

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

- The population served has grown 50% since the Commission's inception in 1977.
- Continuation funding for three positions.

OVERVIEW

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs was created in 1977 as the Ohio Commission on Spanish-speaking Affairs. Its purpose is to serve as an advocate for Hispanic persons in Ohio and to help develop policies and plans to meet the needs of the Hispanic community. The Commission is also a resource to the general public, businesses, the General Assembly, and other governmental agencies, as well as non-profit or educational organizations that are seeking information about Ohio's Hispanic community. The Commission is made up of an 11-member board and three full-time staff positions. The Commission has as its goals, three primary focal points: 1) the Commission intends to focus on promoting action and programs that will address academic achievement of Hispanic students, 2) the continuation and enhancement of Hispanic leadership development efforts, and 3) the continuous promotion of economic development and employment in the Hispanic community. In addition, the Commission has utilized networks with other state agencies to increase the number of Hispanic persons employed by the State of Ohio.

The staff of the Commission consists of three positions: director, legislative liaison, and secretary.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

- Staffing levels have remained steady at three positions since FY 1996. The Commission has requested an additional staff person to begin in July of the year 2003. This request was not funded.
- The Commission, though staffed at three, interacts and coordinates programs with many different organizations as well as participates in numerous seminars across the state.
- The Commission received 1,500 requests for assistance in 1997. In 1999, the Commission received 4,500 requests. These requests come not only from the Ohio Hispanic constituency, but also other state agencies, colleges and universities, and businesses.
- The U.S. Census which was taken in the year 2000 is expected to add 5-10% to the 1990 Ohio Hispanic population of 200,000. Nationally, the Hispanic population will reach 31 million in 2000, and is forecasted to double by 2020.
- 60% of the Ohio Hispanic population is under 26 years of age, and many of them are under-employed, having to work two jobs to meet their financial obligations.
- 53% of Hispanic students graduate from high school. Only one in ten Hispanic students graduates from college and fewer than 100 are enrolled in all of Ohio's law schools.
- The Commission has worked with the Governor and the Ohio General Assembly to encourage more Hispanic involvement on boards and commissions.

ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Purpose To address issues concerning Hispanic/Latino Ohioans by serving as a liaison between government and the Hispanic community in Ohio and advocating the development and implementation of policies and programs which will serve Hispanic Ohioans.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this agency, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$178,293	\$183,337
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$37,314	\$37,241
GRF	148-300	Equipment	\$3,800	\$3,700
GSF	148-602	Gifts and Miscellaneous	\$8,485	\$8,697
Total funding: Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs			\$227,892	\$232,975

The recommended funding is \$227,892 for FY 2002, which represents a 1.4% increase over FY 2001 estimated disbursements, and \$232,975 for FY 2003, a 2.2% increase over recommended FY 2002 appropriations. The Commission requested in total, \$265,440 for FY 2002 and \$307,759 for FY 2003.

The Commission is becoming unable to meet all of its constituents' requests as the base constituency grows. As a result, the agency is considering using grant writing and fund raising to help support important projects.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

Permanent and temporary law provisions have not yet been proposed by the Executive. If any provisions are proposed affecting this agency, LSC will prepare an addendum to this redbook.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

- The request to increase funding levels to inflationary rates was only partially funded. In FY 2002, the Commission requested \$19,268 and was granted \$2,920. In FY 2003, the Commission requested \$21,888 and received \$320.
- The request for \$20,000 in FY 2002 for office and computer equipment was also partially funded. The Commission received \$3,800 in FY 2002 and \$3,700 in FY 2003.
- The Commission requested \$5,000 in FYs 2002 and 2003 to disseminate a quarterly newsletter. This request was not funded.
- The Commission requested \$47,600 in FY 2003 for an additional staff person. This request was not funded.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	Revised Estimated 2001	As Introduced 2002	House Sub Bill 2002	% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002	As Introduced 2003	House Sub Bill 2003	% Change House 2002 to House 2003
<i>SPA Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on</i>									
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$175,961	\$ 178,293	\$ 171,161	-2.7%	\$ 183,337	\$ 176,004	2.8%
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$38,320	\$ 37,314	\$ 35,821	-6.5%	\$ 37,241	\$ 35,751	-0.2%
GRF	148-300	Equipment	\$0	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,648	N/A	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,552	-2.6%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 214,281	\$ 219,407	\$ 210,630	-1.7%	\$ 224,278	\$ 215,307	2.2%
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$8,302	\$ 8,485	\$ 8,485	2.2%	\$ 8,697	\$ 8,697	2.5%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 8,302	\$ 8,485	\$ 8,485	2.2%	\$ 8,697	\$ 8,697	2.5%
<i>Total All Budget Fund Groups</i>			\$ 222,583	\$ 227,892	\$ 219,115	-1.6%	\$ 232,975	\$ 224,004	2.2%

General Revenue Fund

GRF 148-100 Personal Services

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$124,740	\$147,800	\$172,385	\$178,125	\$178,293	\$183,337
	18.5%	16.6%	3.3%	0.1%	2.8%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

Purpose: Funds in this line item are for expenses associated with payroll and fringe benefits.

GRF 148-200 Maintenance

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$39,531	\$37,849	\$37,392	\$38,320	\$37,314	\$37,241
	-4.3%	-1.2%	2.5%	-2.6%	-0.2%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

Purpose: Funds in this line item are for expenses associated with maintenance.

GRF 148-300 Equipment

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$3,488	\$0	\$0	\$3,800	\$3,700
	N/A	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	-2.6%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

Purpose: Funds in this line item are for expenses associated with equipment.

General Services Fund Group

601 148-602 Gifts & Miscellaneous

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$19,029	\$0	\$5,719	\$8,302	\$8,485	\$8,697
	-100.0%	N/A	45.2%	2.2%	2.5%

Source: GSF: private grants and gifts and conference registration fees

Legal Basis: originally established by Controlling Board on August 19, 1985

Purpose: Moneys in this fund are used to support special projects, leadership and citizenship conferences, education, and annual luncheons to recognize Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans.

As Introduced

As Passed by the House

Temporary Law Changes**Subject: Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs Progress Review****Section:**

No provision.

Requires the Hispanic/Latino Affairs Commission to submit to the ranking minority member of the Human Services Subcommittee of the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives a report that demonstrates the progress that has been made toward meeting the Commission's mission statement. This report must be submitted no later than December 31, 2001. There may be minimal fiscal effects due to the preparation of the report.
