

Role and Overview

The Ohio Historical Society (OHS) is a non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Ohio to promote knowledge of Ohio's history. Funds are appropriated to the society by the General Assembly and Governor to carry out certain public functions prescribed by law (ORC 149.3). They 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.

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 299 full-time equivalent employees. State funding represents about 63 percent of the society's total annual operating budget. Contracts, grants, private contributions, and earned revenue comprise the other 37 percent. Earned revenue consists primarily of membership, admissions and parking fees, merchandise sales, and library and research services. Operating funding from the state totals approximately \$13.6 million in fiscal year 2007.

More information regarding the Ohio Historical Society is available at <http://www.ohiohistory.org/>.



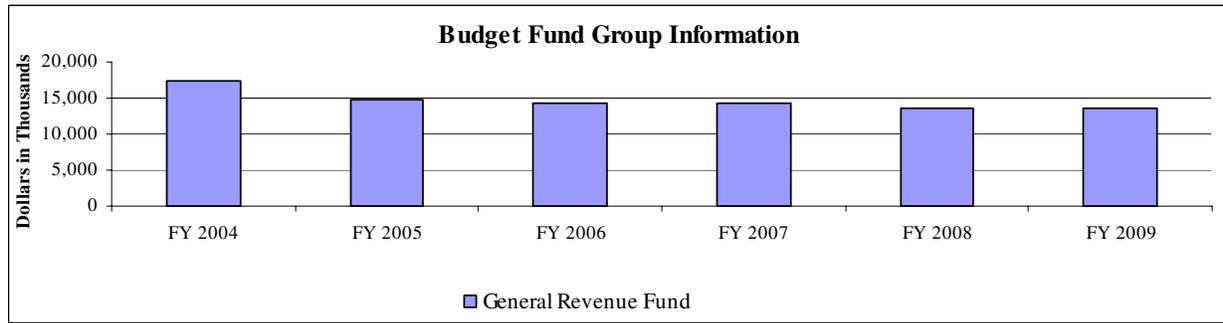
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Encourage reinvestment in Ohio's older communities through the promotion of heritage tourism and the continuous improvement of Ohio's state-administered historic sites and museums.
- Administer state and federal historic preservation tax credit programs and support the Ohio Main Street program through the work of the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Support the mission of the proposed Office of Urban Development and Infrastructure and support regional economic development efforts through a competitive matching grants program for local history-related organizations, administering the Certified Local Government program, improving local development decision making through access to statewide inventories of historic properties and archaeological sites, and providing access to public documents through the State Archives.
- Support the educational endeavors of Ohio's children and the continuing education of Ohio's citizens through engaging history exhibits and instructional public programs, as well as special programs such as National History Day in Ohio, the collaborative Congressional Academy project, and distance learning programs.
- Promote high-quality teaching and instruction through involvement with the Ohio Social Studies Resource Center, the administering of the Buckeye Council for History Education, and teacher training programs.
- Work with the Ohio School Facilities to identify and promote the rehabilitation of historic community schools to help the state pursue its goal of making schools the center of communities.
- Improve accountability and transparency through the enhancement of OHS's accounting system and through accreditation review of OHS's museum functions by the American Association of Museums.

Agency Priorities

- Provide access to historic sites and museums statewide as well as print and online historical educational programs for teachers, students and families.
- Preserve and provide in-person and online access to documents and artifacts that record and preserve the history of Ohio through the State Archives, Collections Services, and Research Library.
- Preserve evidence of Ohio's heritage and support economic development through the State Historic Preservation Office by encouraging and assisting preservation activities.
- Boost heritage tourism and history efforts statewide by promoting the diverse array of 60 state-administered historical sites and museums, as well as partnering to assist the activities of the state's local historic, preservation, and archival organizations through the Local History Office.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	17,328	14,779	14,320	14,295	(.2)	13,620	(4.7)	13,618	.0
TOTAL	17,328	14,779	14,320	14,295	(.2)	13,620	(4.7)	13,618	.0

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Subsidy	17,328	14,779	14,320	14,295	(.2)	13,620	(4.7)	13,618	.0
TOTAL	17,328	14,779	14,320	14,295	(.2)	13,620	(4.7)	13,618	.0

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 Interpretive 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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

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

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	1,183,179	1,183,179
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site & Museum Operations	6,344,736	6,344,736
GRF	GRF	360-505	Nat'l Afro-American Museum	762,433	762,433
GRF	GRF	360-506	Hayes Presidential Center	514,323	514,323
GRF	GRF	360-508	State Historical Grants	75,000	75,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				8,879,671	8,879,671

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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Allow OHS to organize, label, file and serve as the repository for public records for Ohio's agencies, boards, commissions, counties, municipalities, townships, school districts, and numerous special taxing districts;
- Host online databases of artifacts, documents, and images from the society's collections, as well as 330 other cultural heritage repositories;
- Manage the acquisition, assessment, and preservation of the society's historical documents and artifact collection; and
- Facilitate learning by operating an historical research library used by students, professional historians, genealogists, and the general public.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	1,727,002	1,727,002
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site & Museum Operations	1,801,719	1,801,719
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				3,528,721	3,528,721

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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Administer the newly created state historic preservation tax credit program for rehabilitating historic buildings;
- Serve as the official historic preservation agency of the state that implements federal preservation policy;
- Assist over 400 local historical societies and nearly 400 additional history-related groups in Ohio;
- Lead to over \$230 million per year in historic federal tax credit project work, which yields nearly 5,000 new jobs per year; and
- Review 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				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	337,352	337,360
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site & Museum Operations	335,824	335,831
GRF	GRF	360-504	Ohio Preservation Office	417,516	415,381
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				1,090,692	1,088,572

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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

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

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	101,711	101,711
GRF	GRF	360-502	Site & Museum Operations	19,502	19,502
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				121,213	121,213

Appropriation Line Item Analyses for Fiscal Years 2008 and 2009

Line Item Notes

360-504, Ohio Preservation Office: Funding will greatly increase for OHS to administer the newly created Historic Preservation Tax Credit program.

360-508, State Historical Grants: This line item has consisted of support for museums not associated with OHS in the past. Traditionally, OHS requests no money for this line item, so it shows a significant decrease.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Historical Society

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	360-403	Adena-Worthington Home	196,000	145,500	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	3,322,174	3,288,274	3,288,274	3,288,274	3,349,244	1.9	3,349,252	.0
GRF	360-502	Site & Museum Operations	8,070,794	7,993,225	8,388,725	8,388,725	8,501,781	1.3	8,501,788	.0
GRF	360-503	Ohio Bicentennial Commission	1,773,349	56,419	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
GRF	360-504	Ohio Preservation Office	288,773	281,041	281,041	281,041	417,516	**	415,381	(.5)
GRF	360-505	Nat'l Afro-American Museum	762,666	754,884	754,884	754,884	762,433	1.0	762,433	.0
GRF	360-506	Hayes Presidential Center	514,481	509,231	509,231	509,231	514,323	1.0	514,323	.0
GRF	360-508	State Historical Grants	2,400,000	1,750,000	1,097,500	1,072,500	75,000	**	75,000	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			17,328,237	14,778,574	14,319,655	14,294,655	13,620,297	(4.7)	13,618,177	.0
TOTAL Historical Society			17,328,237	14,778,574	14,319,655	14,294,655	13,620,297	(4.7)	13,618,177	.0