

Cultural Facilities Commission

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- Appropriations are \$38.16 million in FY 2008 and \$39.02 million in FY 2009
- The Commission currently manages 255 projects statewide

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission was established in 1988, as the Ohio Arts Facilities Commission, to provide for the development, performance, and presentation of the arts in Ohio. Over the years, the responsibilities of the Commission have been expanded by the legislature to include funding oversight for projects at science and technology museums, local historical facilities, state historical sites, arts education facilities, and publicly owned professional sports venues.

The Commission's mission is to ensure wise stewardship of over \$480 million in state capital improvement funds appropriated by the General Assembly and the Governor for planning, construction, renovation, and expansion at over 250 projects in 65 counties statewide. The General Assembly and Governor assign projects to the Commission in the state's biennial capital appropriations bills. The Commission reports to the Governor and General Assembly on the need for any additional facilities, and conducts reviews to ensure that uses of Ohio cultural facilities are consistent with statewide interests and the Commission's purposes. After a project is assigned to the Commission, the staff works with communities and local project sponsors to assist them through required processes. These include project management assistance, funding administration, and contract oversight.

The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor and three nonvoting members, consisting of one member each from the Senate and the House of Representatives and the Executive Director of the Ohio Arts Council. The Commission's full-time staff of nine employees includes the Executive Director, Assistant Director/Chief Operating Officer, Operations Coordinator, Chief Project Manager, Communications Manager, and Fiscal Officer, with three project managers. In addition, the Commission has hired two part-time interns to assist in its work.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
13	\$38.16 million	\$39.02 million	\$36.78 million	\$37.63 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

Single Program Series

Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission Operations

Purpose: The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission is charged with protecting state capital investments by determining the need for facilities and determining that there is sufficient local/regional support prior to making expenditures for a facility. The Commission enters into long-term leases and management agreements (for projects funded with bonds issued in 2004 or prior) or cooperative-use agreements (for projects funded with bonds issued after July 1, 2005) with the owners of facilities and local project sponsors, and is charged with managing and assessing these projects.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission, as well as the funding levels enacted in Am. Sub. H.B. 119.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	371-321	Operating Expenses	\$176,136	\$176,136
GRF	371-401	Lease Rental Payments	\$36,604,600	\$37,455,500
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$36,780,736	\$37,631,636
State Special Revenue Fund				
4T8	371-601	Riffe Theatre Equipment Maintenance	\$81,000	\$81,000
4T8	371-603	Project Administration Services	\$1,302,866	\$1,302,866
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$1,383,866	\$1,383,866
Total Funding: OCFC Operations			\$38,164,602	\$39,015,502

Included within the program series are the following:

- **Program 01.01: Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission Operations**
- **Program 01.02: Debt Service**

Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission Operations

Program Description: The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission oversees capital improvement funds appropriated by the General Assembly and Governor for planning, construction, renovation, and expansion projects at Ohio's nonprofit theatres, museums, historical sites, and publicly owned professional sports venues. The Commission partners with nonprofit organizations and local governments to administer these community projects. In addition, the Commission is responsible for managing the Riffe Center theatres, for which it contracts with the nonprofit performing arts organization CAPA. The state does not pay CAPA for its management services.

Funding Source: GRF, equipment and Riffe Center theatre ticket fees, and revenue bond interest

Implication of the Budget: Funding to GRF line item 371-321, Operating Expenses, was reduced. However, the budget grants the Commission an increase to Fund 4T8 line item 371-603, Project Administration Services, that will be used to increase the project administration staff in order to support the increased need for oversight and technical assistance demanded by the Commission's growing list of project assignments. This funding makes up for the decrease in GRF operating funds and provides some

additional funds for this purpose. The Commission relies upon interest earnings from bond sales for operating revenue for this line item and for the maintenance of the Riffe Center Theatres. Revenue to this fund is partially dependent on the timing of bond issuances (determined by the Office of Budget and Management), the total amount of capital appropriation authority assigned to the Commission, and interest rates.

Debt Service

Program Description: The Ohio Cultural Facilities Commission uses bonds issued by the Treasurer of State through the Cultural and Sports Facilities Building Fund to finance its construction and renovation projects. GRF dollars are used to pay the debt service on those bonds.

Funding Source: General Revenue Fund

Implication of the Budget: The recommendation will fund the debt obligations associated with capital project expenditures.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006:</i>	<i>Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
AFC Cultural Facilities Commission, Ohio									
GRF	371-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 490,473	\$ 193,175	\$ 195,707	\$ 176,136	-10.00%	\$ 176,136	0.00%
GRF	371-401	Lease Rental Payments	\$ 34,399,906	\$ 37,628,894	\$ 38,246,500	\$ 36,604,600	-4.29%	\$ 37,455,500	2.32%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 34,890,378	\$ 37,822,070	\$ 38,442,207	\$ 36,780,736	-4.32%	\$ 37,631,636	2.31%
4T8	371-601	Riffe Theatre Equipment Maintenance	\$ 35,937	\$ 4,863	\$ 81,000	\$ 81,000	0.00%	\$ 81,000	0.00%
4T8	371-603	Project Administration Services	\$ 594,459	\$ 858,094	\$ 983,295	\$ 1,302,866	32.50%	\$ 1,302,866	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 630,396	\$ 862,957	\$ 1,064,295	\$ 1,383,866	30.03%	\$ 1,383,866	0.00%
Cultural Facilities Commission, Ohio Total			\$ 35,520,774	\$ 38,685,027	\$ 39,506,502	\$ 38,164,602	-3.40%	\$ 39,015,502	2.23%