

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Role and Overview

The Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (CSV) operates AmeriCorps in Ohio and promotes volunteerism and service as tools for addressing community needs. Federal law requires, as a condition for receipt of AmeriCorps funding, that a state service commission be maintained to administer the program, ensuring each state the opportunity to coordinate AmeriCorps with its own programmatic priorities. In fiscal year 2013, Ohio has received \$6.6 million in federal AmeriCorps funding to local projects, supporting over 600 AmeriCorps members who will provide almost one million hours of service to their communities. Sixty-one percent of current program dollars are for projects focused on increasing academic achievement, including the new Ohio Reading Corps developed in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education and two Education Service Centers to support the Third Grade Reading Guarantee Initiative. Other projects focus on expanding economic opportunity and improving health and the environment. The Commission is governed by a board of 21 members. Four members are representatives of state agencies, 15 are appointed by the Governor, and two are representatives of the Senate and House Education Committees. The Commission employs six full-time permanent employees.

More information regarding the Commission on Service and Volunteerism is available at www.serveohio.org.

Agency Priorities

- Maximize AmeriCorps funding and impact in Ohio through high-quality sub-grant projects that address critical needs and leverage federal competitive funding. During the past two years competitive funds have boosted Ohio AmeriCorps funding by 71 percent to over \$14 million as compared to \$8.2 million in baseline formula funding.
- Serve as a resource for the broader volunteer network in Ohio through the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism, recognition of outstanding volunteer efforts, and support National Days of Service projects at the local level. These efforts are supported through corporate Stewards of Service donations.

Funding Recommendation for 2014 and 2015

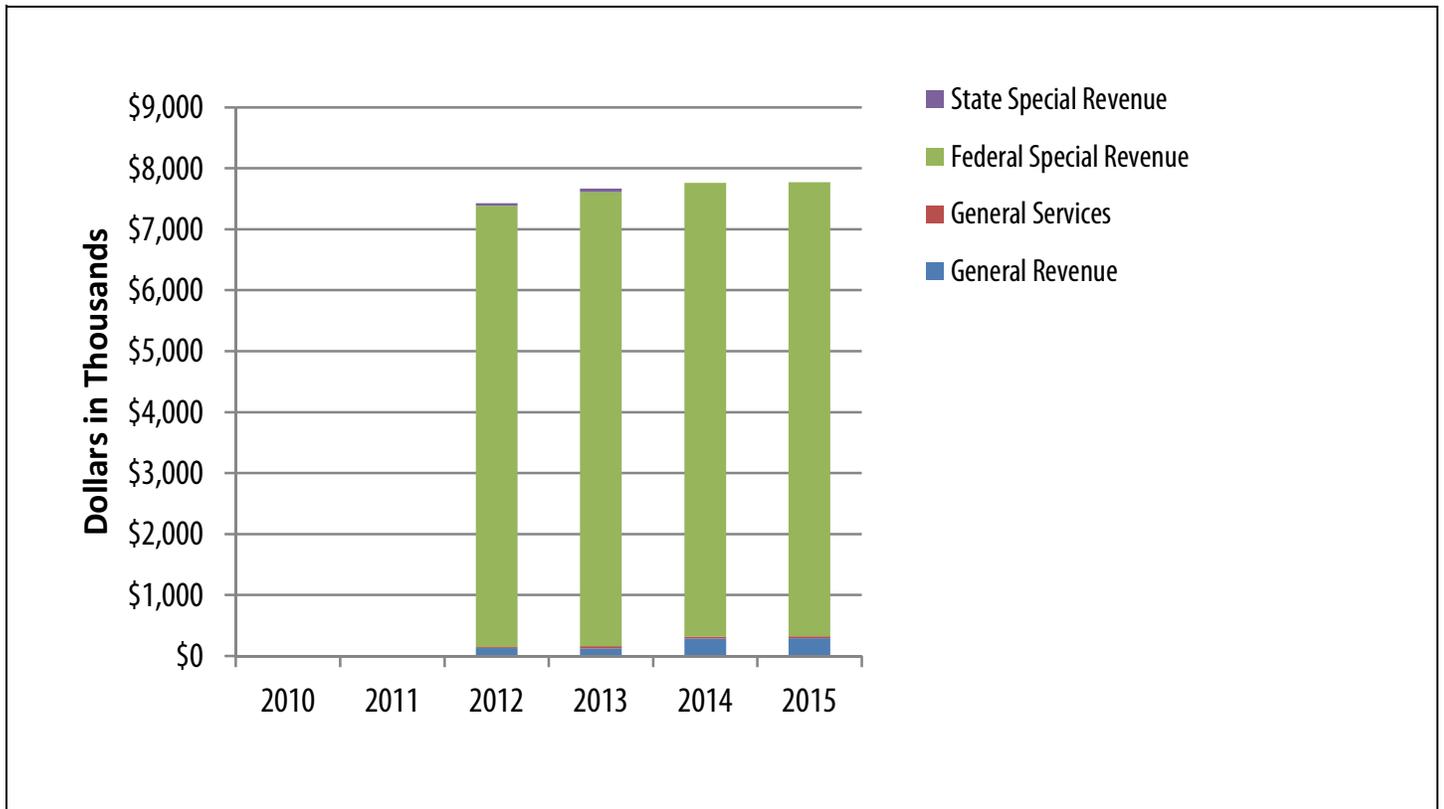
- GRF: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$286.7 thousand (or a 126.3% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$294.1 thousand (or a 2.6% increase from fiscal year 2014).
- All Funds: Funding for fiscal year 2014 is \$7.8 million (or a 1.3% increase from fiscal year 2013). Funding for fiscal year 2015 is \$7.8 million (or a 0.1% increase from fiscal year 2014).

The Executive Recommendation will fund the following objectives:

- Award, manage, and support approximately 25 AmeriCorps sub-grant projects totaling \$7 million in federal funding per year. Local match will provide an additional \$5 million in annual project support. Projects will focus around three areas: increasing academic achievement, expanding economic opportunity, and improving health and the environment.
- Enable 600 AmeriCorps members to provide over 1 million hours of service to their communities each year, while enhancing their own skills and abilities for their post-service careers. In fiscal years 2014 and 2015, members will earn approximately \$5 million in federal education awards to further their education or repay student loans.
- Maintain or expand the corporate Stewards of Service funding base to support the non-AmeriCorps programming.

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Budget Fund Group Information

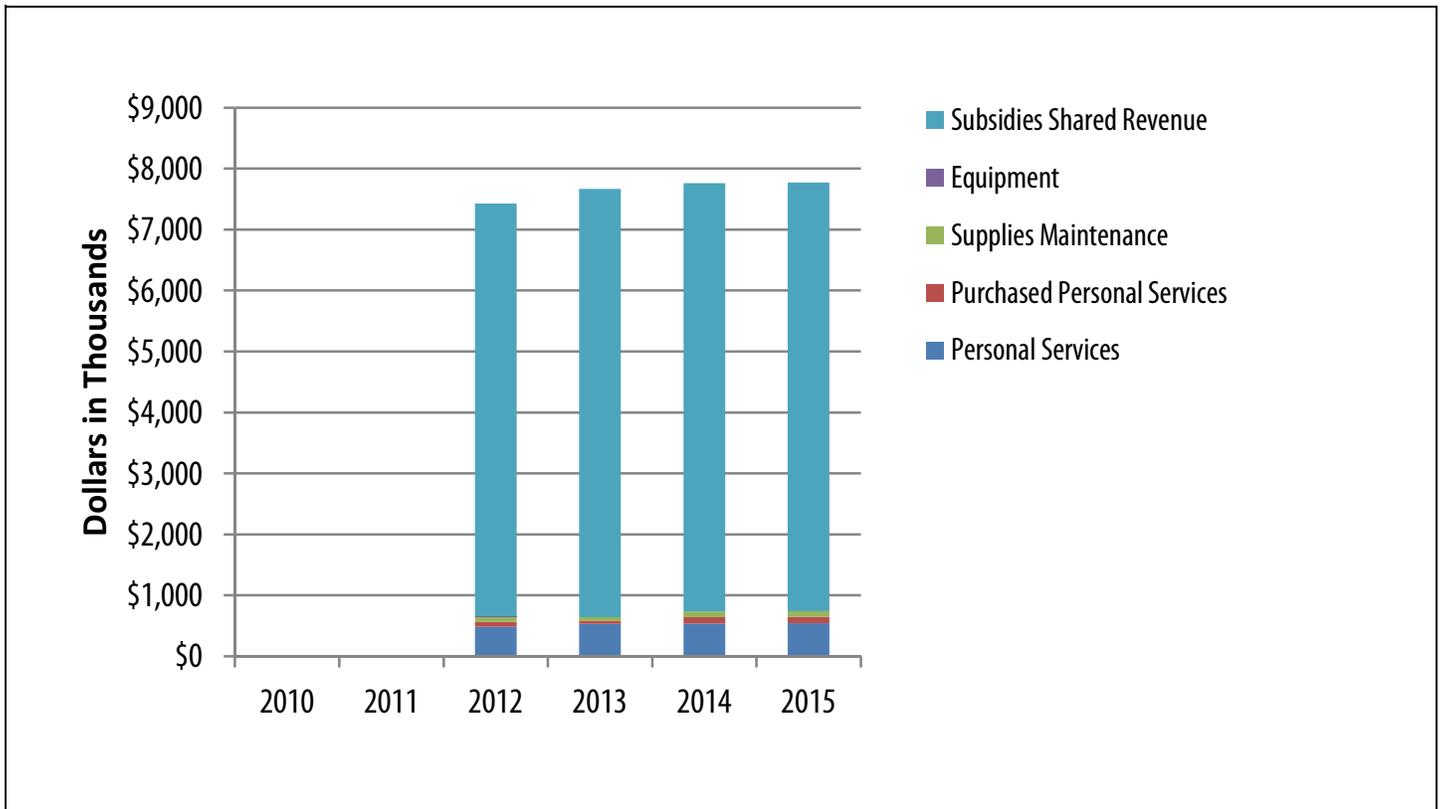


- The increase in General Revenue appropriation over the biennium maintains current levels of service and draw down of federal funds due to the discontinuation of two grants in fiscal year 2013.
- The commission will have exhausted all cash balances for Special State Revenue funds by fiscal year 2013. No new revenue is expected.

(in Thousands) Budget Fund Group	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
General Revenue	0	0	130	127	-2.5%	287	126.3%	294	2.6%
General Services	0	0	17	35	106.5%	30	-13.9%	30	0.0%
Federal Special Revenue	0	0	7,240	7,447	2.9%	7,447	0.0%	7,447	0.0%
State Special Revenue	0	0	38	57	47.7%	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total	0	0	7,425	7,665	3.2%	7,764	1.3%	7,771	0.1%

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Expense Account Category Information



(in Thousands) Expense Account Category	Actual			Est.	% Change	Recommended			
	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 12-13	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	%Change
Personal Services	0	0	488	532	9.1%	536	0.7%	541	0.9%
Purchased Personal Services	0	0	76	45	-40.8%	107	137.0%	109	1.7%
Supplies & Maintenance	0	0	91	64	-29.9%	91	42.3%	91	0.8%
Equipment	0	0	1	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Subsidies & Shared Revenue	0	0	6,770	7,024	3.8%	7,030	0.1%	7,030	0.0%
Total	0	0	7,425	7,665	3.2%	7,764	1.3%	7,771	0.1%

Program Series 1: Commission on Service and Volunteerism (1500A)

This program series funds projects that foster volunteerism and service throughout the state. The CSV Operations Program (1500B) provides for Commission staffing and operations. The ServeOhio Program (1501B) promotes recognition and training for volunteers and funds special projects on National Days of Service. The AmeriCorps Program (1502B) funds grants to local projects that address community needs relating to education, economic opportunity, healthy futures, environmental protection and other areas.

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	126,664	286,661	126.3%	294,072	2.6%
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	34,840	30,000	-13.9%	30,000	0.0%
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	7,447,000	7,447,000	0.0%	7,447,000	0.0%
6240	866604	Volunteer Contracts and Services	56,608	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total for Commission on Service and Volunteerism			7,665,112	7,763,661	1.3%	7,771,072	0.1%

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Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Actual			Estimated	Recommended			
			FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	% Change	FY 2015	% Change
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	0	0	129,915	126,664	286,661	126.3%	294,072	2.6%
Total General Revenue			0	0	129,915	126,664	286,661	126.3%	294,072	2.6%
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	0	0	16,869	34,840	30,000	-13.9%	30,000	0.0%
Total General Services			0	0	16,869	34,840	30,000	-13.9%	30,000	0.0%
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	0	0	7,240,336	7,447,000	7,447,000	0.0%	7,447,000	0.0%
Total Federal Special Revenue			0	0	7,240,336	7,447,000	7,447,000	0.0%	7,447,000	0.0%
6240	866604	Volunteer Contracts and Services	0	0	38,316	56,608	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Total State Special Revenue			0	0	38,316	56,608	0	-100.0%	0	0.0%
Grand Total Commission on Service and Volunteerism			0	0	7,425,436	7,665,112	7,763,661	1.3%	7,771,072	0.1%