

**VOLUME I: GENERAL GOVERNMENT
AND QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES**

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Agency Summary

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Agency Mission

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Budget

Office of the Governor

	2024 Actuals	2025 Actuals	2026 Enacted Budget	2026 Revised Budget	2027 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
Central Management	7,532,310	8,906,788	9,334,918	9,369,511	9,630,312
Total Expenditures	7,532,310	8,906,788	9,334,918	9,369,511	9,630,312
Expenditures by Object					
Salary and Benefits	6,870,837	8,075,241	8,571,283	8,577,734	8,783,409
Contract Professional Services	16,880	37,145	13,000	13,000	13,000
Operating Supplies and Expenses	627,747	794,402	595,761	623,903	679,029
Assistance and Grants	0	0	150,000	150,000	150,000
Subtotal: Operating	7,515,464	8,906,788	9,330,044	9,364,637	9,625,438
Capital Purchases and Equipment	689	0	4,874	4,874	4,874
Operating Transfers	16,156	0	0	0	0
Subtotal: Other	16,846	0	4,874	4,874	4,874
Total Expenditures	7,532,310	8,906,788	9,334,918	9,369,511	9,630,312
Expenditures by Source of Funds					
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FTE Authorization	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0	45.0

Personnel Agency Summary

Office of the Governor

	FY 2026		FY 2027	
	FTE	Cost	FTE	Cost
Unclassified	45.0	5,759,051	45.0	5,982,725
Subtotal	45.0	5,759,051	45.0	5,982,725
Turnover		(349,054)		(408,561)
Total Salaries		5,409,997		5,574,164
Benefits				
FICA		398,092		412,001
Health Benefits		711,051		760,220
Payroll Accrual		31,405		32,023
Retiree Health		172,806		168,732
Retirement		1,697,492		1,669,045
Subtotal		3,010,846		3,042,021
Total Salaries and Benefits	45.0	8,420,843	45.0	8,616,185
Cost Per FTE Position		187,130		191,471
Statewide Benefit Assessment		156,891		167,224
Payroll Costs	45.0	8,577,734	45.0	8,783,409
Purchased Services				
Information Technology		10,000		10,000
Other Contracts		3,000		3,000
Subtotal		13,000		13,000
Total Personnel	45.0	8,590,734	45.0	8,796,409
Distribution by Source of Funds				
General Revenue	45.0	8,590,734	45.0	8,796,409
Total All Funds	45.0	8,590,734	45.0	8,796,409

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Unclassified					
ASSO DIR BOARDS & COMM (GO)	8336 A	1.0	118,390	1.0	127,871
ASSO DIR FOR INTERGOV AFF&OUTR	8343 A	1.0	153,242	1.0	160,186
CHIEF OF STAFF (GOV OFF)	8354 A	1.0	248,744	1.0	256,207
COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE (G O)	0817 F	0.5	46,422	0.5	47,815
COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST (GOV OFF)	8334 A	1.0	102,137	1.0	110,692
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COORD (GO)	8327 A	1.0	82,311	1.0	84,780
CONSTITUENT SERVICES ASSOCIATE	0817 F	0.5	46,422	0.5	47,815
CONSTITUENT SERVICES ASSOCIATE	8318 A	2.0	115,388	2.0	119,952
CONSTITUENT SERVICES ASSOCIATE II (GOV OFF)	8321 A	1.0	64,996	1.0	66,946
CONSTITUENT SVS ASSO I (G O)	8318 A	1.0	52,752	1.0	55,718
DEP DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS (GOV)	8341 A	1.0	149,359	1.0	155,058
DEP DIR OF LEG & INTERGOV AFF	8341 A	1.0	143,373	1.0	147,674
DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (GOVERNORS OFFICE)	8351 A	2.0	405,151	2.0	420,382
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COUNSEL (GOVERNOR'S OFFICE)	8339 A	1.0	122,664	1.0	132,595
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COUNSEL (GOVERNOR'S OFFICE)	8341 A	1.0	143,373	1.0	147,674
DIGI COMM DIR/POL ANALYST(GO)	8330 A	1.0	92,468	1.0	95,242
DIRECTOR OF APPOINTMENTS (GOV OFF)	8339 A	1.0	131,239	1.0	135,176
DIRECTOR OF CONSTITUENT SERVICES (GOV OFF)	8334 A	1.0	107,468	1.0	110,692
DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (GOV OFF)	8346 A	1.0	173,724	1.0	178,936
DIRECTOR OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS (GOV OFFICE)	8335 A	1.0	111,303	1.0	114,642
DIRECTOR OF SCHEDULING (G O)	8334 A	2.0	214,936	2.0	221,384
DIR OF COMM AFF & OUTRCH (GO)	8343 A	1.0	153,242	1.0	160,186
DIR OF COMMUNICATIONS (GO)	8346 A	1.0	173,724	1.0	178,936
EXECUTIVE COUNSEL (GOVERNOR'S OFFICE)	8347 A	1.0	197,776	1.0	203,708
GOVERNOR	0527 F	1.0	163,295	1.0	163,295
MULTI-MEDIA SPECIALIST (GOV OFF)	8330 A	1.0	92,468	1.0	95,242
OFFICE MANAGER (GOVERNORS OFFICE)	8328 A	1.0	85,532	1.0	88,098
POLICY ADVISOR I (GOV OFF)	8325 A	2.0	150,571	2.0	156,556
POLICY ADVISOR II (GOV OFF)	8332 A	1.0	91,118	1.0	97,283
POLICY DIRECTOR (GOVERNOR'S OFFICE)	8345 A	1.0	159,976	1.0	171,021
PRESS SECRETARY (GOV OFF)	8336 A	1.0	115,134	1.0	118,588
SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR (GOV'S OFFICE)	8348 A	1.0	177,519	1.0	189,096
SENIOR DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (GOV'S OFFICE)	8352 A	1.0	218,009	1.0	224,549
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST	8333 A	1.0	103,611	1.0	106,719

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SMALL BUSINESS LIAISON (G.O.)	8342 A	1.0	149,443	1.0	153,927
SPEC ASST TO CHF OF STAFF (GO)	8329 A	1.0	80,024	1.0	85,424
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF (GOV OFF)	8319 A	1.0	60,114	1.0	61,917
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF (GOV'S OFFICE)	8329 A	1.0	88,994	1.0	91,663
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR (GOV OFF)	8329 A	1.0	88,994	1.0	91,663
SR ADVISOR / SPECIAL COUNSEL (GOV OFFICE)	8351 A	1.0	204,069	1.0	210,191
SR ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR (GO)	8345 A	1.0	167,647	1.0	172,677
SR ADVISOR TO THE GOVERNOR (GOV OFF)	8352 A	1.0	211,929	1.0	224,549
Subtotal Unclassified		45.0	5,759,051	45.0	5,982,725
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Longevity Pay			35,855		37,528
Regular Wages			5,723,196		5,945,197
Turnover			(349,054)		(408,561)
Total Salaries			5,409,997		5,574,164
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