

## Residential Utility Consumer Office

	FY 2025 ACTUAL	FY 2026 ESTIMATE	FY 2027 BASELINE
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	12.0	14.5	14.5
Personal Services	870,000	1,086,300	1,086,300
Employee Related Expenditures	325,100	470,200	470,200
Professional and Outside Services	11,200	0	0
Travel - In State	800	7,000	7,000
Travel - Out of State	3,600	8,000	8,000
Other Operating Expenditures	192,800	230,700	230,700
Equipment	3,700	4,000	4,000
<b>OPERATING SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>1,407,200</b>	<b>1,806,200</b>	<b>1,806,200</b>
<b>SPECIAL LINE ITEMS</b>			
Professional Witnesses	134,900	145,000	145,000 <sup>1/</sup>
<b>AGENCY TOTAL</b>	<b>1,542,100</b>	<b>1,951,200</b>	<b>1,951,200 <sup>2/</sup></b>

### FUND SOURCES

#### Other Appropriated Funds

Residential Utility Consumer Office Revolving Fund	1,542,100	1,951,200	1,951,200
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	1,542,100	1,951,200	1,951,200
<b>SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds</b>	<b>1,542,100</b>	<b>1,951,200</b>	<b>1,951,200</b>
<b>TOTAL - ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>1,542,100</b>	<b>1,951,200</b>	<b>1,951,200</b>

**AGENCY DESCRIPTION** — The Residential Utility Consumer Office (RUCO) serves as an advocate for residential customers of public utilities in rate hearings held before the Arizona Corporation Commission. Through its technical staff and expert consultants, RUCO analyzes utility company data to determine appropriate positions to take and present on behalf of residential ratepayers. The RUCO Director is appointed by the Governor.

### FOOTNOTES

- 1/ This appropriation is a continuing appropriation and is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations. (General Appropriations Act footnote)
- 2/ General Appropriations Act funds are appropriated as an Operating Lump Sum with Special Line Items by Agency.

#### Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$1,806,200 and 14.5 FTE Positions from the RUCO Revolving Fund in FY 2027 for the operating budget. These amounts are unchanged from FY 2026.

#### Professional Witnesses

The budget includes \$145,000 from the RUCO Revolving Fund in FY 2027 for Professional Witnesses. This amount is unchanged from FY 2026.

Monies in this line item are used to fund expert witness testimony at utility rate hearings.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Estimate
<b>Residential Utility Consumer Office Revolving Fund (UOA2175/A.R.S. § 40-409)</b>		<b>Appropriated</b>
<b>Source of Revenue:</b> An assessment levied on public service corporations with annual residential revenues in excess of \$500,000, as defined by A.R.S. § 40-401.01.		
<b>Purpose of Fund:</b> To operate the Residential Utility Consumer Office.		
<b>Funds Expended</b>	1,542,100	1,951,200
<b>Year-End Fund Balance</b>	710,100	710,100