

- \$1 increase in ticket prices at the gate
- GRF funding represents only 3.2% of the EXPO's total budget. State Special Revenue Funds make up the rest.

Ohio Expositions Commission

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ROLE

The Ohio Expositions Commission (EXPO) is a thirteen-member commission specifically charged with the responsibility of conducting at least one fair annually and maintaining and managing property held by the state for the purpose of conducting fairs, expositions, and exhibits. The commission currently oversees operations of the Ohio Expositions Center, a 360-acre facility located in Columbus that administers year-round events.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
87 (permanent)	\$16.1 million	\$15.9 million	\$517,125	\$517,125	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

OVERVIEW

Appropriations for the biennium are \$32,052,345, which represents an increase of approximately 4.0 percent over the previous biennium's appropriations. The previous biennium's appropriations were \$30,829,204. The increase is due to increases within the State Special Revenue Funds, which account for 96.8 percent of the commission's total budget. Included in this fund group is a \$700,000 appropriation for the State Fair Reserve (723-640). The State Fair Reserve is a budget reserve fund that the commission may utilize in the event of poor attendance at the Ohio State Fair due to inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances. Appropriations for the Junior Fair Subsidy (723-403) are \$517,125 per fiscal year. This is a 1.5 percent decrease from FY 2001 appropriations of \$525,000. The program currently costs the commission approximately \$750,000 per year.

BUDGET ISSUES

STATE FAIR RESERVE

Appropriation item 723-603, State Fair Reserve, is a reserve fund set up for use by the Ohio Expositions Commission when admission revenues are below a predetermined level due to inclement weather or extraordinary circumstances during the Ohio State Fair. The admission revenue must be less than

\$2,920,000 for the 2001 Ohio State Fair and less than \$3,010,000 for the 2002 Ohio State Fair. The Director of Budget and Management must release the funds after the commission declares a state of fiscal exigency. The Director of Budget and Management may approve or disapprove the request, may increase or decrease the amount, and may place conditions on the use of the funds. Also, if the commission is facing a temporary cash shortage, a request to use the funds to meet obligations may be made to the Director of Budget and Management. However, in this type of situation, the request must include a plan that describes how the commission will eliminate the cash shortage. The commission must reimburse Fund 640 by June 30 of that same fiscal year. 

FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
EXP Expositions Commission, Ohio									
GRF	723-402	State Fairgrounds Phys Plant	\$ 0	----		----	N/A	----	N/A
GRF	723-403	Junior Fair Subsidy	\$ 355,487	\$ 499,961	\$523,631	\$ 517,125	-1.24%	\$ 517,125	0.00%
GRF	723-404	State Fair Reserve	\$ 0	\$ 700,000		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 355,487	\$ 1,199,961	\$ 523,631	\$ 517,125	-1.24%	\$ 517,125	0.00%
506	723-601	Operating Expenses	\$ 12,682,465	\$ 13,305,895	\$13,341,198	\$ 14,411,437	8.02%	\$ 14,875,658	3.22%
4N2	723-602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	\$ 457,072	\$ 484,017	\$484,106	\$ 511,000	5.56%	\$ 520,000	1.76%
640	723-603	State Fair Reserve	----	----		\$ 700,000	N/A	\$ 0	-100.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 13,139,537	\$ 13,789,912	\$ 13,825,305	\$ 15,622,437	13.00%	\$ 15,395,658	-1.45%
Expositions Commission, Ohio Total			\$ 13,495,024	\$ 14,989,873	\$ 14,348,936	\$ 16,139,562	12.48%	\$ 15,912,783	-1.41%