

2013 Unfunded Mandates and Core Services in Franklin County

Unfunded Mandates - General Fund

Mandated Share of Public Assistance Program expenditures	ORC 5101.16	\$5,257,438
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The board of county commissioners share is sum of all the following: (1) 25% of the county's Disability Assistance expenditures and administration; (2) 10% of SNAP and Medicaid administration minus federal reimbursement (or alternative formula calculated by ODJFS for counties with high poverty or poor economic conditions); and (3) TANF Maintenance of Effort: Fixed amount based on 1994 reports.

Tuberculosis treatment and control expenditures	ORC 339.19-339.89	\$1,581,527
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The board of county commissioners are the payer of last resort for TB treatment and must pay for treatment only to the extent that payment is not made through third-party benefits. The individual pays detention costs unless the individual is indigent. Commissioners from the county where the individual was removed pay the expenses for indigent. Counties historically have received some offset from the Department of Health. The amount Franklin County is expected to receive is Counties can pass a TB levy up to .65 mill.

Cooperative Extension Service	ORC 3335.36	\$50,568
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Counties are required to provide office space for extension employees who work in the county.

County Agricultural Society aid	ORC 1701.01, 1701.03, 1711.22	\$3,300
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If requested, requires county aid to county agricultural societies for the purpose of encouraging agricultural fairs, provided the county society has been certified by the director of agriculture as complying with state laws, rules and regulations.

Veterans Service Commission	ORC 5901.11	\$4,867,621
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VSC shall meet and determine in an itemized manner the probable amount necessary for the aid and financial assistance of persons entitled to such aid and assistance and for the operation of the veterans service office for the ensuing year. The county commissioners shall provide whatever the VSC lawfully requests, up to five-tenths of a mill.

Emergency Management	ORC 5502.26	\$155,338
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Countywide agency governed by an advisory committee representing all participating parties and an executive committee selected by the advisory committee. The executive committee, which is composed of a county commissioner, as well as, municipal and township officials, appoints a director or coordinator who administers an emergency management program. While some financial participation is required, the level of participation in a countywide plan is locally determined.

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Tax Map Office (County Engineer)	ORC 315.11	\$602,851
<p>The board of county commissioners shall provide office space in rooms to be furnished with all necessary cases and other suitable articles. Such office shall also be furnished with all tools, instruments, books, blanks, and stationery necessary for the proper discharge of the official duties of such engineer. These expenses are required to be paid from the general fund.</p>		
General Health District office space	ORC 3709.34	\$372,809
<p>The board of county commissioners or the legislative authority of any city may furnish suitable quarters for any board of health or health department having jurisdiction over all or a major part of such county or city.</p>		
Municipal Court	ORC 1901	\$1,470,783
<p>The board of county commissioners is responsible for 40% of the costs for the judges, magistrates, bailiffs, and clerk of the Franklin County Municipal Court.</p>		
Engineer Storm Water Permits (NPDES)	Federal Water Pollution Control Act	\$1,375,000
<p>The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program is the result of enactment of laws by Congress and development and implementation of federal regulations based on the authorities vested to U.S. EPA through those laws. As authorized by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (known as the Clean Water Act), the NPDES permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States.</p>		
TOTAL Unfunded Mandates- General Fund		\$15,737,235

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Core Services - General Fund

Board of Elections	ORC 3501.17	\$7,854,644
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The expenses of the board of elections shall be paid from the county treasury, in pursuance of appropriations by the board of county commissioners, in the same manner as other county expenses are paid. If the board of county commissioners fails to appropriate an amount sufficient to provide for the necessary and proper expenses of the board of elections, such board may apply to the court of common pleas within the county, which shall fix the amount necessary to be appropriated.

Dog Warden	ORC 955.01-955.12	\$2,124,000
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The registration of dogs and the employment of a dog warden are mandatory. A board of commissioners may raise dog and kennel fees in any year for the following year. The fees must be deposited in the dog and kennel fund and are used to pay for the dog warden’s office, animal claims against the county and the auditor’s costs of administering dog registration. The total 2013 Budget for Franklin County Animal Control is \$4,671,242 with \$2,124,000 in supplemental appropriations from the General Fund.

Courts	Ohio Constitution	
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The Constitution grants the courts the inherent power to maintain their independence from the other branches including the power to compel appropriations or expenditure of public funds for judicial purposes. The budget request must be “reasonable and necessary,” which is a question of fact to be determined on a case by case basis, with the burden on the commissioners to prove otherwise. The court is free to modify its budget at any time.

Court of Appeals	ORC 2501.18	\$388,570
Must provide the facilities, operating expenses and supplies.		
Common Pleas Court- General Division	ORC 307.01	\$16,690,328
Common Pleas Court- Domestic Division	ORC 2301.03, 2151.10	\$22,418,232
Probate Court	ORC 2101.01	\$3,378,636
Clerk of Courts	ORC 2303.26	\$8,361,642
The clerk of common pleas court shall be under the direction of the court In the performance of the clerk’s duties.		

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Prosecuting Attorney

ORC 309.06-07, 325.12-13

\$14,553,733

Authority is given to the court of common pleas to set aggregate sum for employee compensation. One-half of prosecutor’s annual salary shall be paid from the general fund for the “furtherance of justice.” When an emergency exists due to unusual prevalence of crime or it’s probable that criminal efforts are being made to obstruct the due administration of justice, if the funds available are insufficient, the prosecutor may ask the court for additional funds. The court may by an order allow additional funds not in excess of \$10,000 in any one year.

Sheriff

**ORC 311.07 (A), 311.08 (A), 325.071,
341. 05 (A)**

\$91,905,893

The Sheriff shall preserve the public peace and serve as the executive officer for the courts and administrator of the county jail.

Indigent Defense

ORC 120.13-33

Counties have four Options to provide indigent defense: County Public Defender, Joint County Public Defender, Assigned Council, or contract with State Public Defender’s Office. Each county gets a proportional share of the funding appropriated by the General Assembly. Appointed Council rates are established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Defender

\$6,357,246

The total 2013 Budget is \$11,413,183 including \$3,919,533 in state reimbursements and \$1,136,404 for the contract with the City of Columbus.

Appointed Council

\$4,795,744

The total 2013 Budget is \$7,519,936 including \$2,724,192 in state reimbursements.

Debt Service Obligations

ORC 133.01-99

\$19,693,160

Securities lawfully authorized and issued by an issuer, and fractionalized interests in public obligations, subject to applicable provisions for registration or of the proceedings, are negotiable instruments and securities under Chapters 1303. and 1308. of the Revised Code, notwithstanding that the promise to pay debt charges on the particular securities or fractionalized interests may be limited to payment out of a particular fund or the proceeds from a particular source. The total 2013 for Debt Service Obligation is \$37,099,060 with \$17,405,900 in Non-General Funds.

TOTAL Core Services - General Fund

\$198,521,828

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Unfunded Mandates- Non-General Fund

Medically Handicapped Children Program expenditures **ORC 3701.024** **\$2,700,000**

The state bills counties for treatment services for medically handicapped children, but those costs cannot exceed 1/10 of a mill. This mandate is supported by the 5.0 mill Children Services levies in Franklin County.

Adult Protective Services **ORC 5101.62** **\$1,652,220**

County Jobs and Family Services required to investigate reports of abuse and neglect for adults over age 60 and, to the extent of available funds, provide or arrange for protective services. The state provides very minimal funding (\$33,641). Counties mostly rely on federal Title XX funds and senior services levies. Franklin County JFS contracts with Franklin County Office on Aging to provide adult protective services (APS) for \$1,427,220 and Franklin County Probate Court to pay attorney guardians for APS cases for \$225,000.

TOTAL Unfunded Mandates - Non-General Fund **\$4,352,220**

Core Services- Non-General Fund

Public Children Services Agency services **ORC 5153.16, 5153.35** **\$189,372,113**

Each county is required to have a public children services agency that is required to perform a series of functions, such as conducting investigations of abuse and neglect, accepting custody from the court, providing care in the best interest of the child, and arranging for foster care and adoption. Core Service supported by the 5.0 mill Children Services levies in Franklin County.

Developmental Disabilities services **ORC 5126.02, 5126.05** **\$244,120,883**

The county board of developmental disabilities shall administer and operate facilities, programs, and services; coordinate, monitor, and evaluate existing services and facilities; provide early childhood services, supportive home services, and adult services; provide or contract for special education services; adopt a budget and authorize expenditures; submit annual reports of its work and expenditures to the director, the superintendent of public instruction, and the board of county commissioners; authorize all positions of employment; and provide service and support administration; and certify respite care homes. Core Service supported by the 7.0 mill Developmental Disabilities levies in Franklin County.

TOTAL Core Services - Non-General Fund **\$433,492,996**
