

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

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Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs

Quick look...

- The Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (OCHLA) (1) advises the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and state government agencies on all matters affecting Hispanic Ohioans, (2) connects Latino communities, and (3) builds the capacity of Latino community organizations.
- The Commission consists of an 11-member board appointed by the Governor, and is supported by three full-time and one intermittent staff.
- The executive budget proposes \$488,605 in FY 2022 and \$488,605 in FY 2023.
 - 95% of its funding from the GRF.
 - Expenses: 69% for personal services, 31% for supplies and maintenance.

FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Estimate	FY 2022 Introduced	FY 2023 Introduced
Fund GRF ALI 148321, Operating Expenses					
\$418,111	\$436,866	\$458,889	\$431,564	\$464,047	\$464,047
% change	4.5%	5.0%	-6.0%	7.5%	0.0%
Dedicated Purpose Fund 6010 ALI 148602, Special Initiatives					
\$20,108	\$2,312	\$10,232	\$145,000	\$24,558	\$24,558
% change	-88.5%	342.6%	1,317.1%	-83.1%	0.0%
Total funding:					
\$438,219	\$439,178	\$469,131	\$576,564	\$488,605	\$488,605
% change	0.2%	6.8%	22.9%	-15.3%	0.0%

Agency overview

The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and state government agencies on all matters affecting Hispanic Ohioans. The Commission also connects Latino communities across the state of Ohio and builds networks through organizational partnerships and grants. The Commission serves over 450,000 individuals that make up Ohio's Latino community, a population that has doubled since 2000.

The Commission consists of 11 members appointed by the Governor and four nonvoting legislative members. The Commission's day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the Executive Director, who is appointed by the governing authority. Including the Executive Director, the Commission has three full-time and one intermittent staff that operate in its three program offices: the Public Policy Center, the Latino Community Network, and the Organizations Development Center.

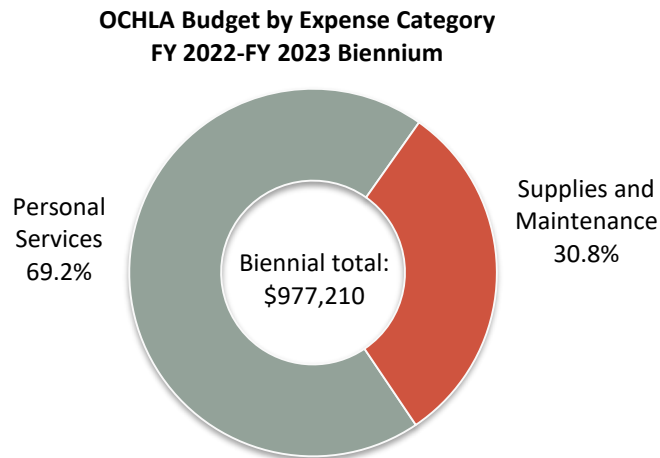
Analysis of FY 2022-FY 2023 budget proposal

Overview

The Commission receives 95.0% of its funding from the GRF; the remaining 5.0% is from grants, gifts, and other revenue credited to the Gifts and Miscellaneous Fund (Fund 6010), an account in the Dedicated Purpose Fund Group. From both revenue sources combined, the executive budget appropriates \$488,605 for FY 2022 and FY 2023. These amounts appear to be sufficient for the Commission to retain its existing three full-time and one intermittent staff.

Executive recommendations by expense category

The chart below shows the \$977,210 proposed budget for the biennium by expense category. Personal services (wages, salaries, fringe benefits, and payroll check off charges) account for 69.2% of the Commission's FY 2022-FY 2023 biennial expenses. The remainder, 31.8%, will be allocated for supplies and maintenance, including rent and information technology and other services provided by the Department of Administrative Services.



Latino Mental Health Navigator Project

In FY 2020, the Commission received a \$150,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to administer and finance the Latino Mental Health Navigator Project. The project's purpose is to reduce disparities in availability, accessibility, and quality of behavioral health care services for the Hispanic-Latino community.

Under an interagency agreement, the Department transfers the necessary funding from its federal Community Mental Health Block Grant. The Commission is required to collaborate with the Department to identify necessary baseline and program data, and to collect and report such data to the Department to evaluate outcomes of the funded projects. The Commission is not required to provide matching funds and plans to allocate up to 10% for related operating expenses.

Program offices

The Commission has three program offices to carry out its mission: the Public Policy Center, the Latino Community Network, and the Organizations Development Center. Each office sponsors community programs and activities.

In the FY 2022-FY 2023 biennium, the Commission plans to continue to focus on outreach and educational programs to assist individuals in learning how to access services, understand their responsibilities as citizens, and transition to mainstream society. The Commission also plans to continue its emphasis on workforce and economic development and leadership empowerment. The Commission works with five Ohio Hispanic chambers of commerce to assist over 16,000 Hispanic-owned businesses. In FY 2019, the Commission launched its first pilot project, PIPELine, in central Ohio. The Commission also plans to continue its annual trainings, summits, and workshops.

Public Policy Center

The Public Policy Center builds the civic engagement capacities of Hispanic Ohioans and advises the Governor and General Assembly on issues affecting the Hispanic-Latino community. The Center advises the Governor and the state legislature on issues that include education and workforce development, justice and civil rights, health and safety, and immigration.

Latino Community Network

The Latino Community Network is run by a full-time community liaison and connects over 500 Hispanic-serving organizations with the 450,000 members of Ohio's Latino community. The Network serves as a hub to engage more than 350 community leaders on a regular basis; uses social media, marketing, and e-campaigns; and assists communities with challenges, such as a lack of English language skills and knowledge of how to navigate the American system. Additionally, the Network conducts training events on relevant issues that bring together Hispanic-serving organizations, state government, and other local resources, and hosts the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala in October of each year.

Organizations Development Center

The Organizations Development Center builds the capacity of private and nonprofit organizations that serve Hispanic Ohioans. The Center develops training programs for community leadership, workforce development training programs, grant writing classes, civic engagement initiatives, and other training sessions that increase capacity in the Latino community. The Center generates revenue through gifts and grants.