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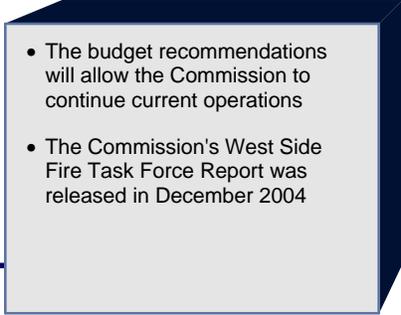
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- The budget recommendations will allow the Commission to continue current operations
  - The Commission's West Side Fire Task Force Report was released in December 2004

## 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. The 2000 United States Census indicates that there are 217,213 Hispanics in Ohio. That represents 1.9% of Ohio's population. Based on prior population growth, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that the Hispanic population in Ohio grew by more than 15,000 (a 7% increase) between 2000 and 2003. Nationally, population projections indicate that the Hispanic population could grow by 188% by 2050.

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs has set the following initiatives as its goals for the upcoming biennium and into the future:

- The Education Campaign – to focus on the issues of the achievement gap in academic performance between Latino students and other students in Ohio;
- The Jobs & Family Campaign – to deal with issues affecting the creation of new jobs and families issues;
- The Fiscal Campaign – to identify and secure diverse revenue streams to compensate for budget cuts and fiscal instability;
- The Latino Community Reports – to publish information and research on a biennial basis to advise members of the General Assembly with information specific to their districts;
- The Agenda Latina Ohio Meetings – to meet with Hispanic communities across the state to disseminate information.

The Governor's recommended budget for the Commission is \$186,781 in both FY 2006 and FY 2007, a 1.8% decrease from FY 2005 and an 18.3% decrease from FY 2002. The decrease is in the Gifts &

Miscellaneous appropriation. Currently, the Commission has two full-time employees, a director and a secretary, and a part-time acting liaison officer.

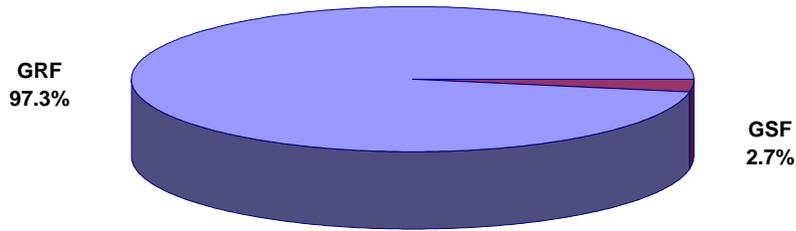
***West Side Fire Community Task Force***

The Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs was heavily involved in community outreach when a fatal arson fire on Columbus' west side demonstrated communication flaws between the Hispanic/Latino community and public safety workers that hindered evacuation and disaster assistance as well as investigation.

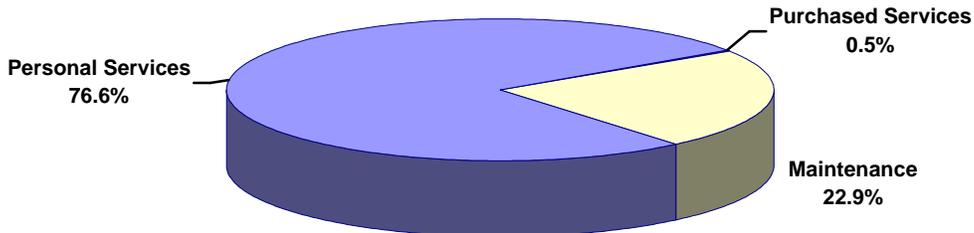
The Commission and other involved individuals and organizations formed a task force to identify issues which nurtured an environment conducive to unsafe conditions before the fire, complicated rescue efforts during the fire, and hampered relief efforts after the fire. The task force recommended actions that would alleviate future events. For example, recommendations included: that the 911 system operators have training in key safety-related vocabulary words, if not bilingual abilities; that emergency management organization have an ongoing relationship with at least one Latino community organization to help in future crises; and that property owners and other public organizations develop tenant education programs for immigrant communities.

Their report, *West Side Fire Community Task Force: Summary Report*, published in December 2004 with the assistance of in-kind contributions, was the result of many hours of work with public and private officials and members of the community. The report can be found online at: <http://ochla.ohio.gov/>.

**Total Budget by Fund Group**  
FY 2006-2007 Biennium



**Total Budget by Object Code**  
FY 2006-2007 Biennium



**Staffing Levels**

Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs Staffing Levels						
Program Series/Division	2002	2003	2004	2005	Estimated	
					2006	2007
Hispanic-Latino Affairs	3	3	2	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Totals</b>	3	3	2	2.5	2.5	2.5
Full-Time Equivalents						

In 2005, the Commission requested that the Controlling Board transfer unspent funds from its FY 2004 Personal Services and Maintenance appropriations to its FY 2005 Personal Services appropriation. The Commission stated that their FY 2005 Personal Services appropriation was insufficient to support the acting part-time liaison position filled in March of 2004 and the Commission would exhaust its appropriation before the end of the fiscal year. The Controlling Board approved the request. That increased appropriation for Personal Services, with a matching decrease in Maintenance served as the basis for the FY 2006 and FY 2007 budget request. The appropriation is not sufficient for the liaison position to be made full-time.

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

### Hispanic-Latino Affairs

**Purpose:** The program series allows the agency to fulfill its mandates of gathering information on the needs of the Hispanic/Latino community and advising policy makers on those needs.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Hispanic-Latino Affairs program series, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$145,880	\$145,880
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$35,901	\$35,901
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$181,781</b>	<b>\$181,781</b>
<b>General Services Fund</b>				
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>General Services Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Funding: Hispanic Latino Affairs</b>			<b>\$186,781</b>	<b>\$186,781</b>

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Hispanic-Latino Affairs program series:

- **Program 1.01: Latino Community Network**
- **Program 1.02: Public Policy Center**

#### **Program 1.01: Latino Community Network**

**Program Description:** The Latino Community Network supports the Commission mandate to gather and disseminate information about the Latino communities of Ohio and supports the annual Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Luncheon, among other projects.

#### ***Funding Source and Line Items:***

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Public Policy Center program, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	148-100*	Personal Services	\$72,398	\$72,398
GRF	148-200*	Maintenance	\$19,328	\$19,328
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$91,726</b>	<b>\$91,726</b>
<b>General Services Fund</b>				
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>General Services Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Funding: Latino Community Network</b>			<b>\$96,726</b>	<b>\$96,726</b>

\* Amount does not reflect total appropriation because the line item is used to fund other program series.

**Implication of Executive Recommendation:** The Executive's recommendation will allow existing Latino Community Network operations to continue at current levels. The recommendation includes a slight decrease in the appropriation in the Gifts & Miscellaneous appropriation item. This appropriation item is funded with revenue collected from the awards luncheon. In prior years, this luncheon has only generated funds to be self-sufficient. The decrease should have no impact on programs.

**Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions:** There are no temporary or permanent law changes affecting this program.

**Program 1.02: Public Policy Center**

**Program Description:** The Public Policy Center supports the Commission's mandate to advise public officials on the needs of the Hispanic/Latino population in Ohio.

**Funding Source and Line Items:**

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Public Policy Center program, as well as the Governor's recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
<b>General Revenue Fund</b>				
GRF	148-100*	Personal Services	\$73,482	\$73,482
GRF	148-200*	Maintenance	\$16,573	\$16,573
<b>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</b>			<b>\$90,055</b>	<b>\$90,055</b>
<b>Total Funding: Public Policy Center</b>			<b>\$90,055</b>	<b>\$90,055</b>

\* Amount does not reflect total appropriation because the line item is used to fund other program series.

**Implication of Executive Recommendation:** The Executive's recommendation will allow existing Public Policy Center operations to continue at current levels.

**Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions:** There are no temporary or permanent law changes affecting this program.

## REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

This section describes requests not funded in the executive budget and the effects on the Commission's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium. The Commission received its full requested GRF appropriations, supporting line items 148-100, Personal Services, and 148-200, Maintenance. The following table highlights the requests not funded in the General Services Fund.

Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs, Gifts and Donations						
Fund Line Item	FY 2006 Requested	FY 2006 Recommended	Difference	FY 2007 Requested	FY 2007 Recommended	Difference
148-602	\$8,485	\$5,000	\$3,485	\$8,485	\$5,000	\$3,485
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$8,485	\$5,000	\$3,485	\$8,485	\$5,000	\$3,485

The recommendation includes a slight decrease in the appropriation in the Gifts & Miscellaneous appropriation item. This appropriation item is funded with revenue collected from the awards luncheon. In prior years, this luncheon has only generated funds enough to be self-sufficient. The Commission received, in luncheon costs and gifts, \$4,857 in FY 2002, \$9,550 in FY 2003, \$8,485 in FY 2004, and an estimated \$8,485 in FY 2005. The decrease should have no impact on programs.

## General Revenue Fund

### GRF 148-100 Personal Services

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$170,956	\$137,595	\$115,654	\$145,880	\$145,880	\$145,880
	-19.5%	-15.9%	26.1%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** ORC 121.30 to 121.34; Section 54 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

**Purpose:** This appropriation item is used to pay for expenses associated with payroll and fringe benefits.

### GRF 148-200 Maintenance

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$33,807	\$33,754	\$24,802	\$35,901	\$35,901	\$35,901
	-0.2%	-26.5%	44.8%	0.0%	0.0%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** ORC 121.30 to 121.34; Section 54 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A.

**Purpose:** This appropriation item is used for expenses associated with maintenance.

### GRF 148-300 Equipment

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$18,915	\$1,797	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	-90.5%	-100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** Discontinued line item

**Purpose:** This appropriation item was used for expenses associated with equipment.

## General Services Fund Group

### 601 148-602 Gifts & Miscellaneous

2002	2003	2004	2005 Estimate	2006 Executive Proposal	2007 Executive Proposal
\$4,857	\$9,550	\$8,485	\$8,485	\$5,000	\$5,000
	96.6%	-11.2%	0.0%	-41.1%	0.0%

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

**Legal Basis:** Section 54 of Am. Sub. H.B. 95 of the 125th G.A. (originally established by Controlling Board on August 19, 1985)

**Purpose:** This appropriation item is 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 2006 - FY 2007**

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>Estimated 2005</i>	<i>Executive 2006</i>	<i>% Change 2005 to 2006</i>	<i>Executive 2007</i>	<i>% Change 2006 to 2007</i>
<b>SPA Hispanic / Latino Affairs, Commission on</b>								
GRF	148-100	Personal Services	\$ 115,654	\$145,880	\$ 145,880	0.0%	\$ 145,880	0.0%
GRF	148-200	Maintenance	\$ 24,802	\$35,901	\$ 35,901	0.0%	\$ 35,901	0.0%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 140,456</b>	<b>\$ 181,781</b>	<b>\$ 181,781</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 181,781</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
601	148-602	Gifts & Miscellaneous	\$ 8,485	\$8,485	\$ 5,000	-41.1%	\$ 5,000	0.0%
<b>General Services Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>\$ 8,485</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>-41.1%</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total All Budget Fund Groups</b>			<b>\$ 148,941</b>	<b>\$ 190,266</b>	<b>\$ 186,781</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>\$ 186,781</b>	<b>0.0%</b>