

PROGRAM FACT SHEET

Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC)

Services:

The Governor's Regulatory Review Council (GRRC) has the following responsibilities:

- Review proposed administrative rules to ensure that they meet specific statutory criteria. In fiscal year 2005, GRRC received and approved the adoption, repeal, amendment, or renumbering of 1,183 rules.
- Maintain a list of agencies that need to conduct a 5-year review of their administrative rules, as well as review and approve agencies' reports on their reviews.
- Receive and consider public appeals regarding three areas of agency practice, including an agency's decision to deny an individual's petition regarding whether an existing agency practice or policy constitutes an administrative rule. In fiscal year 2005, GRRC received two appeals.
- Compile reports on each agency's efforts to review its rules, agency compliance with overall licensing time frames, and whether agencies maintain a directory summarizing all applicable rules and substantive policy statements.

Membership and staffing:

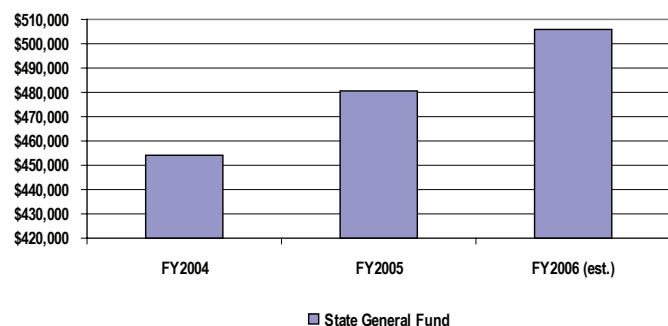
GRRC consists of six members appointed by the Governor and one ex-officio member representing the director of the Department of Administration who also serves as the GRRC chair. A.R.S. §41-1051(A) requires that GRRC be composed of the following:

- At least one public interest member,
- At least one business community member,
- One member from a list of three nonlegislators recommended by the President of the Senate,
- One member from a list of three nonlegislators recommended by the Speaker of the House, and
- Two at-large members.

As of December 2005, GRRC had five staff members and two vacancies. The filled positions included three attorney analysts, one economist, and an office manager.

Program revenue:

\$505,900 (fiscal year 2006, estimated)



Facilities and equipment:

The Governor's Regulatory Review Council was established within and continues to be a part of the Department of Administration (Department). It occupies a total of 1,968 square feet of office space in the Department's building at 100 North 15th Avenue in Phoenix. The Department leases this building under the PLTO (private lease-to-own) program and was scheduled to pay approximately \$2.6 million in rent for the entire building during fiscal year 2005. GRRC's equipment includes typical office equipment.

Mission:

GRRC's mission is "to assist the Governor's Regulatory Review Council and agencies to fulfill their rulemaking responsibilities under the Administrative Procedure Act."

Program goals:

- "To deliver customer service that is second to none in the Governor's Regulatory Review Council subprogram."
- "To aggressively pursue innovative solutions and/or opportunities in the Governor's Regulatory Review Council subprogram."

Adequacy of performance measures:

GRRC has developed a number of performance measures that are in line with its goals, and include quality, input, output, outcome, and efficiency measures. These include measures for customer satisfaction with GRRC's services, the number of rules GRRC receives annually, the percentage of administrative rules that the council acts upon in a way that is consistent with staff recommendations, and the percentage of informal or courtesy reviews of agencies' proposed rules that GRRC conducts in 2 months or less.

However, GRRC could benefit from additional performance measures that provide more information on the efficiency of its activities. For example, while GRRC has measures for the number of rules it receives annually, and the percentage of those rules that are approved in the initial council hearing, it does not track the length of time it takes for a rule package to be approved. Adding such a measure would help GRRC demonstrate how long it takes to complete its reviews and whether it complies with its 90-day statutory review and approval time frame.

Source: Auditor General staff compilation of unaudited information obtained from the Arizona Financial Information System (AFIS) for the years ended June 30, 2004 and 2005; Arizona Revised Statutes, Master List of State Government Programs; and other information provided by the Department, including revenue and expenditure estimates for the year ended June 30, 2006.