

Ohio Community Service Council

Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2011

In Attendance: Susan Rogers, Willie Peterson; Sande Johnson, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Nina Keller, Jeff King, Anne Marie Mann, Johnmark Oudersluys, William Russell, Chuck White. Ex Officio: Tina Dunphy, John Matthews. Staff/Counsel: Bill Hall, Mark Holtzaple, Ryan Schmiesing, Walter McNamara.

Absent: Maureen Drummond, Peggy Lehner, Chelsea Merriman, Clifford Smith, Gerald Stebleton, Margaret Wildi, Owen Wrassman.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Susan Rogers at 10:05 a.m.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes from the January 20, 2011 meeting;
- Executive Director's Report (copy attached)

It was moved by Bill Russell, seconded by Nina Keller to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried.

AmeriCorps Program Presentations

- *Ohio Historical Society:* Corps members focus on the continued preservation and promotion of Ohio's historic resources to stimulate tourism and economic growth. Members serve in teams to promote, raise awareness, and preserve the state's strong history through educational experiences for youth and adults. The program accounts for 20 Member Service Years.
- *Ohio College Access Network:* Corps members serve as advisors to high school students in partner schools and organizations to collectively address concerns that focus on readiness for college-level work and facilitate effective transition between schools, college and workplace. The program accounts for 60 Member Service Years.

Committee Meetings

Council recessed at 12:45 p.m. for committee meetings over working lunch. Food costs paid by members/non-reimbursable. Reconvened at 2:30 p.m. for committee reports and announcements.

Committee Reports

- *Planning & Development (King):* (1) Committee discussed the suggestion flowing from the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism that the Council be both a "convener" and "champion" of volunteerism and service in the state. This area will be taken on as a focus for further discussion in the future. (2) The AmeriCorps grant-making process was reviewed, given that formula applications are due next month and funding decisions will be made at the June Council meeting. Discussion reaffirmed the process used last year, built around present

program areas, with emphasis on documented impact by existing sub-grantees. *No Council actions requested.*

- *Education & Outreach (Oudersluys):* Committee reviewed the status of the current branding/equity work being done by contractor iSpark, Inc. including development of our new logo and website. The overall platform should be in place by the time of the next Council meeting; content development will become the focus at that point. *No Council actions requested.*
- *Member Development (Peterson):* Bill Hall reviewed with the Committee the Council composition requirements that flow from both state and federal laws. Presently 6 of the 15 Governor-appointed positions are vacant; the goal is to have these filled by the time of the fall retreat. Three of the positions are for defined constituencies (Youth 16-25, Local Labor, and Local Government). The other three are "at-large" positions and may be filled to broaden the overall composition of the board as it sees fit. The group reviewed a list of potential candidates developed by staff and selected four persons for initial contacts regarding willingness to serve. Bill Hall will follow up. Other Council members are welcome to submit additional names for potential membership. *No Council actions requested.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. Next meeting: June 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Grange Insurance in Columbus.

Executive Committee Meeting

Committee convened immediately following Council meeting, with Rogers, Peterson, Oudersluys, King, Hall, Holtzapple, and McNamara in attendance. (1) In response to questions, Hall and Holtzapple ensured committee members that appropriate plans of action are under development to deal with any funding level that results from the current budget debate. This may include another round of staff reductions. (2) Hall advised committee that whatever the staffing level based on the budget, there are plans to restructure staff positions to better align with program priorities, particularly the increased focus on documented impacts and expanded program development efforts. (3) Rogers raised the question whether King's term could be extended by one year to correct an error by the Governor's office in the dates of his second term. The error resulted in that being a two-year term instead of three years. King is presently serving in his third term. McNamara will investigate the options available and a conference call will be scheduled to further review this issue. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Conference call to discuss appointment terms was held at 4:00 p.m. on April 28th with Rogers, Peterson, Wildi, Oudersluys, Hall, Holtzapple, and McNamara on the line; King and Drummond were absent. McNamara reported that the only option to provide King with additional years on the Council would be to change the By-Laws and allow four terms instead of three. However, his review of term limits for other boards and commissions served by the Attorney General's office revealed that most of them allow only six years of service. McNamara counseled against changing the By-Laws as a means to correct an

error in appointment paperwork; a By-Laws change should reflect intentional modification of a core operating policy based on strategic or managerial considerations. Discussion followed, from which emerged the consensus that the present limit of nine years should be retained. No By-Laws change will be presented to Council. Hall will follow up with King and express committee regrets at the lack of alternatives. Call ended at 5:00 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Mark Holtzapple.

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Meeting Minutes: ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Executive Director's Report

- **Testimony before House Finance: Primary & Secondary Education Sub-Committee**
- **Legislative Services Commission Redbook analysis of CSV budget request**
- **CNCS federal budget update email**
- **2011 Serve Ohio Award winners list**

April 2011

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **State Budget**

Language was included in H.B. 153 to change the Council to the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism and, more importantly, provide administrative funding to our organization. The executive budget has recommended funding of \$129,998 in FY 2012 and \$126,664 in FY 2013. Testimony was provided to the House Finance: Primary and Secondary Education Subcommittee on March 31 arguing for a modest increase in state funds so that the Council could eliminate the current administrative waiver and provide the expected full cost share. The Legislative Service Commission's analysis of our budget and a copy of our 3/31 testimony are attached for your review.

- **Federal Budget**

The Corporation for National and Community Service is expected to release details this week on cuts to the FY 2011 budget and impact on programming. Legislation passed by congress last week calls for cuts in all CNCS programming (except for the Trust) and the elimination of Learn and Serve America. The President's FY 2012 budget requests \$1.26 billion for CNCS, a significant increase over the current funding level.

- **Branding and Communication Strategy**

We are continuing our work with iSpark in the development of new branding and communication strategies for the Council. Logo development, social media strategies and website framing are all currently in progress.

- **Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism**

The 2011 conference drew almost 350 participants in a new format that provided more focus on individual constituency content – national service, volunteer administration, service learning – that was highly vetted through a diverse steering committee. Feedback, both full event and individual sessions, has been almost universally positive. A summary of the evaluations are attached for your review.

- **ServeOhio Awards**

At the 2011 conference, we presented the first ServeOhio Awards – recognizing Ohioans who have made great contributions to their communities and the state through service and volunteerism. Recipients received an original, handcrafted award created by an Ohio artisan and a cash award of \$2,500 to support the organization which benefited from their service. A summary of the winners and the organizational beneficiaries is attached for your review.

- **State Service Commission Leadership Summit**

Ryan and I participated in this meeting which focused on United Way-CNCS-Commission partnerships and the potential of combining resources on the local level to elevate programming and strengthen impact. Additional discussions were focused on CNCS policy and process development; upcoming budget negotiations; federal agency partnerships; and effective commission practices.

- **AmeriCorps Week**

AmeriCorps Weeks is scheduled for May 14 -21 with a focus on community roundtables to educate local elected officials on the impact of AmeriCorps – and national service – on their own communities. The Council and the State Office will be working to organize these events during and after AmeriCorps Week.



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**House Finance:
Primary & Secondary Education Sub-Committee Testimony
March 31, 2010**

Good morning Chairman Carey and members of the Subcommittee. My name is William Hall and I serve as the Executive Director of the Ohio Community Service Council, which will become known as the Commission on Service and Volunteerism under a language change attached to the budget bill you are considering today. I am extremely pleased that for the first time our agency has the opportunity to present testimony as part of the budget process and hope that through our discussion here this morning you will become much more familiar with who we are, what we do, and the impact of our programming – particularly AmeriCorps – on the citizens of Ohio. We believe that service and volunteerism have traditionally played key roles in solving the challenges facing local communities – these roles become even more pivotal as we continue to face very difficult times. Service can be part of the solution – and this morning we will illustrate how that works effectively in Ohio and the Council's role in making that happen.

Programs of the Council have impact throughout Ohio – meeting the critical needs of the state and individual communities.

AmeriCorps is the Council's signature program. The AmeriCorps program in Ohio has become one of the strongest in the nation and annually returns millions of federal dollars to the state. AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for individuals to serve either fulltime or part-time for a year or more in local projects focusing on issues of education; health; environmental stewardship; disaster services; veteran or military family support; or economic opportunity. In return for their service, these individuals (called AmeriCorps members) receive a small living stipend and an education award. I will talk more later about the impact of the education award on the individual and higher education as a whole in the state of Ohio.

First, it is important to know that AmeriCorps is local – local organizations engaging local citizens to identify and solve problems they face every day. The Council collaborates with local partners – schools, nonprofits, faith-based organizations – to create programming that meets the unique needs of those individual communities. Not only is the program development and design a collaboration, but so is the investment. AmeriCorps programs leverage local support – both contributions and commitments – to ensure their success. This combination of local program development and investment provides a strong sense of allegiance not seen in other initiatives.

The Council staff has broad responsibilities related to the development, implementation, and evaluation of locally based AmeriCorps programs. Through a comprehensive technical assistance approach, Council staff support organizations in their program development strategies to ensure AmeriCorps is an appropriate fit; provide ongoing and regular technical assistance once a grant is awarded to ensure compliance to grant provisions, but more importantly that progress is being made toward meeting goals and objectives; support in financial management aspects of the federal grant administration; and support of AmeriCorps member development, program directors professional growth, and communication of impact to all stakeholders. In Program Year 2010, the Council awarded over \$7 million in AmeriCorps grants supporting over 600 AmeriCorps members. Since the start of this program year, members have already served over 360,000 hours improving Ohio communities. As you can see, the administration of the AmeriCorps programs is much more than awarding the funds to the organizations. The Council takes its responsibility as stewards of public funds very seriously and we work to ensure that such funds are administered according to established guidelines so that they have the highest degree of impact in your community.

As previously stated, education is a priority funding area for the Council and is demonstrated by a commitment of nearly 50% of our portfolio funds. We administer and support programming that covers the entire continuum of the education cycle. AmeriCorps members at OSU's College of Education and Ecology tutor and mentor preschool students so they are better prepared to start

kindergarten; last year, 93% of the students participating in the OSU KidCorps program demonstrated an increase in literacy skills based upon pre- and post-testing, as a result of participating in the AmeriCorps program. Our City Year AmeriCorps members continue that trend improving literacy skills of kindergarten thru second grade students; 100% of their elementary level participants demonstrated improved reading skills as measured by the LEARNS assessment. In high school, we focus on supporting first generation and higher risk students in accessing post-secondary education. Ohio College Access Network AmeriCorps members assist school personnel, families and students in exploring opportunities, navigating applications and preparing for that all-important first-year. Last year, more than 29,000 high school students participated in individual and group mentoring provided by this vital program with locations in Lorain, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Marietta and Xenia.

Beyond education, AmeriCorps members are tackling other significant societal issues with equally impressive results. In our new program hosted by AMVETS Career Center, AmeriCorps members assisted 40 veterans in securing employment and safe, affordable housing – in the first quarter of the first year of the grant. At Children’s Hunger Alliance, AmeriCorps members are taking on the issue of childhood obesity with a curriculum that engages young people in nutrition education and physical activity; 75% of the children completing these programs have increased their cardiovascular endurance. And, at Ohio University’s ComCorps program, AmeriCorps members conducted over 14,000 health

screenings for lice, vision, hearing and immunizations – providing early detection and necessary resources to keep young people healthy, increasing school attendance rates and improving academic performance. As you all know, early detection through these screenings helps ensure that the young person and their family receive the appropriate support mechanisms so their child may be successful in school.

AmeriCorps members build capacity within the organizations in which they serve – providing the necessary human resources to build local infrastructure and get things done in local communities. There is no better example of the impact of AmeriCorps members on an organization than within the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks. I have asked their Executive Director, Lisa Hamler-Fugitt, to briefly describe the role of AmeriCorps within their organization.

Behind every strong AmeriCorps program – is a dedicated AmeriCorps member. Serving full or part-time in community initiatives throughout the state, a member's primary goal is always to improve the communities in which they serve with a secondary goal of their own personal and professional development. As the cost associated with attending a college or university continues to increase, more individuals are turning to national service as one option to assist with those expenses. A fulltime AmeriCorps member can earn an education award of \$5,350 to pay for future educational expenses or to pay-off qualified student loans. And

individuals age 55 and older may transfer their education award to a qualified dependent.

The AmeriCorps Education Award is not only a good deal for the AmeriCorps member – it is a good deal for the higher education institutions in Ohio. Since its inception in 1994, more than \$60 million in education awards have been earned by Ohio AmeriCorps members. High quality national service opportunities provide an option for recent college graduates and other individuals at life transition points to remain in Ohio – provide valuable service to their local communities and continue their professional development. We see it every day. Applications for AmeriCorps positions have more than tripled in the last three years. People want to serve and we want to develop the programs that will allow them to serve most effectively.

The Council is more than AmeriCorps, and through our ServeOhio initiative we also play a major role in supporting civic engagement throughout the state. The Council can and must serve as a convener and catalyst for change through the engagement of community volunteers. A recent external analysis of our stakeholders indicated that they want the Council to play an even larger role in shaping policy on service and volunteer issues; building organizational capacity and leveraging resources; and providing technical assistance to local organization staff on the expansion of civic engagement initiatives.

Earlier this month we hosted a strategic dialogue – Strengthening Volunteer Engagement in Ohio – where more than 50 individuals representing diverse organizations throughout the state began the conversation about how we raise the importance of volunteerism as a mechanism to solve real societal challenges in our local communities. We also provide leadership in the arena of professional development in the areas of national service, volunteer administration and service learning through the administration of the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism. We promote national days of service – MLK Day, Global Youth Service Day, 9/11 Day of Remembrance, and Make A Difference Day – so communities and groups can engage in projects that are especially meaningful to them. And, we recognize the efforts of individuals and groups who provide outstanding service and volunteer efforts through the establishment of annual ServeOhio Awards.

The Ohio Community Service Council is a good investment for the State of Ohio. We bring together federal and local resources to build the capacity of local communities to meet their unique challenges. The Council can continue this work – and expand our initiatives to potentially include expanded AmeriCorps programming, such as Teach for America, Habitat for Humanity, and the National Association of Community Health Centers – but only if we secure additional support from you.

The level of funding provided by the State of Ohio is directly tied to the federal funds provided. Those funds are awarded on a cost-share basis—one federal dollar for each state dollar of administrative support. Under this budget, the state administrative commitment will be less than \$180,000 per year, meaning the Commission will receive only 40% of the formula-based federal share of \$425,000. The capacity issues raised by this support level are clearly the greatest challenge facing the agency. The Council is currently operating with a staff of 6.0 FTEs, down from 9.0 FTEs in 2010. Funding limitations will require that we eliminate another 1.5 FTE's at the start of FY 2012. The Council is currently operating under an administrative waiver with the Corporation for National and Community Service which allowed us to pull down more administrative funds without the required match. While this has been advantageous in the short-term, it is not without its consequences as the Corporation views such actions as limiting the capacity of a commission, resulting in potentially punitive funding implications towards the Council and the state. In its correspondence to the Council granting the waiver, the Corporation stated that it “expects states to support commission activities and can only decrease matching requirements for limited periods” and that the Corporation will “take decreased commission capacity into consideration in making funding decisions for grant applications, such as AmeriCorps Competitive, Volunteer Generation Fund, Capacity-Building and Social Innovation Fund.”

It is critical that Ohio receives its share of these federal funds. Full and ongoing support of the Commission will allow the state to receive millions of federal dollars

for local programming and nonprofit capacity. The return on investment is very clear – for every \$1 invested by the state \$51 is returned to benefit local communities through high quality national service programs that address locally-defined needs and provide transitional employment to many citizens.

Our organization capacity is vital as it comes at a time when local communities need us most and when a significant expansion of AmeriCorps is taking shape at the federal level. With the passage of the Serve America Act, federal funds for AmeriCorps and similar projects are scheduled to rise over the next several years. In Program Year 2010, the Council awarded 30% more in AmeriCorps funds than in the previous grant year. The Serve America Act calls for similar increases through 2017 as the AmeriCorps program will expand from its current status of 75,000 members nationally to 250,000.

Despite the challenges facing us we remain an agency committed to serving the citizens of Ohio. The Council plays a large role in improving the quality of life for many Ohio citizens and within many Ohio communities. The establishment and ongoing support of the Council allows the State of Ohio to access millions of federal dollars for local programming and nonprofit capacity. In return, thousands of hours of service are provided – engaging not only AmeriCorps members, but also community volunteers. The Ohio Community Service Council fosters an overall culture that supports and encourages the power of service and

volunteerism. Put simply, the Council empowers Ohioans to solve the problems within their communities.

I thank you for the opportunity to share this overview of our agency and would be happy to respond to questions.

LSC Redbook

Analysis of the Executive Budget Proposal

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

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READER'S GUIDE

The Legislative Service Commission prepares an analysis of the executive budget proposal for each agency. These analyses are commonly called "Redbooks." This brief introduction is intended to help readers navigate the Redbook for the Commission on Service and Volunteerism, which includes the following three sections.

1. Overview: Provides a brief description of the Commission and an overview of the provisions of the executive budget that affect the Commission, including major new initiatives proposed for the Commission.
2. Analysis of the Executive Proposal: Provides a detailed analysis of the executive budget recommendations for the Commission, including funding and the activities supported by the recommended funding.
3. Attachments: Includes the catalog of budget line items (COBLI) for the Commission, which briefly describes each line item, and the LSC budget spreadsheet for the Commission.

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- Catalog of Budget Line Items
- Budget Spreadsheet By Line Item

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

- The Commission is created as a stand-alone agency.
- Commission distributes 92% of its funding in the form of grants, primarily for the AmeriCorps Program.

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

H.B. 153 of the 129th General Assembly creates the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV). Its mission will be to strengthen Ohio's communities through service and volunteerism. OCSV currently exists as the Ohio Community Service Council, which is funded through the Department of Aging's budget. The Department of Aging acts as the Council's fiscal agent.

The Ohio Community Service Council 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 the Council to receive and administer the grant funds associated with the program. The AmeriCorps Program is basically a "domestic Peace Corps" in that it recruits, trains, and places individuals in communities with critical needs.

The Council's governing authority consists of 21 members. Of these, 15 members are appointed by the Governor, two are representatives from the General Assembly, and four are the designees of four state agencies (Education, Board of Regents, Aging, and Youth Services). The 15 public appointees must include educators, students and parents, representatives of youth organizations, representatives of organizations engaged in volunteer program development and management, and representatives of organizations that support or encourage volunteerism within the state. The Director of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives serves as a nonvoting ex officio member. Members are appointed for three-year terms. Members receive no compensation, however, they are eligible for reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties. The Council currently has six employees who carry out its day-to-day activities. The Council's governing authority and staff will become the governing authority and staff of OCSV.

Appropriation Overview

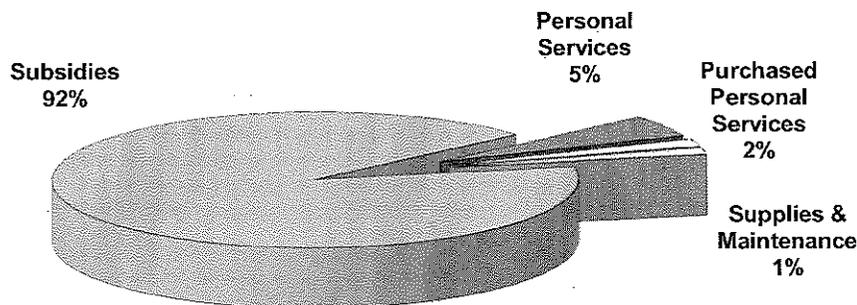
The executive recommends funding of \$8.5 million in each year of the biennium. Table 1 below shows the Council's estimated expenditures for FY 2011 and the executive recommendations for the Commission for FY 2012 and FY 2013 by fund group, as well as the percentage change from one year to the next. As can be seen in the table, the majority of funding for OCSV comes from federal sources. Available federal funding for AmeriCorps has recently increased as a result of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act of 2009.

Table 1. Executive Budget Recommendations by Fund Group, FY 2012-FY 2013					
Fund Group	FY 2011*	FY 2012	% change, FY 2011-FY 2012	FY 2013	% change, FY 2012-FY 2013
General Revenue	\$147,034	\$129,998	(11.6%)	\$126,664	(2.6%)
General Services	\$30,000	\$67,500	125.0%	\$67,500	0.0%
State Special Revenue	\$270,000	\$49,130	(81.8%)	\$47,870	(2.6%)
Federal Special Revenue	\$7,200,000	\$8,279,290	15.0%	\$8,272,110	(0.1%)
TOTAL	\$7,647,034	\$8,525,918	11.5%	\$8,514,114	(0.1%)

*FY 2011 figures represent estimated expenditures. Please note that these figures are for spending in line items that are in the Department of Aging's budget, since the Council is currently under the Department.

The chart below shows the executive budget recommendations by expense category. The largest expense category for OCSV, at 92%, is subsidies. Subsidies are in the form of the grants that OCSV will distribute to various entities throughout the state. The next largest expense category, at 5%, is personal services, which represents expenses related to staff and grant oversight. The remaining two categories, supplies and maintenance and purchased personal services, account for 3% of expenses.

Chart 1: Biennial Executive Budget Recommendations by Expense Category, FY 2012-FY 2013



ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

Introduction

This section provides an analysis of the Governor's recommended funding for each line item in OCSV's budget.

Governor's Recommended Amounts for the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism				
Fund	ALI and Name		FY 2012	FY 2013
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$129,998	\$126,664
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$129,998	\$126,664
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group				
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$8,279,290	\$8,272,110
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Subtotal			\$8,279,290	\$8,272,110
State Special Revenue Fund Group				
6240	866604	Volunteer Contracts and Services	\$49,130	\$47,870
State Special Revenue Fund Group Subtotal			\$49,130	\$47,870
General Services Fund Group				
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$67,500	\$67,500
State Special Revenue Fund Group Subtotal			\$67,500	\$67,500
Total Funding: Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism			\$8,525,918	\$8,514,144

CSV Administration (866321 and 866604)

GRF line item 866321, CSV Operations, supports the operating expenses for the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV). OCSV will manage, monitor, and evaluate funded AmeriCorps programs and promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state. In addition, OCSV will provide some technical assistance to funded programs and training opportunities to AmeriCorps members. OCSV will also administer Serve Ohio, which focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual Serve Ohio Conference. Funding for these purposes is currently provided in GRF line item 490409, AmeriCorps Operations, under the Department of Aging. The estimated expenditure for FY 2011 for line item 490409 is \$147,034. The executive recommends funding of \$129,998 in FY 2012 in line item 866321, a decrease of 11.6% from FY 2011 estimated expenditures, and \$126,664 in FY 2013, a decrease of 2.6% from FY 2012.

Line item 866604, Volunteer Contracts and Services, also supports OCSV administrative operations. Appropriations to this line item are funded through gifts and donations deposited into the OCSC Community Support Fund (Fund 6240).

Funding is currently appropriated for this purpose in line item 490604, OCSC Community Support. The estimated expenditure for FY 2011 for line item 490604 is \$270,000. For line item 866604, the executive recommends funding of \$49,130 in FY 2012, a decrease of 81.8% from FY 2011 estimated expenditures, and \$47,870 in FY 2013, a decrease of 2.6% from FY 2012. The decrease in appropriations is the result of the ending of a multiple year contract with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), which provided the major revenue stream for the fund. As part of the contract, the Ohio Community Service Council partnered with ODH and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) to provide volunteer recruitment, registration, and management services, and to implement a statewide registry of volunteers for emergency response. Out of these efforts, the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps and the Ohio Citizen Corps were established to coordinate volunteer activities in emergency situations. The three agencies (OCSC, ODH, and OEMA) determined that these efforts would be administered most effectively by ODH and OEMA. Thus, the contract ended June 30, 2010 and OCSV will not receive funding for these activities. According to OCSC, a cash balance of \$80,000 to \$100,000 is expected to remain in the fund at the end of FY 2011 and will be used to supplement GRF appropriations in line item 866321.

Line items 866321 and 866604 will provide the state share for OCSV operating costs. The federal government provides a dollar for every one dollar the state spends on operating costs, so in effect, a 50-50 arrangement exists. However, for calendar year 2011, OCSC received a waiver from meeting this requirement and as a result, the federal government is currently providing 65% of the Council's operating costs. These federal dollars are provided in line item 866617.

In total, \$179,128 in FY 2012 and \$174,534 in FY 2013 in state funds is recommended for operating costs through line items 866321 and 866604. As a result, OCSC has stated that it may be necessary to reduce staffing levels from six employees to 4.5 employees at OCSV at the beginning of FY 2012. OCSC reduced staff in October of 2010 from nine employees to the current six as a result of the loss of contract revenues. Additionally, OCSC has stated that this appropriation level could impact the amount of federal grants received for the AmeriCorps Program, which is discussed below.

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. Almost 94% of these revenues are distributed to AmeriCorps grant recipients. The remainder is used for administrative expenses related to the program and training for, and technical support to, grantees. The amount of 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.

A hallmark of AmeriCorps from its inception in 1994 has been the idea of local control. Hence, the potential sub-grantees for funds are required to solicit community input to determine the most pressing local needs that could be addressed by an AmeriCorps project. The most common types of projects are tutoring of children and adults, natural resource preservation, home building and renovation, food distribution projects, increased physical activity for youth, and assisting veterans and other individuals with employability skills. AmeriCorps members receive educational awards for college or technical training (\$5,350) in exchange for one year of community service. This can be used to repay student loans or to pay for future education. In addition, individuals age 55 and older may transfer the award to a qualified recipient.

In the 2010-2011 program year, 25 entities were provided AmeriCorps sub-grants and 648 individuals served/are serving at nonprofit, faith-based, school, higher education, and community-based organizations. Examples of entities receiving sub-grants are the Ohio College Access Network, United Way of Greater Toledo, American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, and the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks. AmeriCorps members providing services at the Ohio College Access Network will assist schools and organizations in addressing productivity concerns impacting the college readiness of high school students and will also help the transitions between schools, colleges, and the workplace. At the United Way of Greater Toledo, members provide programs and activities to address education and income-related issues in northwest Ohio communities. At the American Red Cross of Greater Columbus, members will be placed with local Red Cross units to provide services, education, and training that help families and communities respond to disasters. At the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, members support the capacity of local foodbanks and engage volunteers in local projects. These recipients are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising members to serve in their programs.

Funding for this program is currently provided in line item 490617, AmeriCorps Programs, and is under the Department of Aging. The adjusted appropriation for FY 2011 in line item 490617 is \$7.2 million. The executive recommends funding of approximately \$8.3 million in each fiscal year in line item 866617. The increase in funding is to account for additional available funds provided to the program as a result of the federal Edward M. Kennedy Serve America. However, a spokesperson for OCSV has stated that the federal grant that they will receive is likely to be between \$3.5 million to \$4.0 million in each fiscal year. This is due to the fact that there are two types of AmeriCorps grants available: (1) a formula grant award based on population, and (2) a competitive grant awarded on the basis of a state commission's capacity to manage the

grants. As a result of reduced expenditures to be spent on administration, the spokesperson for OCSV stated that they may not have the capacity to manage the grants. As a result, OCSV will likely only be eligible for the formula grant.

In FY 2010, the maintenance of effort (MOE) for administration was \$425,000 and OCSC was able to meet the MOE. However, in calendar year 2011, due to the ending of the contract with ODH, OCSC was unable to meet the MOE, but was awarded a waiver for 2011 that extends through the first half of FY 2012. In order to be eligible to apply for the competitive grants, the spokesperson for OCSV anticipates that they would need approximately \$312,000 in FY 2012 and \$425,000 in FY 2013 in total state support for administration. Recommendations for the biennium in GRF line item 866321 and State Special Revenue line item 866604, are \$179,128 in FY 2012 and \$174,534 in FY 2013. The spokesperson for OCSV has stated that they would need an additional \$133,000 in FY 2012 and \$250,000 in FY 2013 in GRF in order to leverage additional federal dollars.

Serve Ohio Support (866605)

This line item will support the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism and the Governor and First Lady's Service Awards Program. The purpose of the conference is to develop skills to impact professionals in volunteer organizations. The awards program was established in 2010 to recognize individuals who have made volunteer contributions to their state and community. These individuals are recognized for their contributions at the annual conference. The 2011 Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism was held in Columbus March 16th through March 18th.

Funding in line item 886605 will help subsidize costs related to the conference, which in turn will keep registration fees for the conference down. Donations deposited in Fund 5GN0, OCSC Gifts and Donations, provide the funding to support the appropriation in line item 886605. Fund 5GN0 was established in previous years to receive revenues from specialized license plate sales; however, revenues from these sales failed to materialize. In FY 2011, the Council, which is currently under the Department of Aging, received Controlling Board approval establishing appropriation item 490605, allowing the Council to spend the \$30,000 in donations that had been collected and deposited in the fund. According to a spokesperson for OCSV, they hope to collect \$90,000 per fiscal year by attracting six corporate sponsors each year. The executive budget provides appropriations (i.e., spending authority) of \$67,500 in each fiscal year.

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Commission on Service and Volunteerism

General Revenue Fund

GRF 866321 CSV Operations

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Introduced FY 2012	Introduced FY 2013
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$129,998	\$126,664
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2.6%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: H.B. 153, As Introduced

Purpose: This line item supports the operating expenses for the Commission on Service and Volunteerism. The Commission manages, monitors, and evaluates funded AmeriCorps Programs and promotes volunteerism and community service efforts across the state.

Funding for this purpose is currently provided under the Department of Aging. H.B. 153, As Introduced, renames the Ohio Community Service Council as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism and funds them as a stand-alone agency.

General Services Fund Group

5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Introduced FY 2012	Introduced FY 2013
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,500	\$67,500
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0%

Source: General Services Fund Group: Gifts, donations, and revenues from license plate sales

Legal Basis: H.B. 153, As Introduced

Purpose: These funds are used to support the Governor and First Lady's Service Awards Program and helps subsidize costs relating to the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism.

Funding for this purpose is currently provided under the Department of Aging. H.B. 153, As Introduced, renames the Ohio Community Service Council as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism and funds them as a stand-alone agency.

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Federal Special Revenue Fund Group

3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Introduced FY 2012	Introduced FY 2013
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,279,290	\$8,272,110
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-0.1%

Source: Federal Special Revenue Fund Group: Federal grants from the Corporation for National Community Service

Legal Basis: H.B. 153, As Introduced

Purpose: The vast majority of these funds are distributed to grant recipients for the AmeriCorps Program. A small amount of funds are used for administrative expenses and to provide training and technical support to grantees.

Funding for this purpose is currently provided under the Department of Aging. H.B. 153, As Introduced, renames the Ohio Community Service Council as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism and funds them as a stand-alone agency.

State Special Revenue Fund Group

6240 866604 Volunteer Contracts and Services

FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Introduced FY 2012	Introduced FY 2013
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,130	\$47,870
	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2.6%

Source: State Special Revenue Fund Group: Gifts, donations, and inter-agency contracts

Legal Basis: H.B. 153, As Introduced

Purpose: These funds are used to support the Commission on Service and Volunteerism operating expenses.

Funding for this purpose is currently provided under the Department of Aging. H.B. 153, As Introduced, renames the Ohio Community Service Council as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism and funds them as a stand-alone agency.

FY 2012 - FY 2013 Introduced Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency	FY 2010	Estimate FY 2011	Introduced FY 2012	FY 2011 to FY 2012 % Change	Introduced FY 2013	FY 2012 to FY 2013 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill						
Version: As Introduced						
CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism						
GRF 866321 CSV Operations	\$0	\$0	\$129,998	N/A	\$126,664	-2.56%
General Revenue Fund Total	\$0	\$0	\$129,998	N/A	\$126,664	-2.56%
5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support	\$0	\$0	\$67,500	N/A	\$67,500	0.00%
General Services Fund Group Total	\$0	\$0	\$67,500	N/A	\$67,500	0.00%
3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs	\$0	\$0	\$8,279,290	N/A	\$8,272,110	-0.09%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total	\$0	\$0	\$8,279,290	N/A	\$8,272,110	-0.09%
6240 866604 Volunteer Contracts and Services	\$0	\$0	\$49,130	N/A	\$47,870	-2.56%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total	\$0	\$0	\$49,130	N/A	\$47,870	-2.56%
Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total	\$0	\$0	\$8,525,918	N/A	\$8,514,144	-0.14%

Hall, William

From: Nembhard, Lois [LNembhard@cns.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2011 6:09 PM
To: AmeriCorps*State & National
Subject: Update on Fiscal Year 2011 National Service Budget

Dear Colleagues,

On Friday President Obama signed a Continuing Resolution that funds the federal government for the rest of fiscal year 2011.

In total, the continuing resolution provides \$1.077 billion for the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs, about 94% of our FY 2010 enacted level. The final funding level is a testament to your work and the critical role national service plays in our communities and our nation. This budget allows CNCS and its network of grantees to engage millions of Americans in sustained service to solve community problems, support our most vulnerable citizens, strengthen America's nonprofit sector, and transform lives.

The continuing resolution also contained several cuts to our programs.

- RSVP was funded at \$50.4 million, a reduction of \$12.6 million over FY 2010.
- AmeriCorps State and National Grants were funded at \$350 million, a reduction of \$22.5 million from FY 2010.
- Learn and Serve America funding was reduced by \$39.5 million, eliminating FY 2011 funding for the program.
- CNCS funding as a whole will be subject to an additional .2% rescission that is being applied across the board to non-defense federal agencies.

We are reviewing the legislative language and other guidance from Congress as we develop our implementation plans for this continuing resolution, which comes more than halfway into the fiscal year. As we develop these plans, we will aim to minimize the impact of the reductions on our grantees, participants, and the communities and individuals they serve. We remain committed to service-learning, and want to work with you on creative ways to carry this important work forward.

In this time of fiscal restraint, it is critical to focus our efforts, make the best use of our resources, and demonstrate our impact. That's what Congress and the President have called for, and what our communities demand. Given your past work and commitment, I know we can meet this challenge.

Many of you, undoubtedly, have questions about the budget. We will share more information through conference calls and other communications in the weeks ahead.

On behalf of CNCS, I want to thank you for your support of our mission. Your contributions touch people's lives in so many significant ways, and I appreciate your dedication and commitment to national service.

Sincerely,

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2011 ServeOhio Award Winners

OUTSTANDING ADULT VOLUNTEER

Brent Nawroth, Cincinnati

Volunteer coordinator of *Paint the Town* project which provides exterior painting to low-income owner-occupied homes; in 2010 alone, over 1,400 volunteers painted 60 houses in a single day.

Beneficiary Organization: *Give Back Cincinnati*

OUTSTANDING YOUTH VOLUNTEER

Allison Winstel, Cincinnati

Senior at St. Ursula Academy; Allison has been involved in many volunteer efforts including fundraising for issues related to international sex trafficking and HIV/AIDS prevention; leadership roles in many service events via school and UGIVE.

Beneficiary Organization: *SOTENI International*

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL DAYS OF SERVICE PROJECT

Meigs County RSVP, Pomeroy

Seventeen volunteers conducted fundraising dinner and raffle on Make A Difference Day to benefit local victims of tornadoes and church fire raising over \$2,000 in this rural community.

Beneficiary Organization: *Meigs County Council on Aging, Inc.*

OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER GROUP

African Methodist Episcopal Church Prison Ministry, Statewide

Nearly 100 volunteers have supported Youth Summits in juvenile correctional facilities throughout the state, incorporating educational, employment, faith and sports components that have involved over 400 youth; the summits serve as a springboard to ongoing volunteer activity within the juvenile facilities.

Beneficiary Organization: *Third Episcopal District Prison Ministry*

OUTSTANDING NATIONAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE – PROGRAM OR PARTICIPANT

Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks, Statewide

OASHF operates AmeriCorps VISTA and State programs providing indirect and direct service to organizations to end hunger and poverty supporting local foodbanks and Ohio Benefit Bank sites; members help individuals access work supports; food and medical assistance; and tax filings.

Beneficiary Organization: *Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks*

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sol Shack, Cleveland

90-year-old RSVP volunteer who has 19 years of recorded volunteer service; active in visiting of nursing home residents and hospice patients; RSVP theatre group; carpool driver; and telephone greeter.

Beneficiary Organization: *Greater Cleveland Volunteers*