

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Date: March 12, 2015

Meeting Location: Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio-31st Floor, Room East B

In Attendance: John Beck, Edwina Brewer, Jane Federer, Sheila Fox, Randi Fuller, Adrian Hill, Johnmark Oudersluys, Matthew Rubin, William Russell, Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Sarah Smith, Brenda Stier-Anstine, Judy Turner. **Ex Officio:** Kim Hettel. **Staff/Counsel:** Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Mary Cannon, Ingyr Coleman, Lisa Tope, Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss, Walter McNamara.

Absent: Donald Bean, Bill Hayes, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Peggy Lehner, Tina Dunphy.

Meeting was called to order by Chair William Russell at 9:09 a.m.

Legislative Visits

Primary activity for the day was to allow Commissioners to conduct outreach/information visits with legislators to improve awareness of ServeOhio and our programs. In preparation for the visits Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss and Bill Hall reviewed the team assignments and meeting schedule, suggested talking points, and the fact sheets included in packets for distribution to legislators. (Refer to Attachments 1-7.) Hall noted that if legislators ask questions about budget, response should be that budget as introduced will allow us to carry out our mission; focus of the meetings is programmatic not financial.

Meeting recessed at 10:00 a.m. for visits per schedule with lunch "on your own" between assigned meeting times.

Meeting reconvened at 3:08 p.m. with a short debrief and comment session. With the exception of one meeting that had to be canceled at the last minute (Rep. Mike Duffy) the group felt meetings went well. Commissioners complimented Verhoff-Kiss on the excellent packet materials.

New Business

It was moved by Rubin, seconded by Fuller, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, which had been distributed in advance. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall updated Commissioners on current topics as summarized in his written report (Refer to Attachments 8-11).

Announcements/Other Business

There were no visitors or requests to comment (Attachment 12).

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 11th, in Room South A on the 31st floor of Riffe Tower. The meeting will not start until 1:00 p.m. to allow Commissioners to attend the Ethics Training Session at the William Green Building from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. Commissioners must pre-register online for the training via the Ohio Ethics Commission website.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on a motion by Turner, seconded by Stier-Anstine, approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee did not meet.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Mark W. Holtzapple
Director of Finance & Operations

Certified by:



Chair or Vice Chair

Approval Date: 6-17-2015

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**2015 ServeOhio Legislative Meetings
Master Schedule**

TIME	LEGISLATOR	LEAD COMMISSIONER	SUPPORT COMMISSIONERS/STAFF	PHONE	LOCATION	LEGISLATIVE AIDE	MEETING WITH
10:00 AM	Rep. Ron Amstutz (R) H.D. 1	John Beck	William Hall	614-466-1474	Riffe 14th Floor	Dick Wolf	
Block 1							
10:30 AM	Rep. Rick Perales (R) H.D. 73	Adrian Hill	Jane Federer, Judy Turner, Lisa Tope	614-644-6020	Riffe 13th Floor	Danielle Giannantonio	Rep has committee that day. If he is unavailable, will meet with LA
10:30 AM	Rep. Michael Sheehy (D) H.D. 46	Matt Rubin	Randi Fuller, Pandora Shaw Dupras, Mary Cannon	614-466-1418	Riffe 10th Floor	Peter Bucher	
10:30 AM	Rep. Jeff McClain (R) H.D. 87	Winnie Brewer	Brenda Stier-Anstine, John Beck, Mark Holtzapfle	614-644-6265	Riffe 12th Floor	Adam Schwiebert	
10:30 AM	Rep. Paul Zeitwanger (R) H.D. 54	William Russell	Johnmark Oudersluys, Sheila Fox, William Hall	614-644-6027	Riffe 12th Floor	Lori White-Sanders	
Block 2							
11:00 AM	Rep. Tom Brinkman (R) H.D. 27	Johnmark Oudersluys	Judy Turner, Mark Holtzapfle	614-644-6886	Riffe 11th Floor	Andrew Veit	Rep not in Columbus- Meeting with LA, Andrew Veit
11:00 AM	Rep. Ann Gonzales (R) H.D. 19	John Beck	Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Mary Cannon	614-466-4847	Riffe 13th Floor	Chris Corder	Rep not in Columbus- meeting with LA, Chris Corder
11:00 AM	Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R) H.D. 24	Jane Federer	Randi Fuller, Ingyr Coleman	614-466-8012	Riffe 11th Floor	Elise Geig	
11:00 AM	Rep. Michael Henne (R) H.D. 40	Adrian Hill	Matt Rubin, Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	614-644-8051	Riffe 13th Floor	Bill Albright	Rep not in Columbus- meet with Bill Albright
11:00 AM	Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R) H.D. 86	Winnie Brewer	Sheila Fox, Lisa Tope	614-466-8147	Riffe 14th Floor	Todd Thatcher	
11:00 AM	Rep. Bill Hayes (R) H.D. 72	William Russell	Brenda Stier-Anstine, William Hall	614-466-2500	Riffe 12th Floor	Sam Smith	Rep not in Columbus- meet with Sam Smith
Block 3							
11:30 AM	Rep. Niraj Antani (R) H.D. 42	Judy Turner	Winnie Brewer, Matt Rubin, Mary Cannon	614-466-6504	Riffe 11th Floor	Lindsey Seim	Rep not in Columbus- Meeting with LA Lindsey Seim
11:30 AM	Rep. Mike Duffy (R) H.D. 21	Brenda Stier-Anstine	Randi Fuller, Lisa Tope	614-644-6030	Riffe 13th Floor	Alex Penrod	
11:30 AM	Rep. Timothy Derickson (R) 53	William Russell	Adrian Hill, William Hall	614-644-5094	Riffe 12th Floor	Brie Diehl	Meeting with Legislative Aide, Brie Diehl
11:30 AM	Rep. Gary Scherer (R) H.D. 92	Pandora Shaw-Dupras	John Beck, Ingyr Coleman	614-644-7928	Riffe 13th Floor	Alexandra Adams	
Block 4							
12:00 PM	Sen. Jim Hughes (R) S.D. 16	Sheila Fox	Johnmark Oudersluys, Mark Holtzapfle	614-466-5981	1st Fl. N Room 125	Brian Jewell, Desiree Cole	Meeting with Aides-Senator is busy with session and committees
12:00 PM	Rep. Robert Cupp (R) H.D. 4	William Russell	Brenda Stier-Anstine, William Hall	614-466-9624	Riffe 13th Floor	Ben James	Rep Cupp in testimony from 9-4; meet with Legislative Aide
Block 5							
12:30 PM	Sen. Bob Peterson (R) S.D. 17	Pandora Shaw-Dupras	Jane Federer, Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss, Mark Holtzapfle	614-466-8156	Ground Fl. N Room 041	Vanessa Burris	

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Block 6							
1:00 PM	Sen. Kris Jordan (R) S.D. 19	John Beck	William Hall	614-466-8086	Ground Fl. N Room 039	Sam Zuidema	Most likely meeting with Legislative Aide
1:00 PM	Rep. Barbara Sears (R) H.D. 47	Randi Fuller, Matt Rubin	Mary Cannon	614-466-1731	Riffe 14th Floor	Jennelle Day	
1:00 PM	Rep. Hearcel Craig (D) H.D. 26	Adrian Hill, Lisa Tope (Lisa is his constituent)	Judy Turner	614-466-8010	Riffe 10th Floor	Kathy Wellington	Lisa is the constituent here.
1:00 PM	Sen. Cliff Hite (R) S.D. 1	Winnie Brewer	William Russell, Ingyr Coleman	614-466-8150	1st Floor S. Room 142	Ruby Marcum	Most likely meeting with Legislative Aide
1:00 PM	Sen Charleta Tavares (D) S.D. 15	Jane Federer	Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	614-466-5131	2nd Floor S. Room 228	Antwan Booker	Meeting with Legislative Aide, Antwan Booker
Block 7							
1:30 PM	Sen. Bill Beagle (R) S.D. 5	Johnmark Oudersluys	Sheila Fox, William Hall	614-466-6247	1st Fl. S Room 132	Gianna Harrison, Camilla Hydzik	Meeting with Legislative Aides Gianna Harrison and Camilla Hydzik
1:30 PM	Rep. Andrew Brenner (R) H.D. 67	Brenda Stier-Anstine	Judy Turner, Mary Cannon	614-644-6711	Riffe 13th Floor	Dan Talik	Meeting with Legislative Aide- Dan Talik
Block 8							
2:00 PM	Senator Edna Brown (D) S.D. 11	Randi Fuller, Matt Rubin	William Hall	614-466-5204	2nd Floor S. Room 223	James Carmean	Senator Brown will be in Toledo- meeting with James Carmean
2:00 PM	Rep. Scott Ryan (R) H.D. 71	Winnie Brewer	Sheila Fox, Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	614-466-1482	Riffe 11th Floor	Ali Simon	Meeting with Legislative Aide, Ali Dent
2:00 PM	Rep. Michael Stinziano (D) H.D. 18	Jane Federer	Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Mary Cannon, Ingyr Coleman	614-466-1896	Riffe 10th Floor	Joseph Garrity	
2:00 PM	Sen. Cecil Thomas (D) S.D. 9	Johnmark Oudersluys	Mark Holtzapple	614-466-5980	Ground Fl. S Room 056	David Roper	Meeting with Legislative Aide, David Roper
2:00 PM	Rep. Margaret Ann Ruhl (R) H.D. 68	John Beck	Adrian Hill, Lisa Tope	614-466-1431	Riffe 11th Floor	Brianna Miller	Meeting with Legislative Aide, Brianna Miller
Block 9							
2:30 PM	Sen. Shannon Jones (R) S.D. 7	Johnmark Oudersluys	Brenda Stier-Anstine, William Hall	614-466-9737	1st Fl. S Room 137	Ali Dent, Kailyn McGowan	Meeting with legislative Aides, Ali Dent and Kailyn McGowan
2:50 PM	Sen. Scott Oelslager (R) S.D. 29	William Russell	Judy Turner, Sheila Fox, Mark Holtzapple	614-466-0626	1st Floor N Room 127	Gina Wilt	Meeting with Legislative Aide, Gina Wilt



Talking Points for Legislative Visits – 3/12/15

Why are we here?

To (re)introduce ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, discuss the role of the Commission and share AmeriCorps impact.

Team Introductions (Reference Commissioner List)

Allow each member of the team to briefly introduce themselves and identify the constituency they represent as a commission member. Be sure to identify personal relationships, if applicable.

The Role of ServeOhio (Reference ServeOhio Fact Sheet)

Established in 1994, the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism** is charged with administering AmeriCorps programs and supporting volunteer engagement in Ohio. Federal legislation ensures that states have a key role in determining the allocation of national service resources via state service commissions. Your state service commission is the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism** and/or **ServeOhio**. Our mission is **to strengthen Ohio Communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement**.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for Americans to make an intensive commitment to serve their communities as AmeriCorps "members" in projects developed at the local level to address locally-defined problems. AmeriCorps Members "get things done" every day across the state – impacting the issues that matter the most to local communities. **Since 1994, the Commission has developed and funded programming that enrolled over 13,400 AmeriCorps Members who served over 11.6 million hours and earned over \$33.8 million in education awards.**

The Impact of AmeriCorps in Ohio (Reference ServeOhio Fact Sheet & 2014-2015 Program Directory)

The commission's primary role is the funding and administration of AmeriCorps programs in Ohio. We work with state and local leadership to determine the most critical needs; set policy and program priorities; competitively award grants to local organizations; provide training and technical assistance; monitor grantees to ensure quality and compliance with federal and state laws.

This year, ServeOhio will support over 800 AmeriCorps Members serving in 23 local and statewide organizations. These members provide over 1.1 million hours of direct service in the areas of increasing academic achievement, expanding economic opportunity, and improving health and environmental conditions. AmeriCorps Members expand the capacity of the organizations in which they serve while adding to their individual professional development.

Upon successful completion of a one-year term of service, members receive an education award equal to the current Pell grant which can be used for higher education pursuits or to pay off student loans. Education awards earned this year in Ohio will exceed \$3.8 million.

AmeriCorps: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools *(Reference Impact Report)*

AmeriCorps programming in education is ServeOhio's top priority – this year we will invest over **\$4.1 million to support 530 AmeriCorps Members serving over 782,000 hours and benefitting over 37,600 Ohio students.**

AmeriCorps Members serve as tutors, coaches, mentors and teachers – helping increase the academic achievement of Ohio students from kindergarten readiness to college completion across the state. Ohio AmeriCorps Members are addressing the toughest challenges in education:

- providing interventions to help students meet grade-level academic benchmarks;
- mentoring students so they stay in school and develop post-graduation education and career plans;
- supporting high-risk community college students in course completion and academic success.

AmeriCorps: Building Skills, Increasing Employment *(Reference Impact Report)*

AmeriCorps Members provide support to individuals in low-wealth communities – building skills and increasing employment to sustain personal and financial independence. In this program year, ServeOhio funding will support **89 AmeriCorps Members providing over 97,400 hours of service to over 6,100 Ohio residents.** Ohio AmeriCorps Members are moving individuals and communities forward:

- building skills via GED support, financial literacy training and digital literacy training to increase employability and personal success;
- providing intensive employment coaching to decrease employment barriers;
- engaging Opportunity Youth as AmeriCorps Members to gain work skills and resources for education.

AmeriCorps: Building Healthy Communities *(Reference Impact Report)*

AmeriCorps Members make local communities more livable every day by improving health and environmental conditions. ServeOhio is currently funding **96 AmeriCorps Members that will provide over 163,000 service hours impacting more than 95,000 Ohio citizens.** Ohio AmeriCorps Members are improving health and safety in vulnerable communities:

- providing health screenings and healthy eating education to students in Appalachia;
- restoring watersheds and streams to benefit local residents and increase tourism;
- stabilizing neighborhoods by eliminating blight and reducing crime.

Supporting Volunteer Engagement *(Reference Stewards of Service Impact Report)*

Through AmeriCorps and additional efforts, ServeOhio works to increase the quality of volunteer engagement throughout Ohio. Via specific initiatives and dedicated partnerships, ServeOhio supports the infrastructure of volunteerism in the state – helping local networks and organizations meet the needs of their communities.

Our **public/private partnership with AEP Ohio and Honda Manufacturing** strengthens our efforts.

- **Mini-grants supporting National Days of Service** (MLK Day, Global Youth Service Day and Make A Difference Day) provided resources to engage over 3,200 volunteers who provided over 10,000 hours of service in 17 Ohio communities in 2014.
- **Annual Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism** delivers training and networking to volunteer sector professionals that builds skills and strengthens partnerships.
- **Annual ServeOhio Awards** recognizes excellence in volunteerism and service by honoring Ohio citizens that have made exemplary contributions to local communities and organizations.

Closing the Meeting

Thank you for your continued support of the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism**. The operating budget that has been introduced for FY 2016 and FY 2017 will allow ServeOhio to maintain our core operations and responsibilities:

- Provide more opportunities for Ohioans to serve – more AmeriCorps Member positions allows residents to build professional skills and secure additional higher education resources while having a profound, measureable impact in the communities in which they live.
- Invest in creating high-impact service and volunteer programs within the state and your district by investing in the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism**. National service provides an excellent return on investment by leveraging both federal and local funds to produce lasting public-private partnerships. For every state dollar invested in our work, Ohio receives \$22 in federal funds.
- Being a good steward of public funds by performing effective compliance monitoring and administering high-quality grant competitions.
- Constructing a 3-year State Service Plan that meets the needs of our state – building sustainable infrastructure and effective strategies that support high-impact opportunities to volunteer and serve.

- Confirm any necessary follow-up from the commission – what and with whom.
- More information on ServeOhio and our programming:
 - serveohio.org
 - [@ServeOhio](https://twitter.com/ServeOhio)
- Thank you for your support and your time.



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Ohio's Governor-appointed Commission on Service and Volunteerism strengthens Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.

AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for Ohioans to make an intensive commitment to service in their community. ServeOhio administers Ohio AmeriCorps programs through formula and competitive funding to help solve the state's most critical challenges.

2014-15 AmeriCorps Portfolio

\$6.6 Million
Federal Dollars

+

\$4.4 Million
Local Dollars

SUPPORTS

800+
Members



Who Give

1.1 Million
Hours of Service

WHILE EARNING

\$3.8 Million Education Scholarships



Target Funding Areas

- ❖ Education
- ❖ Economic Opportunity
- ❖ Healthy Futures
- ❖ Environmental Stewardship
- ❖ Disaster Services
- ❖ Veterans & Military Families
- ❖ Capacity Building

ROI  For every \$1 invested by the State,
Ohio received **\$22** in Federal funds. 

Volunteer Engagement

Program Leader

Last year, Ohio AmeriCorps members mobilized 15,054 community volunteers to support the organizations they serve. Additionally, through the **National Days of Service Mini-Grant Program**, a partnership with Honda and AEP Ohio, ServeOhio provided over \$19,000 in funding to support 22 service projects that engaged 3,220 Ohio volunteers.

ServeOhio Volunteer Mobilization

National Days of Service: 3,220 + 10,054
AmeriCorps Volunteer Recruitment: 15,054 + 89,485



18,274
VOLUNTEERS

99,539
HOURS OF SERVICE

Champion of Volunteers

Each year, ServeOhio champions outstanding volunteers at the **ServeOhio Awards** ceremony in the following categories: Adult, Youth, Volunteer Group, National Day of Service Project, National and Community Service Program, and Corporate Volunteer Initiative.

Convener of Volunteer Professionals

ServeOhio convenes Ohio volunteer professionals in high-quality professional development and networking at the **Annual Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism**.



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AmeriCorps: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools

In PY 2014-15:

530 AmeriCorps Members **782,000** Hours
Will Serve

Tutoring, Coaching,
Mentoring and Providing
Classroom Instruction for

37,670 Ohio Students

Improving educational outcomes for Ohio students is critical for the economic and social wellbeing of all Ohioans. That is why ServeOhio has prioritized Education as the number one funding priority, investing \$4.1 million to increase academic success. ServeOhio Programs mobilize hundreds of AmeriCorps members as tutors, coaches, mentors, and teachers helping students to succeed in school and gain skills necessary for 21st century jobs.

Meeting Local Education Needs from Kindergarten Readiness to College Graduation

Priority	Program	Current Members	Students to be Served	PY 2013-14 Program Impact
Kindergarten Readiness	Community Properties of Ohio Bright Stars	20	201	This is a new program. In 2014-15, ServeOhio anticipates that 65% of Pre-K youth served will demonstrate gains in literacy or social-emotional skills
3 rd Grade Reading Guarantee	Ohio Reading Corps	120	2,000	65% K-3 rd graders met grade-level reading benchmarks or improved more than a year's worth of growth
Increased Academic Achievement for Elementary, Middle, and High School Students	City Year Columbus	36	402	52% Middle and high school students increased reading and/or math score on standardized tests
	City Year Cleveland	50	367	53% Middle and high school students increased reading and/or math score on standardized tests
	United Way of Greater Toledo	27	600	45% High school students increased reading and/or math score on standardized tests.
	Teach for America	180	9,100	39% Students increased mastery of content standards
College Access	Ohio College Guides	70	20,000	54% High school seniors enrolled into a post-secondary institution
College Retention	College Completion Coaches	27	5,000	32% Community college students progressed from developmental to college-level coursework

Kindergarten Readiness

Community Properties of Ohio Bright Stars AmeriCorps members provide evidence-based, home and community-based interventions to improve school readiness, specifically early literacy skills and social-emotional development, among children living in subsidized housing in Columbus.

3rd Grade Reading Guarantee

The **Ohio Reading Corps** AmeriCorps members provide individualized literacy interventions to economically disadvantaged students in K through Grade 3 to meet grade level literacy performance benchmarks. Many members are certified teachers, retired teachers, or education students with the goal of reaching students that are “falling through the cracks” in Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Hamilton, Lorain, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Ross, and Union Counties.

Increased Academic Achievement

Through one-on-one tutoring, coaching, and classroom instruction, 113 AmeriCorps members are helping middle and high school students in Ohio achieve higher scores in reading and math. Members serving with **City Year Columbus**, **City Year Cleveland**, and **United Way of Greater Toledo** serve in Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo Public schools.

Teach for America-Ohio provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping to break the local cycle of educational inequity. 180 AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Greater Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Lorain.

College Access

Ohio College Guides AmeriCorps members serve as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students at 14 local high schools and college access organizations across Ohio. Members assist students with activities such as completing the FAFSA, college applications, scholarships and college entrance exams.

College Retention

AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches provide hands-on guidance and assistance to first-time community college students on 12 campuses in Ohio including: Clark State; Cuyahoga Community College; Edison Community College; Lakeland Community College; Lorain Community College; North Central State; Northwest State; Rhodes State; Rio Grande Community College; Southern State, Stark State; and Zane State. Those served demonstrate higher credit hour accumulation, higher persistence rates, and higher college completion rates compared to those who do not receive college completion coaching.



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AmeriCorps: Building Skills, Increasing Employment

In PY 2014-15:

89 Will Serve **97,410**

AmeriCorps Members Hours

Providing

- ✓ Employment Services
- ✓ Financial Education
- ✓ Job Skills Training
- ✓ GED Education



For **6,150** + Ohioans

AmeriCorps members support and facilitate access to employment services, financial literacy education, GED education, and job skills that contribute to the improved economic well-being and security of low wealth communities in Ohio. In Program Year 2014-15, ServeOhio invested nearly \$1 million to fund programs that build skills and increase employment for the most vulnerable citizens in our communities.

AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they provide pathways to opportunity for their members who are entering the workforce. Ohio AmeriCorps programs place members into intensive service positions where they learn valuable work skills, earn money for education, and develop an appreciation for citizenship.

Priority	Program	Ohioans to be Served	2014-15 Program Impact*
Building Skills to Increase Employability and Personal Success	Santa Maria Community Services	300 Adults will receive GED education support	50% will improve their academic performance, of which 30% will obtain their GED
	State Library of Ohio	4,000 Individuals in rural areas will receive digital literacy training	30% will report an increase in digital literacy; 10% will report employment or an increase in employability
	University Settlement	900 Individuals will receive financial literacy services	80% will increase their financial knowledge by opening a bank account, meeting with a financial counselor, or creating a plan to pay down debt
Intensive Coaching to Eliminate Employment Barriers	University of Dayton	200 Opportunity youth will receive employment coaching	25% will gain employment
	Santa Maria Community Services	150 Individuals will receive employment coaching	65% will increase their work readiness skills; 30% will obtain employment
	University Settlement	600 Individuals with low literacy will receive employment coaching	50% will gain employment or complete advanced job training
Employment Pathways for Opportunity Youth	University of Dayton	Opportunity youth engaged as AmeriCorps members	86% will successfully complete the program and obtain employment after their service
	Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	Opportunity youth engaged as AmeriCorps members	30% will complete a college course within one year of completing their service

* 2014-15 program impact is based on anticipated program outcomes

Increasing Employment and Personal Success

Six AmeriCorps members serving with **Santa Maria Community Services** will provide adult education at 14 sites around Cincinnati. Members serve in community organizations to provide support to students and community members needing job readiness skills and GED training.

The **State Library of Ohio's** 30 AmeriCorps members provide computer instruction, digital literacy training, and one-on-one assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals in 27 public libraries in rural Ohio communities. The goal of the program is for all Ohioans to have the ability to fully participate in e-government, search and apply for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits to internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age.

University Settlement mobilizes 11 AmeriCorps members to address low literacy and high levels of poverty in Cuyahoga County by providing financial literacy training and basic skills development at 8 sites throughout Cleveland for adults facing barriers to employment and post-secondary education.

The **University of Dayton** mobilizes 32 AmeriCorps members to serve economically disadvantaged youth aged 18-24 (opportunity youth) in Greater Dayton and Montgomery County by providing financial literacy services, GED preparation, one-on-one coaching, group behavioral activation sessions, self-care counseling, and workplace behavior training.

Creating Employment Pathways for Opportunity Youth

The **University of Dayton** Corps is comprised of University of Dayton students and 7 opportunity youth serving as AmeriCorps members. During their service year, members receive extensive training and gain a diverse skill-set that prepares them for employment after their service year. At the end of their service term, 86% of the opportunity youth members will obtain employment.

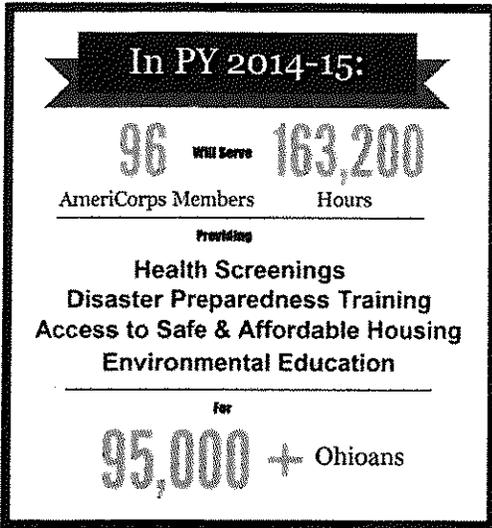
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation mobilizes 9 opportunity youth as AmeriCorps members to create quality affordable housing in Youngstown. Members receive on-going training in workplace conduct, home repair, rehabilitation, vacant property board up, and equipment usage. At the end of their service, all members will receive EPA Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) certification and 30% will complete a college course within one year of completing their service.



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AmeriCorps: Building Healthy Communities



AmeriCorps members are making Ohio's communities healthier and stronger every day. Members help to improve individual and community health through programs designed to increase health education and screenings, improve environmental conditions in Appalachia, prepare Ohioans for disasters, and increase access to safe and affordable housing. In Program Year 2014-15, ServeOhio invested over \$1 million to fund programs that improve the health of Ohio's most vulnerable communities.

Priority	Program	Ohioans to be Served	2014-15 Program Impact*
Ensuring a Healthy Future for Ohio's Children	Ohio University	1,200 Education sessions will be presented on healthy eating and cooking for students	500 Students and 200 parents will report an increase in knowledge and behavior about healthy eating and cooking
		12,000 Pre-K to 12 th grade students will receive health screenings	1,000 Health referrals will be made resulting in 50% of students taking the necessary action to improve health
	Santa Maria Community Services	1,200 Individuals will receive information on health insurance and healthcare access programs	80% will schedule a doctor's appointment, receive preventative medicine, or enroll in a healthcare program
Improving Environmental Conditions in Appalachia	Rural Action	5,000 Residents in Appalachia Ohio will receive environmental education	3000 Children and 100 adults will demonstrate improved environmental literacy
		350 Miles of streams and trail ways will be monitored and analyzed to develop and improve access	15 Miles of waterways will meet Ohio EPA warm water habitat designation
Preparing Ohioans for Disasters	American Red Cross	75,000 Citizens will receive disaster preparedness training and information	7,500 Ohio citizens will demonstrate an increase knowledge about disaster preparedness
Increasing Access to Safe & Affordable Housing	Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	110 Vacant properties will be stabilized through boarding or repurposing	70% Reduction in unmaintained property along key streets; 10% reduction in criminal activity city-wide over 3 years

* 2014-15 program impact is based on anticipated program outcomes

Ensuring a Healthy Future for Ohio's Children

Ohio University mobilizes 20 AmeriCorps members to implement evidence-based nutrition education activities in Southeast Ohio. Members address unmet health needs to increase access to healthy, fresh food and primary and preventative health care services. The program aims to reduce or maintain BMIs in school-aged children, protect children from childhood illness, and reduce barriers to learning.

The 16 AmeriCorps members serving at **Santa Maria Community Services** provide health education in school-based health clinics and other community locations around Cincinnati to provide support to students and community members who need health education.

Improving Environmental Conditions in Appalachia

Rural Action mobilizes 26 AmeriCorps members to serve in Appalachian Ohio's acid mine damaged waterways and surrounding communities. Members focus on four persistent issues in watersheds -- dead streams, a trash filled environment, lack of access, and long term stewardship by residents. Members energize residents who have lost hope and make resource restoration a bigger part of the region's renewal.

Preparing Ohioans for Disasters

The 24 AmeriCorps members serving with the **American Red Cross** provide disaster education, volunteer recruitment, and disaster preparedness training in local communities throughout Ohio. Members are trained as leaders to train other AmeriCorps members and volunteers for disaster deployment. Members also provide case management, community outreach, and education to military members through the Services to Armed Forces program.

Increasing Access to Safe & Affordable Housing

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation mobilizes 10 AmeriCorps members to create high-quality affordable housing in Youngstown. Members clean up and landscape vacant lots, develop long-term reuse strategies with neighborhood residents and stakeholders, board and secure vacant and blighted structures to make them safe for possible rehabilitation, and make repairs to low-income owner-occupied households to help sustain homeownership in the city.

2014 Stewards of Service Impact Report



Corporate partners improving volunteer engagement in Ohio

National Days of Service Mini-Grants | ServeOhio Awards | Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism

AEP Ohio and **Honda of America Manufacturing** are truly Stewards of Service in Ohio. For the past four years, these companies have generously supported ServeOhio's three key initiatives aimed at increasing volunteer engagement in Ohio: National Days of Service Mini-Grants, the ServeOhio Awards, and the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism. Because of corporate partners like AEP Ohio and Honda, Ohio's volunteer engagement is stronger than ever.

National Days of Service Mini-Grants

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Global Youth Service Day, and Make a Difference Day provide opportunities for volunteers to engage in high-impact service projects that create positive change in their local communities. To increase volunteer engagement on these National Days of Service, ServeOhio and the Stewards of Service provide Mini-Grants to community organizations hosting service projects.

*Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day of Service*

January 20, 2014

5 Projects

1,157 Volunteers

3,707 Service hours

2014 Global Youth Service Day

April 11-13, 2014

6 Projects

278 Volunteers

937 Service hours

**USA WEEKEND.
MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY**

October 25, 2014

11 Projects

1,785 Volunteers

5,409 Service hours



IMPACT:

17	<i>Ohio Cities</i>
3,220	<i>Volunteers Engaged</i>
10,054	<i>Hours of Service</i>
\$19,416	<i>Grants Awarded</i>
47	<i>Applications</i>
22	<i>Projects Funded</i>



ServeOhio Awards

The ServeOhio Awards recognize Ohioans who make great contributions to their communities through service and volunteerism. A cash award of \$1,000 is issued to support the organization which benefited from the winner's service. During the 2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism, ServeOhio honored five exemplary volunteers and service initiatives.

- ❖ **Outstanding Adult Volunteer- Teresa Izor, Dublin-** Guided by her faith, Teresa facilitated a ministry at the Scioto Juvenile Facility called Heart 2 Heart, a program teaching incarcerated young women how to have healthy relationships and to live a life filled with purpose.
- ❖ **Outstanding Youth Volunteer- Jessica Waters, Beavercreek-** Jessica founded an organization called Cupcakes for Camp that raises money to send children with epilepsy to summer camp.
- ❖ **Outstanding Volunteer Group- Village Productions, Amesville-** Operated 100% by volunteers, Village Productions engages the Amesville community in education that supports healthy development of children and families in Appalachia, Ohio.
- ❖ **Outstanding Corporate Initiative- Park National Bank, Cincinnati-** Park National Bank has been helping fight hunger in Cincinnati for nearly a decade. Their employee's volunteer hours and the company's financial contributions have helped to serve over 9,000 families in Greater Cincinnati.
- ❖ **Outstanding National and Community Service Program- Ohio CDC Association, Statewide-** Thanks to the VISTA members, 2,303 individuals utilized SNAP benefits for healthy food options, 147 individuals and families received housing counseling, and 183 housing units completed construction or rehab which provided families with safer homes.

Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism

Each year, ServeOhio convenes volunteer administrators, national service representatives, and the faith-based community at the Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The 2014 conference was a great success, convening 260 volunteer sector professionals for a day of learning and networking. With the theme of *Leveraging Leadership*, the conference provided 27 workshops and plenaries for attendees to increase their leadership skills and learn best practices from the field.



"This conference continues to provide the best content on the issues of volunteer management in Ohio. It is a great value and always makes my annual calendar!" – 2014 Conference Attendee



March 2015

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Federal & State Budget Updates

The President has proposed a \$1.18 billion budget for the Corporation for National and Community Service. This budget would support a record-high 90,150 AmeriCorps members; invest in promising and evidence-based approaches to improve the lives of low-income individuals through the Social Innovation Fund; provide service opportunities for 270,000 older Americans through Senior Corps with an increased focus on competition; and continue to identify, generate, and disseminate evidence of the impact of national service. The budget also provides resources to strengthen the nation's volunteer sector, support the vital work of Governor-Supported State Service Commissions, and build the capacity of organizations to recruit and retain volunteers to address critical community needs.

Enclosed – CNCS FY 2016 Budget Summary Chart.

The Governor's budget for the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (OCSV) contains an increase of 4% in FY 2016 and a slight decrease of 0.4% in FY 2017. These GRF funds are utilized for operating costs; the increase is linked to rent expenditures. The Legislative Service Commission analysis details the budget proposal. ServeOhio provided testimony to the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education on 2/25/15 in support of the proposed budget; testimony in the Senate will be scheduled for later this spring.

Enclosed – LSC Redbook Analysis; 2/25/15 Ohio House Testimony.

Workforce Plan

ServeOhio is continuing to work with the Governor's Office and the Department of Administrative Services to finalize the commission's workforce plan that was submitted last fall. We anticipate that the descriptions and classifications for the AmeriCorps Compliance Officer (Ingryr) and Director of Finance and Operations (Mark) will be finalized soon. Given the delays, there will not be as much overlap of new and veteran staff as our workforce plan anticipated. Additional changes in commission staff composition will be addressed after these key positions have been posted.

Ethics/Financial Disclosure

Commissioners are required to attend an ethics training session every year. As in previous years, we will delay the start of the June Commission Meeting (6/11/15) which will allow you to attend the ethics training session being conducted that morning. You must register for the training at <https://disclosure.ethics.ohio.gov/Registration/ClassList/Register/4>.

You are also required to file your annual Financial Disclosure Statement online by 4/15/15. The statement you file in 2015 is based on your 2014 finances. Please forward your confirmation of filing to Mark Holtzapple so we can monitor progress; the commission is fined for all late filings. Mark's email dated 2/17/15 has all of the details.

Review Opportunities – GYSD & AmeriCorps Formula

Commissioners are encouraged to participate in the review processes for Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) Mini-Grants and/or AmeriCorps Formula Grants. GYSD applications will be reviewed 3/11 – 3/18; contact Rebekah Verhoff-Kiss for details. AmeriCorps Formula applications will be reviewed 5/14 – 6/1; contact Mary Cannon for more details. Reviewing AmeriCorps grant applications is a great way to learn more about AmeriCorps program design and development, as well as, commission evaluation processes.

AmeriCorps Compliance Monitoring Visits

ServeOhio staff members are in the process of conducting compliance monitoring visits on all 23 programs currently within the portfolio. Initiated in February, the visits will continue through May. All member files are being reviewed for National Service Criminal History Check elements; a percentage of member files are receiving a full review. Member meetings are being conducted during all visits; leadership meetings are scheduled with 14 of the programs. Information on commissioner participation in local meetings was forwarded in late January; please contact me if you would like to participate in a visit.

AmeriCorps Program Staff Training

Ohio AmeriCorps program staff were in Columbus in late February for two days of professional development on topics ranging from best practices in member recruitment to coaching strategies to increase member retention. Sessions on the construction of effective member position descriptions and Mapping Ohio's Compassion were also provided. Ohio AmeriCorps program staff and several ServeOhio Staff members will participate in the North Central Regional Training sponsored by CNCS and scheduled for April 27-29 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

ServeOhio is partnering with the CNCS State Office for the 2015 Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on 4/7/15. Last year, 25 Ohio Mayors participated in the day by hosting events and/or issuing proclamations. Our signature event this year will be held in Dayton. Details are still being finalized, but we anticipate a 9AM ceremony at Dayton City Hall with comments from ServeOhio, Mayor Nan Whaley and members from AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs. A member networking event will take place at the University of Dayton following the official ceremony. More details on the event will be forwarded upon finalization.

2015 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism

We have finalized the date and location for the conference – Thursday 10/1/15 at the Quest Conference Center. The conference planning committee will hold their initial meeting on 3/27/15 to begin discussions on content; ServeOhio Commissioners Sheila Fox and John Beck will be participating on the conference committee. We anticipate registration will open on 8/10/15. More details will be provided as they become available; contact Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss with any questions or suggestions.

ServeOhio Awards

At last year's commission retreat we discussed the possibility of removing the ServeOhio Awards from the annual conference and presenting them locally in an effort to gain more exposure for the awards and ServeOhio. To meet this objective, we are proposing presenting the awards in April during National Volunteer Week. While details can be discussed over the next several months, we envision the presentation of five awards – one award presented on each day of the business week in each region of the state (NW, NE, SW, SE, Central). To broaden the pool of potential candidates, we would suggest eliminating many of the current categories in favor of just two categories – individual and initiative. These two broad categories would encompass all of our current categories. All entries in a given region would compete against one another – allowing us to recognize one individual or initiative within that region demonstrating innovation and high impact. The awards would be presented locally (by ServeOhio Commissioners) to draw local media exposure. The new concept would begin in 2016; no awards would be presented in 2015.

State Service Plan

ServeOhio staff continue to have discussions with stakeholders on the development of our three-year State Service Plan (SSP). Recent meetings have included the Ohio Department of Aging; Miami Valley Association of Volunteer Administration; Ohio Volunteer Centers Association; and local volunteer mobilizer BESA. Upcoming meetings will continue to focus on local infrastructure at the DOVIA of Northwest Ohio and the Southeast Ohio Volunteer Conference. After the initial resourcing of information is complete, an online survey will be distributed to a broader constituency to test hypotheses and collect additional data. An update will be provided at our June meeting.



CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

The President's 2016 Budget is designed to bring middle class economics into the 21st Century. This Budget shows what we can do if we invest in America's future and commit to an economy that rewards hard work, generates rising incomes, and allows everyone to share in the prosperity of a growing America. It lays out a strategy to strengthen our middle class and help America's hard-working families get ahead in a time of relentless economic and technological change. And it makes the critical investments needed to accelerate and sustain economic growth in the long run, including in research, education, training, and infrastructure.

These proposals will help working families feel more secure with paychecks that go further, help American workers upgrade their skills so they can compete for higher-paying jobs, and help create the conditions for our businesses to keep generating good new jobs for our workers to fill, while also fulfilling our most basic responsibility to keep Americans safe. We will make these investments, and end the harmful spending cuts known as sequestration, by cutting inefficient spending and reforming our broken tax code to make sure everyone pays their fair share. We can do all this while also putting our Nation on a more sustainable fiscal path. The Budget achieves about \$1.8 trillion in deficit reduction, primarily from reforms to health programs, our tax code, and immigration.

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) leads the nation's efforts to tap into the energy of citizens to solve problems in their communities through service, volunteerism and other forms of civic participation. From tutoring at-risk youth to responding to natural disasters to building homes for low-income families, CNCS provides an on-ramp for Americans of all ages to serve their communities in sustained and effective ways. To support this mission, the Budget provides \$1.18 billion for CNCS. This funding level will enable AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and the Social Innovation Fund to improve lives, expand economic opportunities, bolster civic and faith-based organizations, engage millions of Americans in service, and invest in evidence-based solutions. CNCS' focus areas for funding include economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, disaster services, healthy futures, and veterans and military families.

Funding Highlights:

The President's 2016 Budget provides \$1.18 billion in funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) to tap into the energy of citizens to solve problems in their communities. This includes:

- A record-high 90,150 AmeriCorps members, including 13,000 summer positions for disconnected youth, more than 4,000 new positions for retired Americans, and additional public-private partnerships to create more opportunities for Americans to serve.
- Investments in promising and evidence-based approaches to improve the lives of low-income individuals through the Social Innovation Fund, which seeks to fund more of what works.
- Increased focus on competition-based funding of Senior Corps programs to engage Americans age 55 and older in more effective service that strengthens communities. The Budget also provides a path for effective Senior Corps programs to grow through AmeriCorps.
- Continuing to identify, generate, and disseminate evidence of the impact of national service and social innovation and use high-quality performance and evaluation data in its budget, management, and policy decisions.

Reforms:

To further enhance oversight and accountability to the public, CNCS will continue to refine the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program and focus on making the systems for grantees and institutions that use national service even more efficient and effective.

Supporting National Service to Create Opportunities

The Budget supports a record-high 90,150 AmeriCorps members who will support the efforts of nonprofit organizations to address a wide range of critical community challenges, from disaster response to homelessness to low-performing schools. The Budget enables 13,000 disconnected youth to serve as AmeriCorps members during the summer, giving them an opportunity to help their communities while exploring potential career paths, developing skills, and earn an education award they can use for college.

In addition, CNCS will encourage more retired Americans to apply their lifetime of skills and experiences through AmeriCorps. This will move toward the goal of the Serve America Act of seniors accounting for 10 percent of AmeriCorps members.

Finally, building on the success of public-private partnerships established through the President's Task Force on Expanding National Service, the Budget funds a new partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to enlist roughly 200 AmeriCorps members in helping more local leaders as they plan for and address the impacts of climate change. CNCS will continue to seek partnerships with federal agencies and corporate and philanthropic communities to create new national service positions in AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

Investing in Evidence-Based Ideas and Increasing Competition

Nonprofits cannot seed and scale effective innovative solutions to critical national challenges without adequate capital to develop, evaluate, and replicate what works. The Budget invests \$70 million in the Social Innovation Fund (SIF) to test promising new approaches to major challenges, leverage private and philanthropic capital to meet these needs, and expand evidence-based programs that demonstrate measurable outcomes. The Budget continues to allow the use of up to 20 percent of SIF funds for Pay for Success projects. Pay for Success models leverage philanthropic and private dollars to fund services up front, with the Government paying only after they generate results.

Across the board, CNCS will continue to focus on competitive grantmaking that prioritizes evidence-based models and maximizes the return on federal investments by giving grant awards to the most effective applicants working in the agency's six priority areas.

Building on the Experience of Older Americans to Take On Challenges

For decades, the Senior Corps program has connected older Americans to volunteer opportunities that allow them to use the skills they've developed over a lifetime to give back to their communities. The Budget proposes to reinvigorate these programs by helping Senior Corps programs adopt evidence-based strategies to deliver their mentoring, supportive services, and other activities and strengthening competition in order to increase the impact that they have in our communities. The Budget also provides opportunities for grantees in these programs who adopt evidence-based models to grow through AmeriCorps.

Working with State and Community Leaders to Foster Civic Engagement

The Budget increases investments in Governor-supported State Service Commissions, the Volunteer Generation Fund, and national days of service, including the MLK Day of Service and the September 11th Day of Service and Remembrance.

Prioritizing Accountability and Improving Efficiency

In FY 2016, CNCS will continue to refine the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program, which aligns with Federal Government internal control standards, known as

the "Green Book." The ERM program will support CNCS efforts to develop more accurate and reliable performance measures, improve compliance with legal requirements, improve information technology systems, and strengthen grantee monitoring, including adherence to the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act.

CNCS FY 2016 Budget Summary (dollars in thousands)

Budget Account	FY14 Enacted Level	FY15 Enacted Level	FY16 President's Budget	Difference (FY15 vs. FY16)	% Difference (FY15 vs. FY16)
Operating Expenses	\$756,849	\$758,349	\$855,208	\$96,859	13%
AmeriCorps					
AmeriCorps State and National	\$335,430	\$335,430	\$425,105	\$89,675	27%
AmeriCorps VISTA	\$92,364	\$92,364	\$96,885	\$4,521	5%
AmeriCorps NCCC	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,500	\$500	2%
State Service Commission Support	\$15,038	\$16,038	\$17,000	\$962	6%
Senior Corps	\$202,117	\$202,117	\$202,117	-	-
Social Innovation Fund	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	-	-
Volunteer Generation Fund	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$1,200	32%
Innovation, Demonstration and Other	\$3,100	\$3,600	\$3,601	\$1	.03%
Evaluation	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	-	-
Subtitle J, Training and Technical Assistance	-	-	-	-	-
Disability Inclusion Grants	-	-	-	-	-
National Service Trust	\$207,368	\$209,618	\$237,077	\$27,459	13%
Salaries and Expenses	\$80,737	\$81,737	\$86,176	\$4,439	5%
Office of the Inspector General	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$6,000	\$750	14%
Totals	\$1,049,954	\$1,054,954	\$1,184,461	\$129,507	12%

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 Ohio 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 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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ATTACHMENTS:

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

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

- GRF funding increases by 4.0% from FY 2015 to FY 2016
- Commission distributes 86% 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. The AmeriCorps Program is sometimes referred to as a "domestic Peace Corps" since it focuses on services and places individuals in communities with critical needs. OCSV also focuses on volunteer training and recognition, national charitable service days, and the annual ServeOhio Conference, which honors Ohioans that make contributions to their society through service and volunteerism.

OCSV's governing authority consists of 21 voting 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. OCSV currently has six employees who carry out day-to-day activities.

Appropriation Overview

The executive recommends funding of \$7.5 million in each year of the biennium. Table 1 below shows OCSV's estimated expenditures for FY 2015 and the executive recommendations for OCSV for FY 2016 and FY 2017 by fund group, as well as the

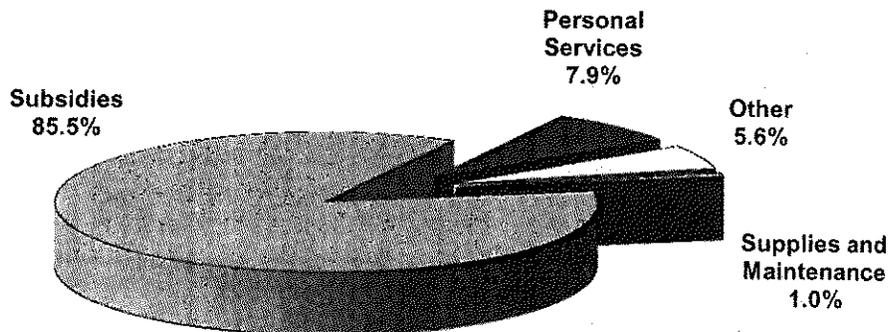
percentage change from one year to the next. As can be seen in the table, the vast majority of funding for OCSV comes from federal sources. GRF funding in FY 2016 increases by 4.0% over FY 2015 estimated expenditures. GRF funding is used for operating costs and the increase in funding will be used to pay for rent expenses. In the past, the Department of Administrative Services paid the GRF portion of agencies' rent. Beginning in FY 2016, agencies will pay this portion; thus, GRF appropriations for those agencies impacted have been adjusted. Dedicated Purpose funds remain at FY 2015 levels, while federal funds realize a slight decrease of 0.7% in FY 2016 and 0.1% in FY 2017.

Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% change, FY 2015-FY 2016	FY 2017	% change, FY 2016-FY 2017
General Revenue	\$294,072	\$305,834	4.0%	\$304,547	-0.4%
Dedicated Purpose	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.0%	\$30,000	0.0%
Federal	\$7,230,000	\$7,182,899	-0.7%	\$7,178,630	-0.1%
TOTAL	\$7,554,072	\$7,518,733	-0.5%	\$7,513,177	-0.1%

*FY 2015 figures represent estimated expenditures.

The chart below shows the executive budget recommendations by expense category according to the Office of Budget and Management's Blue Book. The largest expense category for OCSV, at 85.5%, is subsidies. Subsidies are in the form of grants that OCSV will distribute to various entities throughout the state. The next largest expense category, at 7.9%, is personal services, which represents expenses related to staff and grant oversight. The remaining two categories, supplies and maintenance and other, account for 6.6% of expenses. The other category includes purchased personal services and transfers.

Chart 1: Biennial Executive Budget Recommendations by Expense Category, FY 2016-FY 2017



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 2016	FY 2017
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	866321	CSV Operations	\$305,834	\$304,547
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$305,834	\$304,547
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group				
5GN0	866605	Serve Ohio Support	\$30,000	\$30,000
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$30,000	\$30,000
Federal Fund Group				
3R70	866617	AmeriCorps Programs	\$7,182,899	\$7,178,630
Federal Fund Group Subtotal			\$7,182,899	\$7,178,630
Total Funding: Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism			\$7,518,733	\$7,513,177

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 executive recommends funding of \$305,834 in FY 2016 in line item 866321; an increase of 4.0% over FY 2015 estimated expenditures, and \$304,547 in FY 2017, a decrease of 0.4% from FY 2016. According to OCSV, the increase is attributed to the fact that OCSV will pay directly for rent expenses. In the past, the Department of Administrative Services paid the GRF portion of agencies' rent. Beginning in FY 2016, agencies will pay this portion; thus, GRF appropriations for those agencies impacted have been adjusted.

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. These individuals are recognized for their contributions at the annual conference. The 2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism was held in Columbus on October 21st. 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. Approximately 20 to 25 grants are awarded with the grant amount ranging from \$500 to \$1,000. In addition, a portion of this line item (all but awards-related expenditures) 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, OCSC Gifts and Donations, provide the funding to support the appropriation in line item 886605. The executive budget provides appropriations of \$30,000 in each fiscal year, which will maintain current service levels.

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 95% 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. In 2015, pass-through funds awarded, total over \$6.6 million, of which \$2.7 million is competitively funded.

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. Subgrantees are also required to provide 24% of project costs in the form of local cash or in-kind matching for the first three years of any grant. This amount gradually increases to up to 50% for those subgrantees that receive grants year after year. According to OCSV, the total value of the local cost share is approximately \$4.3 million in 2015.

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

\$1,000 per month for full-time members), health insurance if they are full-time members, and training opportunities during their term of service. Upon completion of their terms of service, members receive a post-service educational award for college or technical training (presently \$5,645 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. According to OCSV, the total value of education awards to be earned in the current program year is potentially \$3.8 million.

In the 2014-2015 program year, 23 entities were provided AmeriCorps subgrants and nearly 800 individuals are serving at nonprofit, faith-based, school, higher education, and community-based organizations. A few entities that received subgrants, as well as examples of activities provided or that are planned to be provided, are listed below:

- Educational Service Center of Central Ohio will provide reading interventions for over 1,200 students in grades kindergarten through third to help them achieve performance benchmarks;
- College Now Greater Cleveland will, among other things, provide 12,500 low-income students with college access services;
- The United Way of Greater Toledo will provide 850 students with coaching to help children at risk of not graduating;
- The American Red Cross of Greater Columbus will provide disaster preparedness training and education to 75,000 households and 750 veterans and military families will receive community outreach and educational support; and
- The Rural Action, Inc. will conduct water analysis and collect data in 350 miles of streams and will reclaim 15 additional stream miles, provide environmental education to 5,000 individuals, and develop five tourism opportunities.

These recipients are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising members to serve in their programs.

The executive recommends funding of approximately \$7.2 million in each fiscal year in line item 866617. This funding level will maintain current service levels.

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

General Revenue Fund

GRF 866321 CSV Operations

FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Introduced	FY 2017 Introduced
\$129,915	\$126,542	\$286,660	\$294,072	\$305,834	\$304,547
	-2.6%	126.5%	2.6%	4.0%	-0.4%

Source: General Revenue Fund

Legal Basis: Section 385.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.

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

Dedicated Purpose Fund Group

5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support

FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Introduced	FY 2017 Introduced
\$16,869	\$27,015	\$30,500	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
	60.1%	12.9%	-1.6%	0.0%	0.0%

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Gifts and donations

Legal Basis: Section 385.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.

Purpose: These funds are used to support the ServeOhio Awards Program and to help subsidize costs relating to the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism. The line item also provides funding for mini-grants for national service days and other activities to help promote volunteerism.

6240 866604 Volunteer Contracts and Services

FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Introduced	FY 2017 Introduced
\$38,315	\$56,608	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	47.7%	-100%	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Dedicated Purpose Fund Group: Gifts, donations, and inter-agency contracts

Legal Basis: Discontinued line item

Purpose: These funds were used to support the Commission's operating expenses.

Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Federal Fund Group

3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs

FY 2012 Actual	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Estimate	FY 2016 Introduced	FY 2017 Introduced
\$7,240,337	\$6,778,498	\$5,629,763	\$7,230,000	\$7,182,899	\$7,178,630
	-6.4%	-16.9%	28.4%	-0.7%	-0.1%

Source: Federal Fund Group: CFDA 94.013, Corporation for National Community Service Grant

Legal Basis: Section 385.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th G.A.

Purpose: The vast majority of these funds are distributed to grant recipients for the AmeriCorps Program. A small amount of funding is used for administrative expenses.

FY 2016 - FY 2017 Introduced Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

	FY 2014	Estimate FY 2015	Introduced FY 2016	FY 2015 to FY 2016 % Change	Introduced FY 2017	FY 2016 to FY 2017 % Change
Report For Main Operating Appropriations Bill						
Version: As Introduced						
CSV Commission on Service and Volunteerism						
GRF 866321 CSV Operations	\$ 286,660	\$ 294,072	\$ 305,834	4.00%	\$ 304,547	-0.42%
General Revenue Fund Total	\$ 286,660	\$ 294,072	\$ 305,834	4.00%	\$ 304,547	-0.42%
5GN0 866605 Serve Ohio Support	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%	\$ 30,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total	\$ 30,500	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	0.00%	\$ 30,000	0.00%
3R70 866617 AmeriCorps Programs	\$ 5,629,763	\$ 7,230,000	\$ 7,182,899	-0.65%	\$ 7,178,630	-0.06%
Federal Fund Group Total	\$ 5,629,763	\$ 7,230,000	\$ 7,182,899	-0.65%	\$ 7,178,630	-0.06%
Commission on Service and Volunteerism Total	\$ 5,946,923	\$ 7,554,072	\$ 7,518,733	-0.47%	\$ 7,513,177	-0.07%



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**Ohio House of Representatives – Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education
February 25, 2015**

Good afternoon Chairman Cupp and members of the committee. My name is William Hall and I serve as the Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism, which is more commonly known as ServeOhio. The Commission was established by the Ohio Legislature in 1994 and operates under authority pursuant to Section 121.40 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Commission directs and administers AmeriCorps programming in Ohio and promotes service and volunteer engagement as tools for addressing critical local community and statewide needs. Federal law requires, as a condition for receipt of AmeriCorps funding, that a state service commission be maintained to administer the program, ensuring each state the opportunity to coordinate AmeriCorps with its own programmatic priorities. The Commission is governed by a board of 21 members. Four members are representatives of state agencies (Department of Education, Department of Aging, Department of Youth Services and the Board of Regents); 15 are appointed by the governor; and two are representatives of the Senate and House Education Committees (Senator Peggy Lehner and Representative Bill Hayes). The Commission presently employs six full-time employees. The budget request before you will allow us to maintain our core operations.

Federal regulations require that state service commission operations be funded under a 50-50 cost share between the state and the federal government; federal operating appropriations are limited to an amount equal to the state contribution. State general revenue funds are only utilized to support the roles and responsibilities of the Commission; federal funds support all AmeriCorps programmatic activity. Federal pass-through funding to the Commission has totaled over \$19 million during the past three program years. Adding the value of local matching funds (\$13 million) and the post-service education awards payable to AmeriCorps Members (\$10 million); the three-year economic impact for Ohio exceeds \$40 million. In sum, AmeriCorps continues to be a strong investment for the State of Ohio as the state currently receives \$22 in federal funds for every state dollar invested.

Our mission is to *Strengthen Ohio Communities through AmeriCorps and Volunteer Engagement*. AmeriCorps is the signature program of the Commission. AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for Americans to make an intensive commitment to serve their communities as “AmeriCorps Members” in projects developed at the local level to address locally-defined problems. A full-time AmeriCorps Member serves a minimum of 1,700 hours over a 10 – 12 month period. In the current program year, over 800 Ohio AmeriCorps Members will provide over 1.1 million hours of direct service in local communities. AmeriCorps Members receive a modest living stipend during their term and an education award upon successful completion of their service. The education award is equal to the current Pell grant and can be utilized for future higher education pursuits or to pay off qualified student loans. Education awards earned by Ohio AmeriCorps Members in the current program year will exceed \$3.8 million. Since the inception of AmeriCorps and the Commission in 1994, over 14,000 Ohio AmeriCorps Members have served over 12.5 million hours and earned more than \$37 million in education awards.

It is the role of the Commission to award, administer and monitor the funds supporting AmeriCorps Members and the service activities in which the AmeriCorps Members are engaged. Each year the Commission operates

two AmeriCorps grant competitions (Spring and Fall); providing local and statewide organizations (nonprofit, governmental, faith-based) the opportunity to apply for AmeriCorps funds to meet local needs. The Commission awards AmeriCorps grants in the areas of education; economic opportunity; healthy futures; environmental stewardship; disaster services; veterans and military families; and capacity building. AmeriCorps programs must define specific, quantifiable objectives that will be achieved and submit quarterly progress reports to the Commission. Proactive financial and programmatic monitoring by Commission staff ensures compliance with federal grants management regulations, achievement of programmatic objectives, and intervention and assistance in the event of non-compliance or under-performance. In our current program cycle, the Commission awarded \$6.6 million to support 23 AmeriCorps programs distributed across the state. Local communities are matching an additional \$4.4 million to support project objectives.

Our current AmeriCorps portfolio invests 61% of its funding – \$4.1 million – to support academic achievement. Addressing the education continuum of kindergarten readiness to college completion, our programs engage hundreds of AmeriCorps Members as teachers, tutors, mentors and coaches – helping thousands of Ohio students succeed in school and establish plans for the future.

- The *Ohio Reading Corps* has 120 AmeriCorps members providing individualized literacy interventions to over 2,000 students in Kindergarten through Grade 3, in direct support of the Ohio Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Operating in over 90 schools across the state, the project is designed to serve students in need of literacy services but who do not qualify for Title I tutors. In the last completed program year, 65% of the students who received services from Ohio Reading Corps members met grade-level benchmarks or demonstrated more than one year of academic growth.
- 113 AmeriCorps Members are serving as tutors and mentors with the goals of improving academic achievement and graduation rates. In Columbus Public Schools and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, our *City Year* programs operate school-wide interventions in literacy, math, attendance, and behavior to 850 students in grades 3-9 identified as high-risk for non-completion. At Toledo Public Schools, AmeriCorps Members are serving as *Graduation Coaches* to over 575 students at risk of exiting school early due to poor academic performance and challenges with school attendance. In the last completed program year, over 50% of the students who completed programming with these AmeriCorps Members either increased their literacy and/or math scores on standardized tests or increased their academic performance in these subjects by one grade level.
- *Teach for America Ohio* has 180 AmeriCorps Members placed in Northeast and Southwest Ohio serving over 9,000 students in low-performing schools. In the last completed program year, 39% of the students who received services from Teach for America members demonstrated increased performance at mastering academic content standards.
- Statewide, 70 AmeriCorps Members are serving with 54 local college access organizations as *Ohio College Guides* to provide college advising and career mentoring to over 12,500 students in low-wealth school districts. AmeriCorps Member service activities include assistance with completing the FAFSA, reviewing college application materials, and researching scholarship opportunities for individual students. In the last completed program year, 54% of the high school seniors who received services from these AmeriCorps Members enrolled in a post-secondary institution.
- The *Ohio College Completion Corps* has 27 AmeriCorps Members placed on 12 community college campuses across the state. These members will serve over 5,000 community college students enrolled in developmental classes. In the last completed program year, 32% of the community college students

who received services from these AmeriCorps Members progressed from developmental to college-level coursework.

The Commission is also committed to developing high-quality AmeriCorps programs that expand economic opportunities for underserved and disadvantaged populations. New programs in Youngstown (Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation) and Dayton (University of Dayton) are engaging Opportunity Youth as AmeriCorps Members – helping these individuals gain necessary employment skills and obtain resources for future education endeavors. Programs in Cincinnati (Santa Maria Community Services) and Cleveland (University Settlement) have AmeriCorps Members serving community members with high barriers to employment by focusing on GED preparation and employment coaching. AmeriCorps Members are also focusing on the economic needs of non-urban communities – increasing digital literacy in populations served by remote public libraries (State Library of Ohio) and building a future workforce of community health care workers by addressing local health concerns in small-town Ohio (Northeast Ohio Medical University).

The Commission has a longstanding history of working with Ohio's Appalachian communities to build AmeriCorps programming that effectively addresses the unique challenges of the region. AmeriCorps Members serving Athens and Washington Counties (Ohio University) provide health screenings and nutrition presentations in local schools to increase wellness levels while reducing absenteeism among students. Serving a wide swath of Southeast Ohio, AmeriCorps Members at Rural Action restore local streams and watersheds – both improving water quality and boosting the region's tourism opportunities.

ServeOhio also retains a broader mission to expand and strengthen volunteer engagement in Ohio. AmeriCorps is a vital component of this work; in the last program year, AmeriCorps Members mobilized over 15,000 community volunteers who provided over 89,000 hours of volunteer service. In addition, the Commission administers a private-public partnership called *Stewards of Service*, which increases the capacity of local volunteer mobilizers. The *Stewards of Service* initiative includes project funds for national days of service such as MLK Day, Global Youth Service Day, and Make A Difference Day; last year these funds supported 22 local service projects, engaging over 3,200 community volunteers who provided over 10,000 hours of volunteer service. This initiative also provides support for the annual Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism which provides comprehensive professional development in the field of volunteer administration, as well as, the Commission's annual ServeOhio Awards which recognize outstanding volunteer achievement.

The Commission has consistently proven to be a good steward of public funds – realigning staff and cutting operating expenses to maximize our state support in the most cost-effective manner. With your continued support, Commission staff will be able to develop, fund and monitor AmeriCorps programs throughout Ohio that focus on the needs of local communities and the priorities of our state as a whole. More AmeriCorps member positions in Ohio brings opportunity for more Ohioans to build professional skills and secure additional higher education resources while having a profound, measureable impact in the communities in which they live.

AmeriCorps is an exceptional program that combines federal, state and local resources to address critical community issues – increasing the capacity of local nonprofit, faith-based and educational institutions to create positive and permanent change. The Commission is the catalyst to advance high-quality AmeriCorps programming and volunteer engagement in Ohio.

Thank you for your support and this opportunity to share this overview of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. We would be happy to respond to any questions at this time.

