

**Greenbook**  
**LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**  
**Commission on Service and Volunteerism**

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## Commission on Service and Volunteerism

### Quick look...

- Governed by 19 voting members, including 15 that are appointed by the Governor and four designees from four state agencies.
- Total of eight staff members, including the Executive Director.
- Total budget: \$20.0 million over the biennium.
  - Sources of the budget: GRF (3.1%), federal grants (96.6%), and state non-GRF (0.3%).
    - GRF funding of \$307,176 for FY 2020 and \$305,971 in FY 2021.
    - Increase of 19.1% in federal grants in FY 2020 and 0.2% in FY 2021.

Fund Group	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$301,000	\$305,593	\$307,176	\$305,971
Dedicated Purpose	\$20,670	\$8,199	\$30,000	\$30,000
Federal	\$6,916,275	\$8,101,141	\$9,649,635	\$9,671,749
Total	\$7,237,945	\$8,414,934	\$9,986,811	\$10,007,720
% change	--	16.3%	18.7%	0.2%
<i>GRF % change</i>	--	1.5%	0.5%	-0.4%

### Agency overview

The mission of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV) is to strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism. OCSV was created as a result of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which also created the AmeriCorps Program. The Act created state offices such as OCSV to receive and administer the grant funds associated with the program. OCSV also focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. OCSV's governing authority consists of 19 voting members. OCSV currently has eight employees who carry out day-to-day activities.

### Analysis of FY 2020-FY 2021 budget

#### Summary of appropriations

The Commission's budget consists of three appropriation line items (ALIs), one of which is supported by the GRF, one by a Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF), and one by a federal fund. The budget provides approximately \$10.0 million in each fiscal year, of which 3.1% is supported

by the GRF, 96.6% by federal grants, and 0.3% by state non-GRF. Each of OCSV's appropriation items is discussed further below.

### CSV Operations (ALI 866321)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 866321, CSV Operations</b>					
\$309,646	\$322,735	\$301,000	\$305,593	\$307,176	\$305,971
% change	4.2%	-6.7%	1.5%	0.5%	-0.4%

GRF line item 866321, CSV Operations, supports the operating expenses for OCSV. OCSV manages, monitors, and evaluates funded AmeriCorps programs, and provides technical assistance to current and potential grantees. OCSV also promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state and administers ServeOhio, which focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. In addition to this line item, operating support also comes from federal funds deposited into the AmeriCorps Program Fund (Fund 3R70) and expended out of line item 866617. The federal government generally provides a dollar for every one dollar the state spends on operating costs, so basically, a 50-50 arrangement exists.

### ServeOhio Support (ALI 866605)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
<b>Fund 5GN0 ALI 866605, ServeOhio Support</b>					
\$28,626	\$15,697	\$20,670	\$8,199	\$30,000	\$30,000
% change	-45.2%	31.7%	-60.3%	265.9%	0.0%

This line item supports the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism, the ServeOhio Awards Program, and National Days of Service Mini-Grants. The purpose of the conference is to develop skills and to provide networking opportunities for professionals in volunteer organizations. The awards program was established to recognize individuals and organizations that have made volunteer contributions to their state and community. The National Days of Service Mini-Grants support community service projects and are awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Global Youth Service Day, ServeOhio Day, and Make a Difference Day. In addition, a portion of this line item is used as state match for certain activities. Donations from corporate sponsors, conference fees, and contributions from the issuance of Ohio volunteer license plates are deposited into Fund 5GN0, OCSV Gifts and Donations, and provide the funding to support the appropriation in line item 866605.

## AmeriCorps Programs (ALI 866617)

FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Appropriation	FY 2021 Appropriation
<b>Fund 3R70 ALI 866617, AmeriCorps Programs</b>					
\$6,234,490	\$6,352,766	\$6,916,275	\$8,101,141	\$9,649,635	\$9,671,749
% change	1.9%	8.9%	17.1%	19.1%	0.2%

This line item primarily supports the AmeriCorps Program. Revenues for Fund 3R70, AmeriCorps Programs, come from federal grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Approximately 90% of these revenues are distributed to AmeriCorps grant recipients. The remaining revenue primarily consists of funds to provide the federal share of OCSV's operating expenses, including an annual Commission Support Grant and Technical Assistance Grant, as well as a Volunteer Generation Fund. The core amount of pass-through funding a state receives is determined by a formula, which is based on a state's population. States may also receive additional funding through a competitive process, which is based on program quality.

Since its inception in 1994, AmeriCorps has focused on the idea of local control. Hence, the potential subgrantees for funds are required to solicit community input to determine the most pressing local needs that could be addressed by an AmeriCorps project. New subgrantees are also required to provide 24% of project costs. This amount gradually increases to up to 50% for those subgrantees that receive grants year after year.

AmeriCorps' projects focus on disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. AmeriCorps members receive a stipend for living expenses (\$1,144 per month for full-time members). Upon completion of their terms of service, members receive a post-service educational award for college or technical training (presently \$6,095 for full-time members). This can be used to repay student loans or to pay for future education. In addition, some senior members may transfer this educational award to another qualified recipient (i.e., child or grandchild). The educational award is provided through a federal trust fund, not through program dollars.