

State of Ohio
Ohio Expositions Commission

Role and Overview

The Expositions Commission (EXP) produces the annual state fair with emphasis on youth participation, education, and promotion of agriculture, Ohio products, Ohio tourism, and economic development, and operates the state-owned Expo Center year-round for publicly acceptable and fiscally responsible events in a clean, safe, and economical manner.

The Expositions Commission is composed of 13 members, which include the directors of the Departments of Agriculture and Development, nine people appointed by the Governor, and the chairs of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees.

A general manager, hired by the commission, oversees 70 employees. The commission has an annual budget of approximately \$14.5 million. Additional information about the Expositions Commission is available at <http://www.ohioexpocenter.com/>.

Executive Priorities for the Expositions Commission

- Produce a quality annual state fair and operate the Expo Center year-round.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	483	465	437	437	.1	400	(8.6)	400	.0
State Special Revenue Fund Group	13,113	13,077	12,642	14,163	12.0	14,163	.0	14,163	.0
TOTAL	13,597	13,542	13,078	14,601	11.6	14,563	(.3)	14,563	.0

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE FY 2005	% CHANGE FY 04-05	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004			FY 2006	% CHANGE	FY 2007	% CHANGE
Personal Services	5,920	5,852	5,171	6,209	20.1	5,991	(3.5)	5,854	(2.3)
Purchased Services	2,584	2,560	2,790	2,573	(7.8)	3,665	42.4	3,772	2.9
Maintenance	4,901	5,033	5,019	5,426	8.1	4,856	(10.5)	4,884	.6
Equipment	25	26	23	51	123.4	26	(48.9)	28	5.0
Transfer & Other	167	71	76	341	349.0	25	(92.7)	25	.0
TOTAL	13,597	13,542	13,078	14,601	11.6	14,563	(.3)	14,563	.0

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PROGRAM SERIES 01: State Fair Facilities

The state fair facilities or Expo Center are a 20-building complex, housed on 360 acres that provide more than one million square feet of event space and seats for 20,000 people. In addition to accommodating the needs of the Ohio State Fair more than 200 events annually are held at the facilities.

Program 01.01: State Fair Management

Ohio has produced the Ohio State Fair for over 150 years, which continues to be diverse, entertaining, well attended, and family oriented. The fair has an emphasis on youth and development of agriculture, one of Ohio's largest industries. Ohio has one of the largest Junior Fair Livestock programs in the country.

What the Budget Buys:

- Continues the current level of 70 employees and provides funding to operate the Expo Center and the Ohio State Fair; and
- Provides funds to support the Junior Fair program and the All Ohio Fair Band and Choir.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
GRF	GRF	723-403	Junior Fair Subsidy	400,000	400,000
SSR	4N2	723-602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	520,000	520,000
SSR	506	723-601	Operating Expenses	6,945,915	7,178,739
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,865,915	8,098,739

Program 01.02: Non-Fair Events

The Expositions Commission strives to professionally operate and maintain a year-round service-oriented nationally recognized event facility which is safe, clean, versatile, comfortable, appealing, user friendly, and accessible. The facility hosts over 200 events annually in addition to the Ohio State Fair.

What the Budget Buys:

- Provides funds to operate the Expo Center year-round for non-fair events.

FUND GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	RECOMMENDED	
				FY 2006	FY 2007
SSR	506	723-601	Operating Expenses	6,697,400	6,464,576
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				6,697,400	6,464,576

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FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2002 ACTUAL	FY 2003 ACTUAL	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ESTIMATE	FY 2006 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2007 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	723-403	Junior Fair Subsidy	483,367	464,684	436,902	437,487	400,000	(8.6)	400,000	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			483,367	464,684	436,902	437,487	400,000	(8.6)	400,000	.0
4N2	723-602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	490,711	487,918	459,857	520,000	520,000	.0	520,000	.0
506	723-601	Operating Expenses	12,172,931	12,464,145	12,181,725	13,643,315	13,643,315	.0	13,643,315	.0
640	723-603	State Fair Reserve	449,663	125,001	0	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			13,113,305	13,077,064	12,641,582	14,163,315	14,163,315	.0	14,163,315	.0
TOTAL Expositions Commission			13,596,672	13,541,748	13,078,484	14,600,802	14,563,315	(.3)	14,563,315	.0