

# **Greenbook**

## **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

### **Commission on Service and Volunteerism**

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## Commission on Service and Volunteerism

### Quick look...

- Governed by 19 voting members, including 15 that are appointed by the Governor and four designees from four state agencies.
- Total of ten staff members currently, including the Executive Director.
- Total budget: \$29.3 million over the biennium. Of this amount, over 95% is federal funding.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$682,000	\$694,907	\$694,000	\$694,000
Dedicated Purpose	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103
Federal	\$11,368,252	\$12,358,839	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503
Total	\$12,059,894	\$13,096,746	\$14,627,794	\$14,652,606
% change	--	8.6%	11.7%	0.2%
GRF % change	--	1.9%	-0.1%	0.0%

### Agency overview

The mission of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio) is to strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism. ServeOhio 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 ServeOhio to receive and administer the grant funds associated with the program. The AmeriCorps Program's focus is on community service. AmeriCorps places individuals in communities with critical needs to help address education, health, economic opportunity, and environmental issues. ServeOhio also focuses on volunteer engagement and recognition. ServeOhio's governing authority consists of 19 voting members. ServeOhio currently has ten full-time employees who carry out day-to-day activities.

### Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

#### Summary of appropriations

The Commission's budget consists of three appropriation line items (ALIs), one of which is supported by the General Revenue Fund (GRF), one by a Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF), and one by a federal fund.

## CSV Operations (ALI 866321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 866321, CSV Operations</b>					
\$479,804	\$584,386	\$682,000	\$694,907	\$694,000	\$694,000
% change	21.8%	16.7%	1.9%	-0.1%	0.0%

GRF line item 866321, CSV Operations, primarily supports the operating expenses for ServeOhio. ServeOhio manages, monitors, and evaluates funded AmeriCorps Programs, and provides technical assistance to current and potential grantees. ServeOhio also promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state. ServeOhio also supports volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. In addition to this line item, operating assistance 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 National Days of Service Mini-Grants support community service projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Global Youth Service Day, ServeOhio Day, and Make a Difference Day.

## ServeOhio Support (ALI 866605)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>Fund 5GN0 ALI 866605, ServeOhio Support</b>					
\$25,801	\$30,000	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103
% change	16.3%	-67.9%	346.0%	-76.7%	-79.0%

This line item is supported by donations from corporate sponsors and conference fees, which are deposited into the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism Gifts and Donations Fund (Fund 5GN0). Fund 5GN0 is established in section 121.403 of the Revised Code, which specifies that funds can be used to support CSV programs promoting volunteerism and community service, operating expenses, and matching funds for federal grants.

## AmeriCorps Programs (ALI 866617)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>Fund 3R70 ALI 866617, AmeriCorps Programs</b>					
\$8,871,183	\$9,322,331	\$11,368,252	\$12,358,839	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503
% change	5.1%	21.9%	8.7%	12.7%	0.2%

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. Over 90% of these revenues are distributed to AmeriCorps grant recipients. The remaining revenue primarily consists of funds to provide the federal share of ServeOhio's operating expenses, including an annual Commission Support Grant, Training and Technical Assistance Grant, as well as a Volunteer Generation Fund Grant. 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.

AmeriCorps projects focus on economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, and healthy futures. AmeriCorps projects address local needs and provide experience for the AmeriCorps member by building skills, increasing employment opportunities, and reducing debt for higher education. AmeriCorps members receive a stipend for living expenses. Upon completion of their terms of service, members receive a post-service educational award for college or technical training (presently up to \$7,395 in federal fiscal year 2024). This can be used to repay student loans or to pay for educational expenses. 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. ServeOhio also provides grants to organizations that demonstrate they will engage AmeriCorps members to provide services that address critical needs.

**FY 2026 - FY 2027 Final Appropriations  
All Fund Groups - Detail**

**H.B. 96 - Main Operating Appropriations Bill**

Detail by Agency	FY 2024	FY 2025	Appropriation FY 2026	Appropriation FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
<b>CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism</b>						
GRF 866321 CSV Operations	\$682,000	\$694,907	\$694,000	\$694,000	-0.13%	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>	<b>\$682,000</b>	<b>\$694,907</b>	<b>\$694,000</b>	<b>\$694,000</b>	<b>-0.13%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103	-76.74%	-78.97%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$9,641</b>	<b>\$43,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$2,103</b>	<b>-76.74%</b>	<b>-78.97%</b>
3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs	\$11,368,252	\$12,358,839	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503	12.66%	0.23%
<b>Federal Fund Group Subtotal</b>	<b>\$11,368,252</b>	<b>\$12,358,839</b>	<b>\$13,923,794</b>	<b>\$13,956,503</b>	<b>12.66%</b>	<b>0.23%</b>
<b>Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total</b>	<b>\$12,059,894</b>	<b>\$13,096,746</b>	<b>\$14,627,794</b>	<b>\$14,652,606</b>	<b>11.69%</b>	<b>0.17%</b>