

Office of the Governor (GOV)

	2017-19 Actual	2019-21 Legislatively Adopted	2019-21 Legislatively Approved *	2021-23 Current Service Level	2021-23 Governor's Budget
General Fund	12,948,557	16,491,702	16,705,068	17,692,863	17,593,820
Lottery Funds	3,543,111	4,106,514	4,106,514	4,632,309	4,439,445
Other Funds	3,012,098	4,229,870	6,355,963	4,429,555	4,231,034
Federal Funds	3,030,525	--	--	--	--
Total Funds	22,534,291	24,828,086	27,167,545	26,754,727	26,264,299
Positions	61	62	62	61	63
FTE	59.13	61.63	61.63	61.00	63.00

* Includes Emergency Board and administrative actions through January 2021.

The Office of the Governor provides overall direction to Executive Branch state agencies to ensure compliance with statutes and efficient and effective management of services and programs. The Office includes administrative support, as well as the Chief of Staff and Governor's policy advisors for the various program areas. In addition, the Office is staffed to carry out core functions, including Legislative Affairs, Communications and Constituent Services, General Counsel, Executive Appointments, Federal Affairs, Regional Solutions, Arrest and Return, Diversity and Inclusion, State Resiliency, and the Certification Office for Business.

CSL Summary and Issues

The Office of the Governor is supported mainly by General Fund. Lottery Funds are used for the Regional Solutions program. Other Funds include revenue transfers from other agencies to fund certain advisor and advocate positions.

Policy Issues

The Governor's Budget for the Office of the Governor includes \$17.6 million General Fund, \$4.4 million Lottery Funds, and \$4.2 million Other Funds, for a total funds budget of \$26.3 million supporting 63 positions. The total funds budget represents a 5.9% increase from the 2019-21 legislatively approved budget.

The Governor's Budget adds \$600,000 General Fund to support two new positions that are being added to staff the Racial Justice Council, which was created in September 2020. The Council consists of representatives from diverse backgrounds across Oregon and provides principles and recommendations that center on racial justice and inform executive branch policies.

Other Significant Issues and Background

The proposed budget is for the last two years of the current Governor's term and the incumbent is ineligible to run for the Governor's Office again. Traditionally, this has meant higher than usual turnover amongst Governor's staff. This tends to pick up during the last half of the biennium. Because of this, the budget for the Office of the Governor should be able to accommodate the additional vacancy savings assumed in the Governor's Budget.