.05
July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028	\$12.14	\$16,531.25
July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029	\$12.45	\$16,944.54
July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030	\$12.76	\$17,368.15

Note 9 – Federal Pass-Through Revenue

The Council is responsible as primary recipient to pass certain funds through to other agencies within the OKI region who are eligible recipients for funds, not on a direct basis but rather on a pass-through basis. The reason for such utilization of pass-through procedures is to minimize the total number of grants within an area for the benefit of the federal agencies. Below details represent the federal share passing through the Council.

Pass-Through Funds	FY2027 Budget	FY2026 Forecast	FY26 Budget
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	\$1,865,727	\$2,569,400	\$3,046,125
Federal Rail Administration (FRA)	\$0	\$411,852	\$0
US Environmental Protection Agency	\$166,308	\$260,143	\$264,409