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**Commission on Service  
and Volunteerism**

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# Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

- Federal funding increases by 25.9% from FY 2017 to FY 2018
- Commission distributes 88% of its funding in the form of grants, primarily for the AmeriCorps Program

## OVERVIEW

### Agency Overview

The mission of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV) is to strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism. OCSV was created as a result of the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993, which also created the AmeriCorps Program. The Act created state offices such as OCSV to receive and administer the grant funds associated with the program. OCSV also focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. H.B. 49 of the 132nd General Assembly reduces OCSV's governing authority from 21 voting members to 19 by eliminating two representatives from the General Assembly. OCSV's day-to-day activities are handled by seven full-time employees.

### Appropriation Overview

The table below shows OCSV's expenditures for FY 2017 and the appropriation amounts for FY 2018 and FY 2019 by fund group. GRF funding decreases by 7.0% in FY 2018 from FY 2017 expenditure levels. Dedicated Purpose funds decrease 51.6% in FY 2018 from FY 2017 levels and receive no funding in FY 2019. This is due to a loss of corporate sponsorship, which is the funding source for this fund group. Lastly, federal funds realize an increase of 25.9% in FY 2018.

Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2018-FY 2019 (Am. Sub. H.B. 49)					
Fund Group	FY 2017*	FY 2018	% change, FY 2017-FY 2018	FY 2019	% change, FY 2018-FY 2019
General Revenue	\$322,735	\$300,000	-7.0%	\$300,000	0.0%
Dedicated Purpose	\$15,697	\$7,594	-51.6%	\$0	-100.0%
Federal	\$6,352,766	\$8,000,000	25.9%	\$8,000,000	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,691,197</b>	<b>\$8,307,594</b>	<b>24.2%</b>	<b>\$8,300,000</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>

\*FY 2017 figures represent actual expenditures.

## ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

The table below shows the appropriations for each line item in OCSV's budget.

Appropriations for the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>General Revenue Fund (GRF)</b>				
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$300,000	\$300,000
<i>General Revenue Fund Subtotal</i>			<i>\$300,000</i>	<i>\$300,000</i>
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund (DPF) Group</b>				
5GN0	866605	ServeOhio Support	\$7,594	\$0
<i>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal</i>			<i>\$7,594</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<b>Federal Fund (FED) Group</b>				
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$8,000,000	\$8,000,000
<i>Federal Fund Group Subtotal</i>			<i>\$8,000,000</i>	<i>\$8,000,000</i>
<b>Total Funding: Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism</b>			<b>\$8,307,594</b>	<b>\$8,300,000</b>

### CSV Operations (866321)

GRF line item 866321, CSV Operations, supports the operating expenses for OCSV. OCSV manages, monitors, and evaluates funded AmeriCorps Programs, and provides technical assistance to current and potential grantees. OCSV also promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state and administers ServeOhio, which focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference. In addition to this line item, operating support also comes from federal funds deposited into the AmeriCorps Program Fund (Fund 3R70) and expended out of line item 866617. The federal government generally provides a dollar for every one dollar the state spends on operating costs; so basically, a 50-50 arrangement exists.

The budget provides funding of \$300,000 in both fiscal years, a 7.0% decrease from FY 2017 expenditures.

### ServeOhio Support (866605)

This line item supports the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism, the ServeOhio Awards Program, and National Days of Service Mini-Grants. The purpose of the conference is to develop skills and to provide networking opportunities for professionals in volunteer organizations. The awards program was established to recognize individuals and organizations that have made volunteer contributions to their state and community. The 2016 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism was held in Columbus on October 25. The National Days of Service Mini-Grants to support community service projects are awarded to nonprofit organizations for projects on

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Global Youth Service Day, and Make a Difference Day. In addition, a portion of this line item is used as match for the administrative cost share required by the federal government for the AmeriCorps Program. Donations, from corporate sponsors, deposited into Fund 5GN0, OCSV Gifts and Donations, provide the funding to support the appropriation in line item 886605.

The budget provides funding of \$7,594 in FY 2018, a 51.6% decrease from FY 2017 expenditures, and eliminates funding in FY 2019.

### **AmeriCorps Program (866617)**

This line item primarily supports the AmeriCorps Program. Revenues for Fund 3R70, AmeriCorps Programs, come from federal grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. Approximately 94% of these revenues are distributed to AmeriCorps grant recipients. The remaining revenue consists of funds to provide the federal share of OCSV's operating expenses. The core amount of pass-through funding a state receives is determined by a formula, which is based on a state's population. States may also receive additional funding through a competitive process, which is based on program quality.

Since its inception in 1994, AmeriCorps has focused on the idea of local control. Hence, the potential subgrantees for funds are required to solicit community input to determine the most pressing local needs that could be addressed by an AmeriCorps project. New subgrantees are also required to provide 24% of project costs. This amount gradually increases to up to 50% for those subgrantees that receive grants year after year.

AmeriCorps' projects focus on disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families. AmeriCorps members receive a stipend for living expenses (approximately \$1,040 per month for full-time members). Upon completion of their terms of service, members receive a post-service educational award for college or technical training (presently \$5,775 for full-time members). This can be used to repay student loans or to pay for future education. In addition, some senior members may transfer this educational award to another qualified recipient (i.e., child or grandchild). The educational award is provided through a federal trust fund, not through program dollars.

The budget provides funding of \$8.0 million in each fiscal year in line item 866617, a 25.9% increase over FY 2017 expenditures.

# FY 2018 - FY 2019 Final Appropriation Amounts

# All Fund Groups

## Line Item Detail by Agency

			FY 2016	FY 2017	Appropriation FY 2018	FY 2017 to FY 2018 % Change	Appropriation FY 2019	FY 2018 to FY 2019 % Change
<b>Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: As Enacted</b>					
<b>CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism</b>								
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$ 309,646	\$ 322,735	\$ 300,000	-7.04%	\$ 300,000	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 309,646</b>	<b>\$ 322,735</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>-7.04%</b>	<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$ 28,626	\$ 15,697	\$ 7,594	-51.62%	\$ 0	-100.00%
<b>Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 28,626</b>	<b>\$ 15,697</b>	<b>\$ 7,594</b>	<b>-51.62%</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>-100.00%</b>
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$ 6,234,490	\$ 6,352,766	\$ 8,000,000	25.93%	\$ 8,000,000	0.00%
<b>Federal Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 6,234,490</b>	<b>\$ 6,352,766</b>	<b>\$ 8,000,000</b>	<b>25.93%</b>	<b>\$ 8,000,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total</b>			<b>\$ 6,572,763</b>	<b>\$ 6,691,197</b>	<b>\$ 8,307,594</b>	<b>24.16%</b>	<b>\$ 8,300,000</b>	<b>-0.09%</b>