

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 \$14.7 million. Additional information about the Expositions Commission is available at <http://www.ohioexpoctr.com/>.



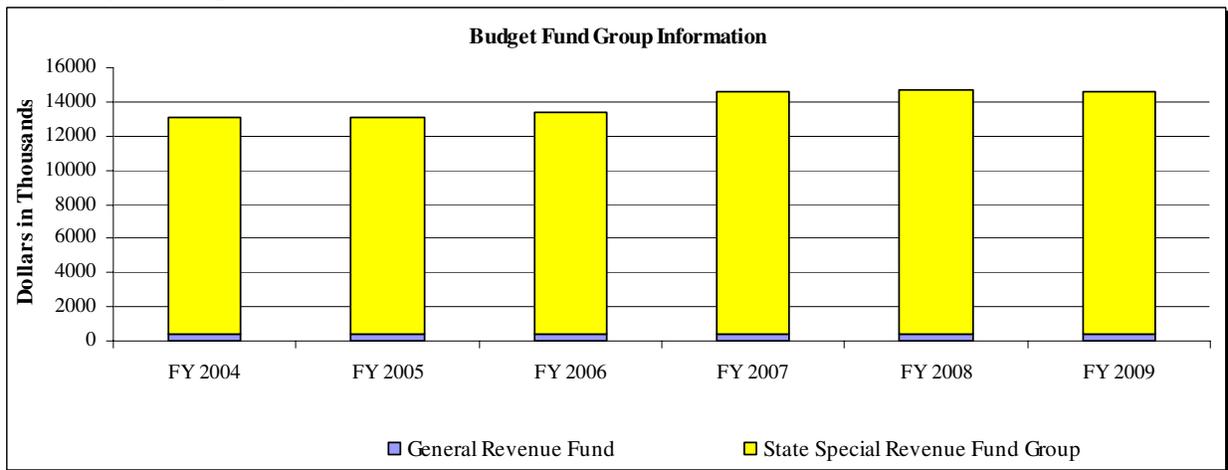
Turnaround Ohio Initiatives

- Operate the Ohio Expositions Commission with a high level of transparency and accountability to Ohio citizens.
- Operate and promote efficient management and effective administration of the Ohio Expo Center within legislative mandates.

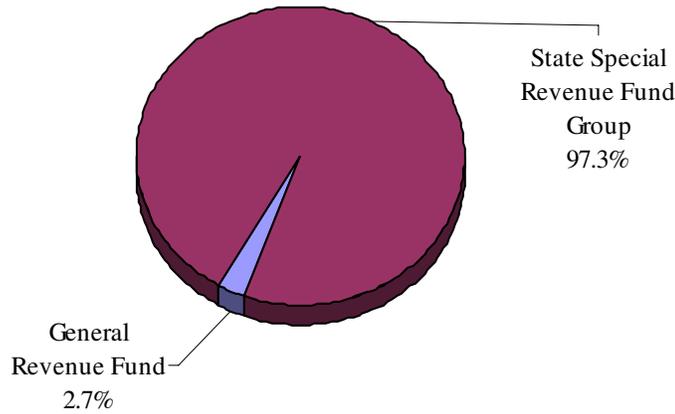
Agency Priorities

- Commit to creating a nationally recognized event venue and producing the highest quality state agricultural fair in order to be recognized as a unique, dynamic and profitable facility.
- Provide a facility which is safe, clean, versatile, comfortable, appealing, user friendly, and accessible.
- Utilize assets efficiently to build a strong financial position.
- Produce a diverse, entertaining, well attended and family-oriented annual state fair.
- Maintain a profitable schedule of Expo events and provide quality customer service in order to excel within the event industry.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

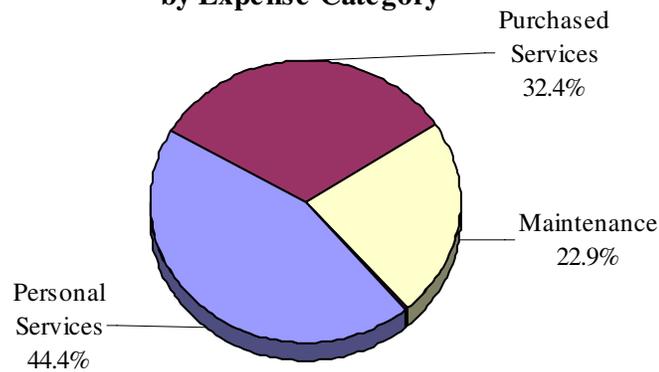


**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Budget Fund Group**



(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	437	433	400	400	.0	400	.0	400	.0
State Special Revenue Fund Group	12,642	12,640	12,934	14,163	9.5	14,289	.9	14,163	(.9)
TOTAL	13,078	13,072	13,334	14,563	9.2	14,689	.9	14,563	(.9)

**FY 2008-09 Biennial Appropriation
by Expense Category***



*Expense categories accounting for less than 0.1% are not shown.

State of Ohio
Ohio Expositions Commission

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	%	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Personal Services	5,171	5,081	5,482	5,871	7.1	6,583	12.1	6,416	(2.5)
Purchased Services	2,790	2,682	2,537	2,663	4.9	4,809	80.6	4,674	(2.8)
Maintenance	5,019	5,271	5,250	5,737	9.3	3,267	(43.1)	3,443	5.4
Equipment	23	2	0	51	.0	5	(89.8)	6	5.0
Transfer & Other	76	36	63	241	280.1	25	(89.6)	25	.0
TOTAL	13,078	13,072	13,334	14,563	9.2	14,689	.9	14,563	(.9)

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 are held annually 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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Continue the current level of 70 employees and provide funding to operate the Expo Center and the Ohio State Fair; and
- Provide support to the Junior Fair Program and the All Ohio Fair Band and Choir.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
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	6,455,356	6,448,991
SSR	640	723-603	State Fair Reserve	125,337	0
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,500,693	7,368,991

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.

The Executive Recommendation will:

- Provide resources to operate the Expo Center year-round for non-fair events.

FUND				RECOMMENDED	
GROUP	FUND	ALI	ALI NAME	FY 2008	FY 2009
SSR	506	723-601	Operating Expenses	7,187,959	7,194,324
TOTAL FOR PROGRAM				7,187,959	7,194,324

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Expositions Commission

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	723-403	Junior Fair Subsidy	436,902	432,546	400,000	400,000	400,000	.0	400,000	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			436,902	432,546	400,000	400,000	400,000	.0	400,000	.0
4N2	723-602	Ohio State Fair Harness Racing	459,857	449,850	444,170	520,000	520,000	.0	520,000	.0
506	723-601	Operating Expenses	12,181,725	12,189,867	12,489,450	13,643,315	13,643,315	.0	13,643,315	.0
640	723-603	STATE FAIR RESERVE	0	0	0	0	125,337	.0	0	(100.0)
TOTAL State Special Revenue Fund Group			12,641,582	12,639,717	12,933,620	14,163,315	14,288,652	.9	14,163,315	(.9)
TOTAL Expositions Commission			13,078,484	13,072,263	13,333,620	14,563,315	14,688,652	.9	14,563,315	(.9)