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Note: The estimated General Revenue Fund (GRF) spending for FY 2003 used in this LSC Redbook reflects the 2.5% reduction made as a result of the Governor's January 22, 2003 budget cut order. The executive reduction was applied across-the-board to FY 2003 GRF appropriations, subject to certain exceptions. Subsequent to such reductions (and not reflected in the Redbook), state agencies were permitted to reallocate the amount that each of their GRF appropriation line items was reduced, while still absorbing the 2.5% budget cut within the total amount of their GRF appropriations.

Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

- Commission completed study focused on education
- Executive FY 2004 recommendation 1.1% decrease from FY 2003

OVERVIEW

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs was created in 1977 as the Ohio Commission on Spanish-Speaking Affairs. Its statutory purpose, among others, is to advise the Governor, General Assembly, and state agencies on policies focusing on the special problems and needs of Spanish-speaking people. It also serves to assure that Spanish-speaking people have access to decision makers in state and local government. The Commission is made up of an 11-member board. The Revised Code requires all members of the board to have the ability to speak Spanish and to be of Spanish-speaking origin. Currently, the Commission has two full-time employees, an acting director, and a secretary. The 2000 United States Census indicates that there are 217,213 Hispanics in Ohio. That represents 1.9% of Ohio's population.

In carrying out its duty to inform the Governor and General Assembly of special problems associated with the Spanish-speaking community, the Commission focuses on one broad issue at a time. Recently, the Commission focused on the educational needs of the Hispanic community, and issued a report entitled "The Educational Status of Hispanic/Latino Students in Ohio's K-12 Public Schools 2001-2002." The report made several recommendations. They include recommendations that the Ohio Department of Education collect accurate data regarding Hispanics in education, that assistance be provided to schools with high achievement gaps between Hispanics and non-Hispanics, and that the General Assembly allocate funds to meet the mandate from Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act. Title VI prohibits discrimination on exclusion of participation in federally assisted programs on grounds of race, color, and national origin.

The Governor's recommended budget for the Commission is \$201,535 in both FY 2004 and FY 2005, a 1.1% decrease from FY 2003.

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 2004	FY 2005
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$159,419	\$159,419
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$33,631	\$33,631
GSF	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$8,485	\$8,485
Total funding: Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs			\$201,535	\$201,535

Implication of the Executive Recommendation: The Governor's recommended budget of \$201,535 in FY 2004 and FY 2005, represents a 1.1% decrease from estimated spending in FY 2003. At this level of funding, the Commission indicates that it will be unable to fill its liaison officer position. Currently, the liaison officer also serves as the Commission's acting director. The only other employee is an administrative assistant. The Commission also has unpaid interns. The Commission indicates that the inability to fill the liaison officer position will hinder it in carrying out its statutorily defined duties.

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs recently released a report entitled “The Educational Status of Hispanic/Latino Students in Ohio’s K-12 Public Schools 2001-2002.” The report’s summary highlighted the following recommendations:

- The General Assembly conducts hearings to assess the progress of the recommendations in the report.
- Representatives of the Hispanic community present findings and recommendations to local school boards and meet with local school leaders to assure that the needs of Hispanic students are being addressed.
- That Ohio improves its ability to disaggregate data on the major indicators of student performance based on race, ethnicity, and English language proficiency.
- Increased enrollment of Hispanic children in early childhood education programs such as Head Start and kindergarten.
- Recruitment and retention of qualified Hispanic, bicultural, and bilingual educators.
- Ensuring that the academic achievement of Hispanic students be equal to that of non-Hispanic students.
- Efforts to ensure proper Hispanic family outreach and involvement.
- Efforts by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to ensure proper mentoring programs.
- Dedication of funds by the General Assembly to school districts for language instruction for Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.
- Dedication of funds by the General Assembly to meet standards of Title VI of the U.S. Civil Rights Act.

PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

There is no permanent or temporary law provisions in the Governor's recommended budget affecting the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.

REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

Additional Funding to Meet the Commission's Minimum Mission						
Line Items	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
148-100, 148-200, 148-300	\$114,126	\$30,776	(\$83,350)	\$128,126	\$30,776	(\$97,350)

The Commission requested additional funding in order to have three full-time staff persons, and additional money for maintenance and operation. The Governor's recommend budget partially funds the request. The Commission indicates that at recommended levels of funding, it will be hindered in performing its statutorily required duties.

Studies and Programs						
Line Items	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
148-100, 148-200, 148-300	\$25,990	\$0	(\$25,990)	\$28,200	\$0	(\$28,200)

The Commission requested additional funding in order to fund studies and programs already in progress. The Governor's recommended budget does not fund the request.

Implement New Initiatives						
Line Items	FY 2004 Requested	FY 2004 Recommended	Difference	FY 2005 Requested	FY 2005 Recommended	Difference
148-100 and 148-200	\$10,000	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$7,045	\$0	(\$7,045)

The Commission requested additional funding to purchase personal services for the purposes of hosting local conferences, town hall meetings, educational fairs, and other projects. The request is not funded in the Governor's recommended budget.

General Revenue Fund

GRF 148-100 Personal Services

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$172,385	\$130,044	\$170,956	\$161,029	\$159,419	\$159,419
	-24.6%	31.5%	-5.8%	-1.0%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

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

GRF 148-200 Maintenance

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$37,392	\$36,596	\$33,807	\$30,901	\$33,631	\$33,631
	-2.1%	-7.6%	-8.6%	8.8%	0.0%

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

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

GRF 148-300 Equipment

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$18,915	\$3,070	\$0	\$0
	N/A	N/A	-83.8%	-100.0%	N/A

Source: GRF

Legal Basis: ORC 121.30 to 121.34

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

General Services Fund Group

601 148-602 Gifts & Miscellaneous

2000	2001	2002	2003 Estimate	2004 Executive Proposal	2005 Executive Proposal
\$5,719	\$5,137	\$4,857	\$8,697	\$8,485	\$8,485
	-10.2%	-5.5%	79.1%	-2.4%	0.0%

Source: GSF: Gifts and Distinguished Hispanic Ohioans' Luncheon registration fees

Legal Basis: Section 58 of Am. Sub. H.B. 94 of the 124th G.A. (originally established by the 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.

LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2004 - FY 2005

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2002</i>	<i>Estimated 2003</i>	<i>Executive 2004</i>	<i>% Change 2003 to 2004</i>	<i>Executive 2005</i>	<i>% Change 2004 to 2005</i>
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GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$ 170,956	\$161,029	\$ 159,419	-1.0%	\$ 159,419	0.0%
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$ 33,807	\$30,901	\$ 33,631	8.8%	\$ 33,631	0.0%
GRF	148-300	Equipment	\$ 18,915	\$3,070	\$ 0	-100.0%	\$ 0	N/A
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 223,678	\$ 195,000	\$ 193,050	-1.0%	\$ 193,050	0.0%
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$ 4,857	\$8,697	\$ 8,485	-2.4%	\$ 8,485	0.0%
General Services Fund Group Total			\$ 4,857	\$ 8,697	\$ 8,485	-2.4%	\$ 8,485	0.0%
Total All Budget Fund Groups			\$ 228,535	\$ 203,697	\$ 201,535	-1.1%	\$ 201,535	0.0%