

- \$1.96 million appropriated for local historical projects
- \$3.4 million appropriated for Ohio Bicentennial Commission

## Ohio Historical Society

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### ROLE

The Ohio Historical Society (OHS) is a chartered, not-for-profit corporation that receives state subsidies to manage historical sites. It has operated continuously since 1885. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code section 149.30, the society's mission is "to promote a knowledge of history and archeology, especially for Ohio." Services provided to the state include administering the state's historic preservation office and operating a network of historic sites and museums. An 18-member OHS Board of Trustees governs the agency's activities. OHS employs a staff of approximately 402 persons.

In addition to operating historical sites, OHS maintains the state archives. H.B. 649 of the 122<sup>nd</sup> G.A. also entrusted the Society with storing extra copies of legislative documents. Much of the state archives is accessible through the Society's website. In fact, the Society received approximately 3.5 million records of usage of their online archives last year. There has also been an increase in visitors to the library and huge demand for extending operating hours for the library. The Society is investigating methods of providing more access.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
402	\$15.9 million	\$15.7 million	\$15.9 million	\$15.7 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

### OVERVIEW

The Society was appropriated \$15,927,127 in FY 2002 and \$15,670,846 in FY 2003. The FY 2002 amount represents an increase of 2.2 percent above FY 2001 expenditures. The FY 2003 amount represents a decrease of 1.6 percent from FY 2002. Of the \$15.9 million appropriated in FY 2002, \$1,092,425 is earmarked for local historical projects. Of the \$15.7 million appropriated in FY 2003, \$865,875 is earmarked for local historical projects. These projects are managed by entities other than the Ohio Historical Society. When these appropriations for local historical projects are excluded, the subsidies for the Society are \$14,834,701 in FY 2002 and \$14,804,969 in FY 2003. The FY 2002 amount represents a 1.4 percent decrease compared to FY 2001 levels used solely for the Society's operations.

## **BUDGET ISSUES**

### ***OHIO BICENTENNIAL PREPARATIONS***

As we approach Ohio's bicentennial in 2003, the Ohio Bicentennial Commission also continues planning activities to commemorate the bicentennial. The commission is a separate entity. The Ohio Historical Society acts as the commission's fiscal agent. The commission consists of 51 members and was established by statute in 1995. The commission has established a historical marker program and a program to paint the bicentennial emblem on a barn in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

The Ohio Bicentennial Commission was appropriated \$1,723,750 in each fiscal year.

### ***OPERATING SUBSIDY***

Temporary language requires the Historical Society to submit detailed budget information to the Controlling Board before receiving the second quarterly payment for FY 2002 of GRF item 360-501, Operating Subsidy. That amount totals \$931,880. The submitted budget must contain current and projected costs of operating each state memorial by category and the sources and amounts of non-state income used at each site. Also, the Controlling Board is required to consult with the Ohio Historic Preservation Advisory Board to determine whether or not the Historical Society's submitted plan adequately meets the state's goals of historic preservation prior to releasing the moneys. 

**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>	
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>							
<b>OHS Historical Society, Ohio</b>										
GRF	360-501	Operating Subsidy	\$ 3,784,893	\$ 3,871,946	\$3,855,426	\$ 3,727,519	-3.32%	\$ 3,758,806	0.84%	
GRF	360-502	Site Operations	\$ 7,070,087	\$ 7,713,699	\$7,596,345	\$ 7,359,698	-3.12%	\$ 7,346,960	-0.17%	
GRF	360-503	Ohio Bicentennial Commission	\$ 485,000	\$ 1,271,155	\$1,171,821	\$ 1,723,750	47.10%	\$ 1,723,750	0.00%	
GRF	360-504	Ohio Preservation Office	\$ 338,717	\$ 418,507	\$414,020	\$ 394,566	-4.70%	\$ 377,948	-4.21%	
GRF	360-505	Afro-American Museum	\$ 1,088,566	\$ 1,113,603	\$1,106,119	\$ 1,034,088	-6.51%	\$ 1,015,181	-1.83%	
GRF	360-506	Hayes Presidential Center	\$ 734,339	\$ 751,229	\$746,180	\$ 697,580	-6.51%	\$ 684,824	-1.83%	
GRF	360-507	John P. Parker House	\$ 0	----		----	N/A	----	N/A	
GRF	360-508	Historical Grants	\$ 606,250	\$ 3,017,000	\$600,000	\$ 989,925	64.99%	\$ 763,375	-22.89%	
GRF	360-511	Battle Flags Restoration	----	\$ 125,000	\$93,750	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A	
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 14,107,852</b>	<b>\$ 18,282,139</b>	<b>\$ 15,583,661</b>	<b>\$ 15,927,127</b>	<b>2.20%</b>	<b>\$ 15,670,846</b>	<b>-1.61%</b>	
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