

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

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Quick look...

- The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA): (1) advises the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and state government agencies on all matters affecting Hispanic/Latino Ohioans, (2) connects Latino communities, and (3) builds the capacity of Latino community organizations.
- The Commission consists of an 11-member board appointed by the Governor and is supported by three full-time and one intermittent staff.
- The budget appropriates \$516,248 in FY 2026 and \$533,670 in FY 2027; 90.5% of its funding is from the GRF.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 148321, Operating Expenses					
\$430,508	\$409,354	\$338,343	\$424,884	\$466,248	\$483,670
% change	-4.9%	-17.3%	25.6%	9.7%	3.7%
Dedicated Purpose Fund 6010 ALI 148602, Special Initiatives					
\$86,220	\$656,869	\$395,582	\$295,027	\$50,000	\$50,000
% change	661.9%	-39.8%	-25.4%	-83.1%	0.0%
Total funding:					
\$516,728	\$1,066,223	\$733,925	\$719,911	\$516,248	\$533,670
% change	106.3%	-31.2%	-1.9%	-28.3%	3.4%

Agency overview

The purpose of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) is to advise the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and state government agencies on all matters affecting Hispanic/Latino Ohioans. The Commission also connects these communities across the state of Ohio and builds networks through organizational partnerships and grants. The Commission serves over half a million individuals that make up Ohio's Hispanic/Latino community. The Commission works with the five Hispanic chambers of commerce to assist Hispanic-owned businesses.

The Commission consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor. The Commission's day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the Executive Director, who is appointed by the governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Commission has three full-time and one intermittent staff that are dedicated to three program areas: the Public Policy Center, the Latino Community Network, and the Organizations Development Center.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) receives 90.5% of its funding from the GRF; the remaining 9.5% is from grants, gifts, and other revenue credited to the Gifts and Miscellaneous Fund (Fund 6010), a fund within the Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group. From both revenue sources combined, the budget appropriates \$516,248 for FY 2026 and \$533,670 for FY 2027. These amounts appear to be sufficient for the Commission to retain its existing three full-time and one intermittent staff. Compared to the actual expenditures in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, appropriations for the GRF portion of OCHLA's budget reflects a 24.5% increase, or \$186,691. This funding level will allow the Commission to continue to provide constituent services, inform and advise executive and legislative leaders on related policy matters, and develop, coordinate, and assist public and private organizations that serve Spanish-speaking people.