

LSC Greenbook

Analysis of the Enacted Budget

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

- GRF appropriations are flat funded over the biennium
- Commission distributes 86% of its funding in the form of grants, primarily for the AmeriCorps Program

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

The mission of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV) is to strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism. OCSV was created as a result of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which also created the AmeriCorps Program. The Act created state offices such as OCSV to receive and administer the grant funds associated with the program. The AmeriCorps Program is sometimes referred to as a "domestic Peace Corps" since it focuses on service and places individuals in communities with critical needs. OCSV also focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference, which honors Ohioans that make contributions to their society through service and volunteerism.

OCSV's governing authority consists of 21 voting members. Members are appointed for three-year terms. Members receive no compensation; however, they are eligible for reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. OCSV currently has six employees who carry out day-to-day activities.

Appropriation Overview

As can be seen in the table below, the budget provides funding of \$7.5 million in FY 2016, which represents an increase of approximately 11.3% over FY 2015 expenditures. Appropriations decrease by 0.1% from FY 2016 to FY 2017. The vast majority of funding for OCSV comes from federal sources, which increase by 11.9% in FY 2016. GRF funding is used for operating costs and remains at FY 2015 levels throughout the biennium. Dedicated Purpose funds increase by 1.3% in FY 2016 and are flat funded in FY 2017.

Table 1. Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2016-FY 2017 (Am. Sub. H.B. 64)					
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$293,840	\$294,072	0.1%	\$294,072	0.0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$29,602	\$30,000	1.3%	\$30,000	0.0%
Federal	\$6,421,868	\$7,182,899	11.9%	\$7,178,630	-0.1%
TOTAL	\$6,745,310	\$7,506,971	11.3%	\$7,502,702	-0.1%

*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Introduction

The following table shows all appropriations for OCSV.

Appropriations for the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism				
Fund		ALI and Name	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$294,072	\$294,072
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$294,072	\$294,072
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$30,000	\$30,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$30,000	\$30,000
Federal Fund Group				
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$7,182,899	\$7,178,630
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$7,182,899	\$7,178,630
Total Funding: Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism			\$7,506,971	\$7,502,702

CSV Operations (866321)

GRF line item 866321, CSV Operations, supports the operating expenses for OCSV. OCSV manages, monitors, and evaluates funded AmeriCorps Programs, and provides technical assistance to current and potential grantees. OCSV also promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state and administers ServeOhio, which focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. In addition to this line item, operating support also comes from federal funds deposited into the AmeriCorps Program Fund (Fund 3R70) and expended out of line item 866617. The federal government generally provides a dollar for every one dollar the state spends on operating costs; so basically, a 50-50 arrangement exists.

The budget provides funding of \$294,072 in FY 2016 and in FY 2017 in line item 866321; an increase of 0.1% over FY 2015 actual expenditures.

ServeOhio Support (866605)

This line item supports the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism, the ServeOhio Awards Program, and National Days of Service Mini-Grants. The purpose of the conference is to develop skills and to provide networking opportunities for professionals in volunteer organizations. The awards program was established to recognize individuals and organizations that have made volunteer contributions to their state and community. These individuals are recognized for their contributions at

the annual conference. The 2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism was held in Columbus on October 21st. The National Days of Service Mini-Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Global Youth Service Day, and Make a Difference Day to support community service projects. Approximately 20 to 25 grants are awarded with the grant amount ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, a portion of this line item (all but awards-related expenditures) is used as match for the administrative cost share required by the federal government for the AmeriCorps Program. Donations, from corporate sponsors, deposited into Fund 5GN0, OCSC Gifts and Donations, provide the funding to support the appropriation in line item 886605. The budget provides appropriations of \$30,000 in each fiscal year, an increase of 1.3% over FY 2015 actual expenditures.

AmeriCorps Program (866617)

This line item primarily supports the AmeriCorps Program. Revenues for Fund 3R70, AmeriCorps Programs, come from federal grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Approximately 95% of these revenues are distributed to AmeriCorps grant recipients. The remaining revenue consists of funds to provide the federal share of OCSV's operating expenses. The core amount of pass-through funding a state receives is determined by a formula, which is based on a state's population. States may also receive additional funding through a competitive process, which is based on program quality. In 2015, pass-through funds awarded, totaled over \$6.6 million, of which \$2.7 million was competitively funded.

Since its inception in 1994, AmeriCorps has focused on the idea of local control. Hence, the potential subgrantees for funds are required to solicit community input to determine the most pressing local needs that could be addressed by an AmeriCorps project. Subgrantees are also required to provide 24% of project costs in the form of local cash or in-kind matching for the first three years of any grant. This amount gradually increases to up to 50% for those subgrantees that receive grants year after year. According to OCSV, the total value of the local cost share was approximately \$4.3 million in 2015.

AmeriCorps' projects focus on disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. AmeriCorps members receive a stipend for living expenses (approximately \$1,000 per month for full-time members), health insurance if they are full-time members, and training opportunities during their term of service. Upon completion of their terms of service, members receive a post-service educational award for college or technical training (presently \$5,645 for full-time members). This can be used to repay student loans or to pay for future education. In addition, some senior members may transfer this educational award to another qualified recipient (i.e., child or grandchild).

The educational award is provided through a federal trust fund, not through program dollars.

In the 2014-2015 program year, 23 entities were provided AmeriCorps subgrants and nearly 800 individuals served are serving at nonprofit, faith-based, school, higher education, and community-based organizations.

The budget provides funding of approximately \$7.2 million in each fiscal year in line item 866617, which is an increase of 11.9% over FY 2015 actual expenditures.

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FY 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2014	FY 2015	Appropriation FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Appropriation FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: As Enacted					
CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism								
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$ 286,660	\$ 293,840	\$ 294,072	0.08%	\$ 294,072	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 286,660	\$ 293,840	\$ 294,072	0.08%	\$ 294,072	0.00%
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$ 30,500	\$ 29,602	\$ 30,000	1.34%	\$ 30,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total			\$ 30,500	\$ 29,602	\$ 30,000	1.34%	\$ 30,000	0.00%
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$ 5,629,763	\$ 6,421,868	\$ 7,182,899	11.85%	\$ 7,178,630	-0.06%
Federal Fund Group Total			\$ 5,629,763	\$ 6,421,868	\$ 7,182,899	11.85%	\$ 7,178,630	-0.06%
Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total			\$ 5,946,923	\$ 6,745,310	\$ 7,506,971	11.29%	\$ 7,502,702	-0.06%