

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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Appropriation Spreadsheet

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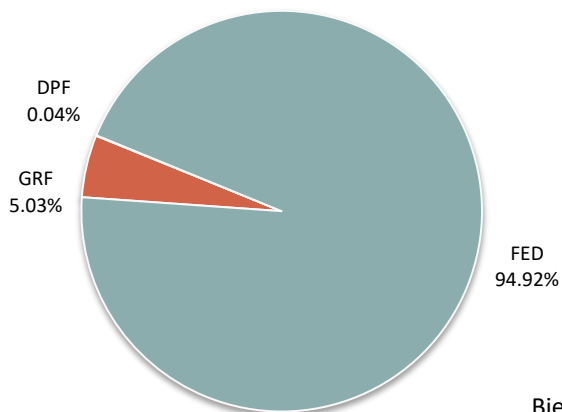
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Quick look...

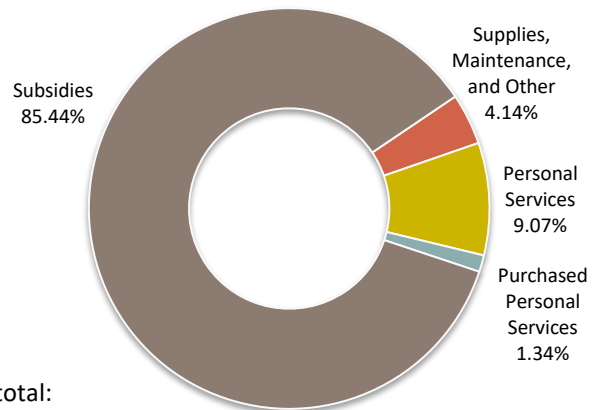
- Governed by 19 voting members, including 15 that are appointed by the Governor and four designees from four state agencies.
- Total of ten staff members currently, including the Executive Director.
- Total proposed budget: \$29.4 million over the biennium.
 - Sources of the budget: GRF (5.0%), federal grants (94.9%), and state non-GRF (less than 0.1%).
 - GRF proposed funding of \$731,407 in FY 2026 and \$747,115 in FY 2027.
 - Uses of the budget: 85.4% for grants and 14.6% for Commission operations.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
General Revenue	\$682,000	\$694,000	\$731,407	\$747,115
Dedicated Purpose	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103
Federal	\$11,368,252	\$13,897,793	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503
Total	\$12,059,893	\$14,634,793	\$14,665,201	\$14,705,721
% change	--	21.4%	0.2%	0.3%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	<i>1.8%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>2.1%</i>

**Chart 1: CSV Budget by Fund Group
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



**Chart 2: CSV Budget by Expense Category
FY 2026-FY 2027 Biennium**



Biennial total:
\$29.4 million

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, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference, which creates opportunities for volunteer program administrators to connect to others and to develop or enhance skill sets. In addition, ServeOhio operates Get Connected, an online volunteer management platform that connects volunteers to opportunities in their local community. The system allows entities to post volunteer opportunities in the community and recruits volunteers by allowing individuals to search for opportunities that match their interests.

ServeOhio's governing authority consists of 19 voting members. Of these, 15 members are appointed by the Governor and four are the designees of four state agencies (Education and Workforce, Higher Education, Aging, and Youth Services). The 15 public appointees must include educators, students and parents, representatives of youth organizations, representatives of organizations engaged in volunteer program development and management, and representatives of organizations that support or encourage volunteerism within the state. The Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives serves as a nonvoting ex officio member. 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. ServeOhio currently has ten full-time employees who carry out day-to-day activities.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

Summary of executive recommendations

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. As shown in Chart 2 on the previous page, the largest expense category for ServeOhio, at 85.4%, is subsidies. Subsidies are in the form of grants that ServeOhio will distribute to various entities throughout the state.

As mentioned above, the Commission's budget is funded by three appropriation items. Each of these items is discussed further below.

CSV Operations (ALI 866321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 866321, CSV Operations					
\$479,804	\$584,386	\$682,000	\$694,000	\$731,407	\$747,115
% change	21.8%	16.7%	1.8%	5.4%	2.1%

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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 5GN0 ALI 866605, ServeOhio Support					
\$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 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
Fund 3R70 ALI 866617, AmeriCorps Programs					
\$8,871,183	\$9,322,331	\$11,368,252	\$13,897,793	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503
% change	5.1%	21.9%	22.3%	0.2%	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 provides grants to organizations that demonstrate they will engage AmeriCorps members to provide services that address critical needs. A few entities that received subgrants, as well as examples of activities provided by AmeriCorps members, are listed below:

- Educational Service Center of Central Ohio will support student achievement in grade-level reading and math proficiency;
- College Now Greater Cleveland will, among other things, provide students with college access services;
- Rural Action will educate youth and the public, preserve environmental resources, improve food distribution to people in poverty, and further economic sustainability in Appalachian Ohio;
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources (Ohio Outdoor Corps) will support trail reconstruction and accessibility efforts, promote community engagement in the park system, and promote forest health;
- Miami University will build capacity for local nonprofits and governmental agencies in the Miami University service region by increasing the scale, reach, and efficiency of programs for their host organization;
- Mercy Health – Mercy Health Corp will screen and provide education and referrals to community resources including mental health, substance use disorder, and social needs in specified emergency departments; and
- Horizon Education Centers will provide childhood obesity prevention programming.

These recipients are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising members to serve in their programs.

**FY 2026 - FY 2027 Appropriations - As Introduced
All Fund Groups - Detail**

Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Detail by Agency	FY 2024	Estimate FY 2025	Introduced FY 2026	Introduced FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism						
GRF 866321 CSV Operations	\$682,000	\$694,000	\$731,407	\$747,115	5.39%	2.15%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal	\$682,000	\$694,000	\$731,407	\$747,115	5.39%	2.15%
5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103	-76.74%	-78.97%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal	\$9,641	\$43,000	\$10,000	\$2,103	-76.74%	-78.97%
3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs	\$11,368,252	\$13,897,793	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503	0.19%	0.23%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal	\$11,368,252	\$13,897,793	\$13,923,794	\$13,956,503	0.19%	0.23%
Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total	\$12,059,894	\$14,634,793	\$14,665,201	\$14,705,721	0.21%	0.28%
Main Operating Appropriations Bill Total	\$12,059,894	\$14,634,793	\$14,665,201	\$14,705,721	0.21%	0.28%