

Role and Overview

The Expositions Commission (Expo) produces the annual state fair with emphasis on youth participation, education, and promotion of agriculture, Ohio products, Ohio tourism, and economic development, and operates the state-owned Expo Center year-round for publicly acceptable and fiscally responsible events in a clean, safe, and economical manner.

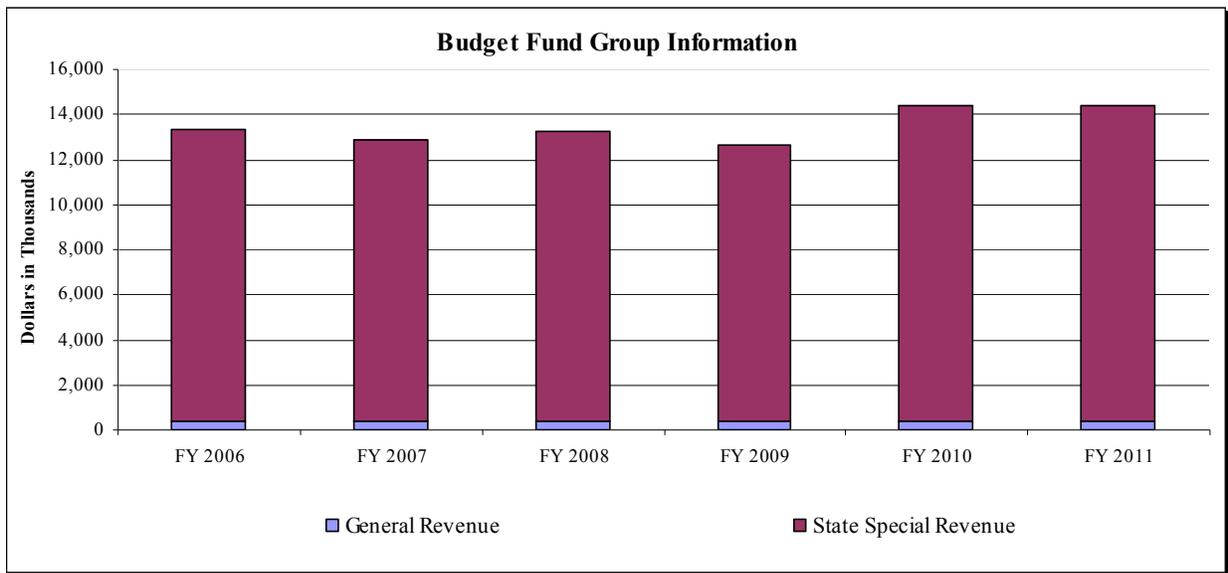
The Expositions Commission is composed of 13 members, which include the directors of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Development, nine people appointed by the Governor, and the chairs of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees.

A general manager, hired by the commission, oversees 66 employees. The commission has an annual budget of approximately \$14.7 million. Additional information about the Expositions Commission is available at <http://www.ohioexpocenter.com/>.

Agency Priorities

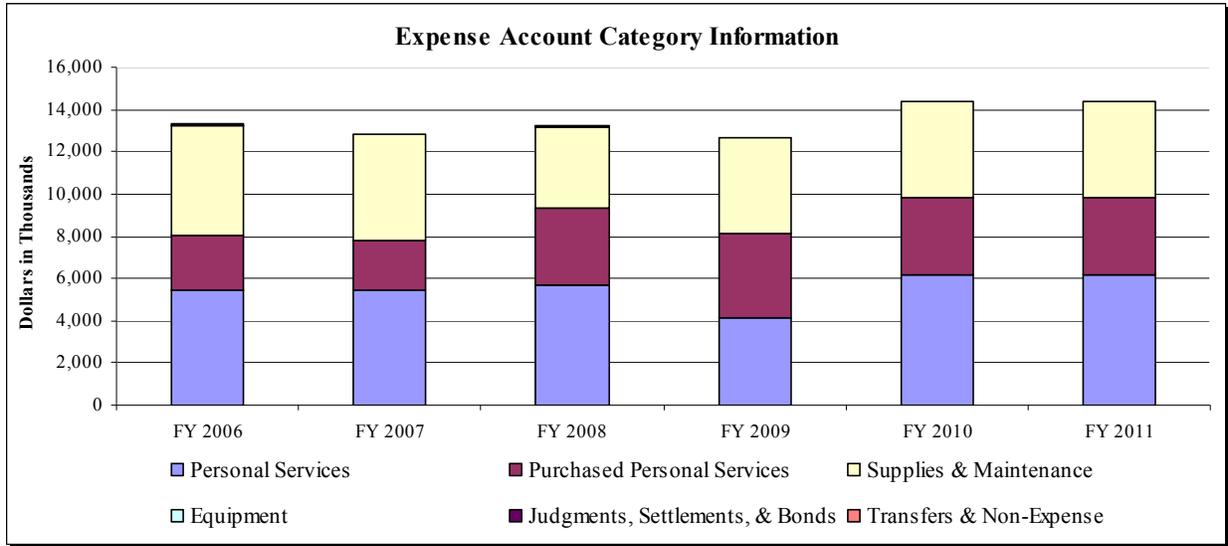
- Commit to creating a nationally recognized event venue and producing the highest quality state agricultural fair in order to be recognized as a unique, dynamic and profitable facility.
- Provide a facility which is safe, clean, versatile, comfortable, appealing, user friendly, and accessible.
- Utilize assets efficiently to build a strong financial position.
- Produce a diverse, entertaining, well attended and family-oriented annual state fair.
- Maintain a profitable schedule of Expo events and provide quality customer service in order to excel within the event industry.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



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(In Thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			EST. FY 2009	% CHANGE FY 08-09	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008			FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
General Revenue	400	396	397	400	0.9	360	-10.0	360	0.0
State Special Revenue	12,934	12,456	12,824	12,273	-4.3	14,025	14.3	14,025	0.0
TOTAL	13,334	12,852	13,221	12,673	-4.1	14,385	13.5	14,385	0.0



(In Thousands) EXPENSE ACCOUNT CATEGORY	ACTUAL			EST. FY 2009	% CHANGE FY 08-09	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008			FY 2010	% CHANGE	FY 2011	% CHANGE
Personal Services	5,482	5,440	5,668	4,162	-26.6	6,197	48.9	6,197	0.0
Purchased Personal Services	2,537	2,321	3,700	3,994	7.9	3,624	-9.3	3,624	0.0
Supplies & Maintenance	5,250	5,064	3,818	4,484	17.4	4,529	1.0	4,529	0.0
Equipment	0	15	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Judgments, Settlements, & Bonds	63	13	0	33	100.0	30	-9.1	30	0.0
Transfers & Non-Expense	0	0	34	0	-100.0	5	100.0	5	0.0
TOTAL	13,334	12,852	13,221	12,673	-4.1	14,385	13.5	14,385	0.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: State Fair Facilities

The state fair facilities or Expo Center are a 20-building complex, housed on 360 acres that provide more than one million square feet of event space and seats for 20,000 people. In addition to accommodating the needs of the Ohio State Fair, more than 125 events are held annually at the facilities.

Program 01.01: State Fair Management

Ohio has produced the Ohio State Fair for more than 150 years, which continues to be diverse, entertaining, well attended, and family oriented. The fair has an emphasis on youth and development of agriculture, one of Ohio's largest industries. Ohio has one of the largest Junior Fair Livestock programs in the country.

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The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Continue the current level of 66 employees and provide funding to operate the Expo Center and the Ohio State Fair; and
- Provide support to the Junior Fair Program and the All Ohio Fair Band and Youth Choir.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
GRF	GRF	723403	Junior Fair Subsidy	360,000	360,000
SSR	4N20	723602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	520,000	520,000
SSR	5060	723601	Operating Expenses	6,329,000	6,329,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,209,000	7,209,000

Program 01.02: Non-Fair Events

The Expositions Commission strives to professionally operate and maintain a year-round service-oriented nationally recognized event facility which is safe, clean, versatile, comfortable, appealing, user friendly, and accessible. The facility hosts more than 125 events annually in addition to the Ohio State Fair.

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objective:

- Provide resources to operate the Expo Center year-round for non-fair events.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2010	FY 2011
SSR	5060	723601	Operating Expenses	7,176,000	7,176,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,176,000	7,176,000

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FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ACTUAL	FY 2008 ACTUAL	FY 2009 ESTIMATE	FY 2010 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2011 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	723403	Junior Fair Subsidy	400,000	396,330	396,573	400,000	360,000	-10.0	360,000	0.0
TOTAL General Revenue			400,000	396,330	396,573	400,000	360,000	-10.0	360,000	0.0
4N20	723602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	444,170	408,922	412,266	520,000	520,000	0.0	520,000	0.0
5060	723601	Operating Expenses	12,489,450	12,046,974	12,411,725	11,753,315	13,505,000	14.9	13,505,000	0.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue			12,933,620	12,455,896	12,823,991	12,273,315	14,025,000	14.3	14,025,000	0.0
TOTAL Expositions Commission			13,333,620	12,852,226	13,220,564	12,673,315	14,385,000	13.5	14,385,000	0.0