

Ohio Historical Society

Role and Overview

The Ohio Historical Society provides direction, identity, education, and enlightenment to improve people's lives today and in the future. To do this, the Society collects, preserves, interprets, provides access to, and fosters an appreciation of the evidence and the experience of the past in Ohio and elsewhere.

The Historical Society is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Ohio to promote knowledge of Ohio's history. The society was founded in 1885 and performs certain public functions prescribed by law (ORC 149.3). Funds are appropriated to the society by the legislature to carry out these mandated functions, which include administering a state historical museum, library, and the State Archives of Ohio, as well as maintaining and operating 60 historical sites and museums that encompass nearly 5,000 acres and over 300 buildings and structures throughout the state. The society also houses the State Historic Preservation Office, which manages responsibilities delegated to the state by Congress in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. Funding from the state, approximately \$14.8 million in fiscal year 2005, represents about 72 percent of the society's total annual operating budget. The other 28 percent is comprised of contracts, grants, private contributions, and earned revenue. Earned revenue has consisted primarily of membership, admissions, and parking fees, merchandise sales, library and research services, and contributions. The society is governed by a 21-member Board of Trustees, nine of which are appointed by the Governor. It employs an executive director and approximately 277 full-time equivalent employees.

Executive Priorities for the Ohio Historical Society

- Provide in-person and online historical educational programs for teachers, students, and families.
- Provide access to documents and artifacts that record and preserve the history of Ohio.
- Support economic development via heritage tourism by promoting 60 sites in Ohio.
- Preserve evidence of Ohio's heritage and support economic development by encouraging preservation.
- Provide grant funding supporting efforts of others preserving and interpreting the history of Ohio.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	17,341	18,708	17,328	14,779	(14.7)	12,972	(12.2)	12,972	.0
TOTAL	17,341	18,708	17,328	14,779	(14.7)	12,972	(12.2)	12,972	.0

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	FY 2002	ACTUAL FY 2003	FY 2004	ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
						FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Subsidy	17,341	18,708	17,328	14,779	(14.7)	12,972	(12.2)	12,972	.0
TOTAL	17,341	18,708	17,328	14,779	(14.7)	12,972	(12.2)	12,972	.0

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: The Ohio Historical Society

This program series includes all operations of the society as mandated in the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Historical Society provides direction, identity, education, and enlightenment to improve people's lives today and in the future. To do this, the society collects, preserves, interprets, provides access to, and fosters an appreciation of the evidence and the experience of the past in Ohio and elsewhere.

Program 01.01: Educational and Interpretation Services

This program provides an array of educational services that help teachers equip students to be effective 21st century citizens through in-person and online school programs. This program offers public programs and publications (both physical and virtual) that connect the present with the past and provide a sense of pride, understanding, and enjoyment. This program seeks to improve Ohio's economy by creating jobs through visitation of its 60 historic sites throughout the state.

What the Budget Buys:

- Provides for the operation, preservation, and ongoing development of 60 historic sites and museums in Ohio;
- Provides curriculum development, teacher training, and educational materials aimed at helping students meet state academic content standards; and
- Creates jobs by stimulating people to visit sites and spend tourism dollars in regions where they travel.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	1,137,696	1,137,696
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site Operations	6,167,737	6,167,737
GRF	GRF	360-505	Afro-American Museum	754,884	754,884
GRF	GRF	360-506	Hayes Presidential Center	509,231	509,231
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				8,569,548	8,569,548

Program 01.02: State Archives, Library, and Artifact Collections

This program preserves the physical evidence of Ohio's heritage and provides access to over 3,000,000 historical artifacts and documents. These collections provide strength and power to OHS educational programs. The society also preserves the records of state and local government through the State Archives.

What the Budget Buys:

- Organizes, labels, files and serves as the repository for public records for Ohio's agencies, boards, commissions, counties, municipalities, townships, school districts, and numerous special taxing districts;
- Hosts online databases of artifacts, documents, and images from the society's collections, as well as 330 other cultural heritage repositories;
- Manages the acquisition, assessment, and preservation of the society's historical documents and artifact collection; and
- Facilitates knowledge creation by operating an historical research library used by students, professional historians, genealogists, and the general public.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	1,788,503	1,788,503
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site Operations	1,405,338	1,405,338
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,193,841	3,193,841

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Program 01.03: Historic Preservation and Local History Support

This program helps provide citizens in virtually every community in Ohio with a sense of place and personal identity by helping to preserve structures and landscapes that connect citizens of today with their heritage. It helps create jobs through economic development made possible by federal tax incentives for the rehabilitation of historical structures. This OHS program assists the efforts of nearly 1,000 other historical organizations that are working throughout Ohio to use the past to improve lives today.

What the Budget Buys:

- Serves as the official historic preservation agency of the state which implements federal preservation policy;
- Assists over 400 local historical societies and nearly 400 additional history-related groups in Ohio;
- Leads to over \$230 million per year in historic federal tax credit project work, which yields nearly 5,000 new jobs per year; and
- Reviews over 6,000 federally funded or licensed projects each year for their impact on historical resources, resulting in projects that preserve Ohio's past while they improve its present and future.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	267,679	267,679
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site Operations	463,838	463,838
GRF	GRF	360-504	Ohio Preservation Office	281,041	281,041
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,012,558	1,012,558

Program 01.04: Institutional Advancement

This program advances all of the society's services to Ohioans by encouraging support for those programs. This development initiative works to increase non-state funding support for the society and to communicate and promote the society's programs and services to its audiences (both current and potential). The society is investing greater resources into these fund development efforts to complement and leverage state funding. Activities include fundraising from individuals, corporations, foundations, federal and local governments, and quasi-governmental agencies. The program also coordinates the society's marketing and membership promotion efforts.

What the Budget Buys:

- Supports the society's goals of increasing membership and raising additional resources and support from the private sector;
- Supports the society's goals by communicating and marketing OHS programs to current and potential audiences; and
- Obtains non-state funds that help support the public sector/private sector partnership between OHS and the State of Ohio.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	94,396	94,396
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site Operations	101,812	101,812
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				196,208	196,208

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Historical Society

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	360-403	Adena-Worthington Home	0	0	196,000	145,500	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	3,529,521	3,389,974	3,322,174	3,288,274	3,288,274	.0	3,288,274	.0
GRF	360-502	Site Operations	6,918,116	6,626,040	8,070,794	7,993,225	8,138,725	1.8	8,138,725	.0
GRF	360-503	Ohio Bicentennial Commission	3,904,998	6,129,228	1,773,349	56,419	0	(100.0)	0	.0
GRF	360-504	Ohio Preservation Office	370,892	340,862	288,773	281,041	281,041	.0	281,041	.0
GRF	360-505	Afro-American Museum	972,043	915,566	762,666	754,884	754,884	.0	754,884	.0
GRF	360-506	Hayes Presidential Center	655,725	617,625	514,481	509,231	509,231	.0	509,231	.0
GRF	360-508	Historical Grants	989,925	688,469	2,400,000	1,750,000	0	(100.0)	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			17,341,220	18,707,764	17,328,237	14,778,574	12,972,155	(12.2)	12,972,155	.0
TOTAL Historical Society			17,341,220	18,707,764	17,328,237	14,778,574	12,972,155	(12.2)	12,972,155	.0