

Greenbook

LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget

Ohio Commission on Minority Health

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Appropriation Spreadsheet

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Ohio Commission on Minority Health

Quick look...

- A board consisting of 11 individuals appointed by the Governor, four members of the General Assembly, and eight directors or designees of state agencies advises the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH).
- Total budget: \$8.32 million for FY 2026 and \$8.33 million for FY 2027.
 - Sources of the budget: GRF (87.6%), federal (12.0%) and state non-GRF (0.4%).
 - Increases GRF funding by 13.6% in FY 2026 and 0.2% in FY 2027.

Fund Group	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
General Revenue	\$6,426,992	\$6,411,831	\$7,284,577	\$7,299,944
Dedicated Purpose	\$5,907	\$16,911	\$35,000	\$35,000
Federal	\$1,326,950	\$1,071,220	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Total	\$7,759,849	\$7,499,963	\$8,319,577	\$8,334,944
% change	--	-3.3%	10.9%	0.2%
GRF % change	--	-0.2%	13.6%	0.2%

Agency overview

In 1986, the Governor’s Task Force on Black and Minority Health was convened to address disparities in health between the minority and majority populations. The Task Force heard public testimony from over 2,000 individuals throughout the state. One of the Task Force’s recommendations was the creation of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH). As a result, the Commission was created in 1987. It was the first state-level office in the United States formed exclusively to address the condition of minority health. OCMH is dedicated to eliminating disparities in minority health through innovative strategies and financial opportunities, public health promotion, legislative action, public policy, and systems change. A commission provides guidance for the agency, including its grants administration. The Commission consists of: 11 individuals appointed by the Governor; four members in total, or two members each, are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, respectively; and directors, or their designees, of the departments of Health, Job and Family Services, Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, Aging, Children and Youth, Medicaid, and Education and Workforce.¹ OCMH currently has five full-time employees.

¹ R.C. 3701.78.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget

Summary of appropriations

In total, OCMH receives appropriations of \$8.32 million in FY 2026 and \$8.33 million in FY 2027. Approximately 87.6% of these appropriations are supported by the General Revenue Fund. OCMH's budget is funded by the following appropriation items.

Operating Expenses (ALI 149321)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 149321, Operating Expenses					
\$629,996	\$787,469	\$792,657	\$777,172	\$844,088	\$855,455
% change	25.0%	0.7%	-2.0%	8.6%	1.3%

GRF line item 149321 is used primarily for general operating expenses, including payroll and fringe benefits, maintenance, and equipment.

Demonstration Grants (ALI 149501)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 149501, Demonstration Grants					
\$792,937	\$960,419	\$981,699	\$1,115,966	\$1,352,000	\$1,352,000
% change	21.1%	2.2%	13.7%	21.2%	0.0%

GRF line item 149501 is used to fund grants to community health groups to promote health awareness and disease prevention among minority populations. More specifically, the line item is used to provide demonstration grants, grants to local offices of minority health, the Research Evaluation Enhancement Project, and Minority Health Month grants. Some of these are briefly described below.

Demonstration grants

OCMH provides demonstration grants to community-based health groups for activities relating to promoting health or preventing disease among the minority population, although any Ohio citizen can receive services regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or age. The focus areas are as follows: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, infant mortality, substance abuse, and violence. OCMH funds projects that promote behavior change by tapping into the attitudes, values, and beliefs of the target populations. Ultimately, the goal of this program is to institutionalize the projects into the health care delivery system.

Local offices of minority health

In FY 2008 and FY 2009, local offices of minority health were established in local health departments in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown. The local offices

have a collaborative arrangement with OCMH. Under this program, each local office must implement an action plan that addresses the following four core issues: (1) monitor health status of minority populations, (2) inform, educate, and empower people, (3) mobilize community partnerships and action, and (4) develop policies and plans to support health efforts.

Minority Health Month

Minority Health Month grants are given to community-based agencies across the state. These agencies participate in a 30-day wellness campaign. Many activities take place during this campaign. Examples of past activities have included health screenings for diabetes, cancer, hypertension, HIV, oral health, and mammography, as well as provider and consumer education on chronic diseases and conditions that impact minority populations. Minority Health Month Program grants are intended to, among other things, promote healthy lifestyles, provide information to allow individuals to practice disease prevention, showcase the resources for and providers of health care and information, highlight the resolution of the disparate health conditions among populations, and gain support for ongoing efforts to improve minority health year round.

Lupus Program (ALI 149502)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 149502, Lupus Program					
\$86,370	\$164,208	\$130,435	\$104,888	\$118,000	\$118,000
% change	90.1%	-20.6%	-19.6%	12.5%	0.0%

GRF line item 149502 supports the Lupus Program. The Lupus Program provides patient education and aims to increase public education and awareness of lupus. The program provides support to individuals with lupus. The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that 1.5 million Americans have a form of lupus. Approximately 90% of lupus sufferers are women. The disease is also more prevalent in minority populations.

The community-based agencies awarded grants under the Lupus Program provide support and resources to individuals with lupus and their caregivers. All grantees must address educational issues for patients and the public. Typically, grantees achieve this by, among other things, sponsoring monthly support group meetings, participating in Lupus Awareness Month, and by providing a referral list of area facilities and physicians that offer medical treatment for lupus-related medical conditions.

Infant Mortality Health Grants (ALI 149503)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
GRF ALI 149503, Infant Mortality Health Grants					
\$2,239,749	\$3,096,490	\$4,522,201	\$4,413,805	\$4,970,489	\$4,974,489
% change	38.3%	46.0%	-2.4%	12.6%	0.1%

Funds in GRF appropriation item 149503 are primarily distributed to community-based agencies to help support the continuation or establishment of a pathways community hub model that has the primary purpose of reducing infant mortality in communities with the highest rates of infant mortality. The hub model is a community care approach that reduces overall infant mortality, as well as infant mortality in racial and ethnic populations. The program seeks to, among other things, reduce preterm birth. All grantees must work to improve preterm birth rates and achieve goals by increasing early access to prenatal health care, providing timely postpartum visits, improving safe sleep practices, and increasing access to behavioral health services and other community services that impact healthy birth outcomes. The hub model promotes quality care to improve birth outcomes and links payment to performance.

Minority Health Conference (ALI 149601)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 4C20 ALI 149601, Minority Health Conference					
\$13,112	\$19,112	\$5,907	\$16,911	\$35,000	\$35,000
% change	45.8%	-69.1%	186.3%	107.0%	0.0%

Appropriation item 149601 funds culturally relevant conferences, public awareness activities, health expositions, and capacity building workshops to increase the awareness of the significance of minority health disparities. The Minority Health Conference typically focuses on new bodies of scientific information for culturally competent service delivery. Revenue deposited in the Minority Health Conference Fund (Fund 4C20) consists of registration fees related to conference costs, as well as donations from health and human service organizations, corporate sponsorships, and at times grant funds. OCMH typically partners with universities, local health departments, health care service providers, hospital systems, and businesses to leverage more funds.

Healthier Communities (ALI 149405)

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
Fund 3J90 ALI 149405, Healthier Communities					
\$100,256	\$749,346	\$1,326,950	\$1,071,220	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
% change	647.4%	77.1%	-19.3%	-6.6%	0.0%

Appropriation item 149405 received federal grant funding via intrastate transfer vouchers from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Funds in this line item provided by DBH are used to provide grants to community-based agencies to expand prevention services by raising awareness of the opioid epidemic in targeted populations. Funds provided by ODH were used to support prevention of disease and provision of prevention programming in vulnerable communities; however, these funds have concluded. Funds in this line item are contingent upon the receipt of federal grants.

**FY 2026 - FY 2027 Final Appropriations
All Fund Groups - Detail**

H.B. 96 - Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Detail by Agency			FY 2024	FY 2025	Appropriation FY 2026	Appropriation FY 2027	FY 2025 to FY 2026 % Change	FY 2026 to FY 2027 % Change
MIH Ohio Commission on Minority Health								
GRF	149321	Operating Expenses	\$792,657	\$777,172	\$844,088	\$855,455	8.61%	1.35%
GRF	149501	Demonstration Grants	\$981,699	\$1,115,966	\$1,352,000	\$1,352,000	21.15%	0.00%
GRF	149502	Lupus Program	\$130,435	\$104,888	\$118,000	\$118,000	12.50%	0.00%
GRF	149503	Infant Mortality Health Grants	\$4,522,201	\$4,413,805	\$4,970,489	\$4,974,489	12.61%	0.08%
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$6,426,992	\$6,411,831	\$7,284,577	\$7,299,944	13.61%	0.21%
4C20	149601	Minority Health Conference	\$5,907	\$16,911	\$35,000	\$35,000	106.96%	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$5,907	\$16,911	\$35,000	\$35,000	106.96%	0.00%
3J90	149405	Healthier Communities	\$1,326,950	\$1,071,220	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-6.65%	0.00%
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$1,326,950	\$1,071,220	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	-6.65%	0.00%
Ohio Commission on Minority Health Total			\$7,759,849	\$7,499,963	\$8,319,577	\$8,334,944	10.93%	0.18%