

AUTHORIZE SPENDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 (FY26) LEGAL FEES

Executive Committee

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BACKGROUND

- **FY 2026 budget for outside legal services set at \$100,000**
- **New legal issues necessitated additional legal guidance and associated fees:**
 - amendments to the Code of Regulations
 - legal advice on the new human resources structure and related matters
 - lawsuit filed against the Agency

BACKGROUND

- Based on these factors, legal fees will exceed the Executive Director's spending threshold
- NOACA's practice requires Board of Directors' approval for contracts up to the threshold contained in [Ohio Revised Code 307.86](#)
 - The threshold for CY 2026 is \$79,568

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

- **Additional \$100,000 for payment of legal fees, for a total not to exceed \$200,000 for FY 2026**
- **Increase in spending will not result in an increase in overall Agency expenditures**
 - other unused indirect costs will be reallocated
- **NOACA will work with GMP to identify cost-saving measures**

