

Role and Overview

The Ohioana Library Association (OLA) recognizes and encourages the creative accomplishments of Ohioans, preserves and expands a permanent archive of books, sheet music, manuscripts, and other materials by Ohioans and about Ohio, and disseminates information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists to researchers, schools, and the general public.

The Ohioana Library Association was established in 1929 and is governed by a 28-member board that includes four appointees of the Governor and the Governor’s spouse. The Ohioana collection consists of more than 45,000 volumes written by Ohioans, or about Ohio or Ohioans, and includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry, and children’s literature. The library holds biographical files and scrapbook materials on more than 22,000 Ohio authors, musicians, artists, entertainers, and other Ohioans of significance. The library also maintains collections of sheet music, photos, letters, original illustrations and artwork, original manuscripts, and many personal items of literary and cultural significance.

The association has a six-member staff. The state support provided in fiscal year 2007 was \$200,000. The association also generates an additional 30 to 40 percent in non-state contributions.

More information regarding the Ohioana Library Association is available at <http://www.ohioana.org/>.

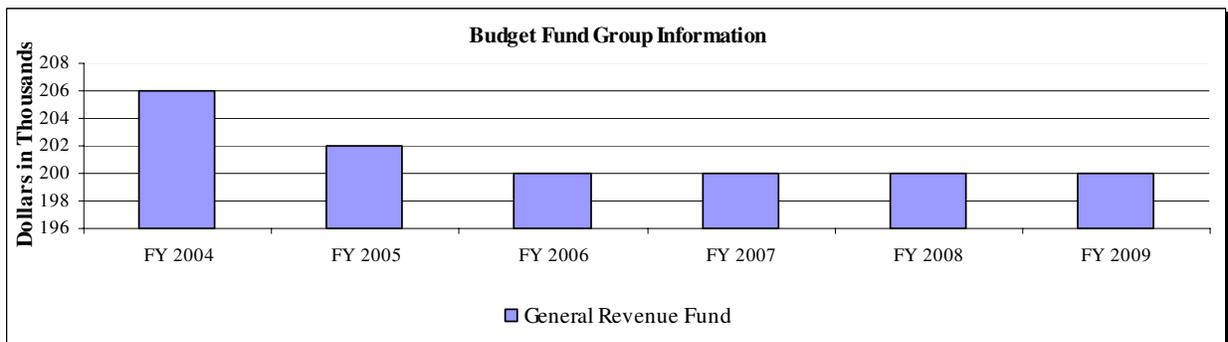


Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Promoting and preserving the outstanding accomplishments of Ohioans in the arts, with a major focus on the literary arts.
- Fostering and celebrating the arts and literature promotes Ohio’s educational initiatives at all levels - from early childhood through college, as well as lifelong learning.

Agency Priorities

- Recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans, preserve and expand a permanent archive of books, manuscripts, and other material by Ohioans and about Ohio, and disseminate information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians, and other artists to researchers, schools, and the general public.
- Maintain the Ohioana Collection, a permanent archive of books, sheet music, and biographical information.
- Publish the Ohioana Quarterly and maintain the Association’s website as a means to disseminate information to researchers, schools, and the general public.
- Coordinate and distribute Ohioana Awards to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans.



State of Ohio
Ohioana Library Association

(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	206	202	200	200	.0	200	.0	200	.0
TOTAL	206	202	200	200	.0	200	.0	200	.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	206	202	200	200	.0	200	.0	200	.0
TOTAL	206	202	200	200	.0	200	.0	200	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Ohioana Library Association

This program series consists of three interdependent initiatives. When combined, these initiatives allow Ohioana to serve as the collector and caretaker of Ohio's literary legacy in a cost-effective way and allow Ohioana to generate independent funds.

Program 01.01: Ohioana Collection

This area includes the development, maintenance, and preservation of the collection, as well as the in-house use of the collection, response to public inquiries, and reference requests. This program is the foundation upon which Ohioana's other services are built. Not including the value of the books donated to the collection, independent support provides approximately 44 percent of the total cost of this initiative. The market value of the books donated in fiscal year 2006 was \$14,646. The Ohioana Rental Payments line item, within the State Library's budget, supports the rent obligation for housing the Ohioana collection.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Make accessible to the citizens of Ohio the electronic records for all books donated to Ohioana during the next biennium;
- Provide reference information on Ohio writers and their work to students, teachers, news media, and the general public;
- Allow for the creation and promotion of ten special educational exhibits on Ohioana's website, in the library, and at the Governor's residence using items from our collection; and
- Serve as the leverage necessary for Ohioana to generate the additional funds to maintain and enhance this service as well as other programs.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	64,000	64,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				64,000	64,000

Program 01.02: Ohioana Quarterly

This program includes the production and distribution of the *Ohioana Quarterly*, the newly created and widely used Ohioana website, and other educational resource materials for libraries, schools, and the general public. This program is a significant source of Ohioana's independent funding. Not including the value of volunteer time, independent support provides approximately 45 percent of the total cost of this initiative.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide the support necessary for Ohioana to learn about and secure new books for the Ohioana collection, which averages approximately new 1,000 books annually;
- Enable the editor of the quarterly to coordinate the work of more than 100 volunteer reviewers and at least one college intern each quarter, which results in the creation and distribution the Ohioana Quarterly to more than 2,000 individuals, organizations, and businesses, plus 225 libraries;
- Make it possible for Ohioana to continue to build new partnerships, to update its website, and promote the programs of other literary organizations, especially those of libraries, museums, and book stores around the state of Ohio; and
- Serve as the leverage necessary for Ohioana to generate the additional funds to maintain and enhance this service as well as all programs.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	66,000	66,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				66,000	66,000

Program 01.03: Ohioana Awards and Public Recognition

This initiative includes the nine Ohioana awards programs that range from writing contests for high school students to the prestigious Ohioana Career Award. This program also supports the regional public recognition of writers in Cincinnati and Central Ohio, as well as Ohioana’s involvement in other projects such as the Ohioana Authors radio series, which was made in partnership with WOSU media and the Ohio Humanities Council; the Out Poetry contest held in partnership with the Ohio Arts Council, Thurber House, and the National Poetry Foundation; the filming and airing of the Ohioana Awards presentations done in partnership with Ohio Government TV, as well as other projects. Independent support provides approximately 65 percent of the total cost of this initiative.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Allow Ohioana to continue its awards programs, as well as to expand new programs to foster and nurture young writers;
- Enable Ohioana to distribute the new Ohio Literary Map to all Ohio schools and public libraries, and make it possible for the map to become an online interactive resource for students and teachers throughout the state; and
- Serve as the important leverage necessary for Ohioana to build more public/private partnerships.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
GRF	GRF	355-501	Library Subsidy	70,000	70,000
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				70,000	70,000

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Ohioana Library Association

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	355-501	Library Subsidy	206,435	202,134	200,000	200,000	200,000	.0	200,000	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			206,435	202,134	200,000	200,000	200,000	.0	200,000	.0
TOTAL Ohioana Library Association			206,435	202,134	200,000	200,000	200,000	.0	200,000	.0