Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board (CSRAB)

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

The mission of the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board is to facilitate the operation of state government, preserve the historical integrity of the Capitol Square Complex and educate visitors about the history of Ohio and civics.

We have three major goals:

1. Preservation - The Statehouse underwent a major and complete renovation between 1989 and 1996, and it is the responsibility of CSRAB to maintain the historic integrity of the buildings to the highest preservation standards as detailed in the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

2. Oprations and maintenance - To accomplish the goal of #1 above, CSRAB's responsibility is to have a robust and responsive maintenace department. Through preventative maintenance programs, to responding to daily needs of the residents, our maintenance depatment is commited to making sure the mechanical,HVAC, electrical, adio/visual, and safety and security features are working properly and are up-to-date.

2. Education - Every year, more than 70,000 visitors, including school groups, tour thhe Statehouse on guided tours. Through the Ohio Statehouse Museum Education Center, people from all over Ohio and the country learn the social, economic, political and cultural history of Ohio. CSRAB places a strong emphasis on educational programming and engages visitors and students on what their civic rights and responsibilities are as an Ohio and U.S. citizen. Ohio is the only state to display their state constitution in their Statehouse, and the Museum on the ground floor of the Statehouse highlights not only the Constitution, but also the 3 branches of government.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

CSRAB cuurently has 65 full-time employees as of March 2024.. This includes administrative staff, custodial and maintenance staff, the grounds crew, gift shop staff, museum/education specialists, special events staff, and underground parking garage attendants.

We anticipate a moderate increase in workload due to a large number of capital projects entering the construction phase and the ongoing maintenance of equipment installed during the renovation reaching the end of their service lives.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

CSRAB receives funding from 5 sources - the General Revenue Fund (GRF), Parking Garage Revenue, Special Events/Museum Shop revenue, the Gift Fund, and Statehouse Improvements Fund. The following analysis comes from LSC.

The budget appropriates a total of $13.7 million in FY 2024 and $13.6 million in FY 2025 for CSRAB.

1. GRF - pays for CSRAB's operating expenses, primarily personal services (payroll) for most of CSRABs staff, except those who work in the Statehouse Museum Shop and parking garage. The appropriation for FY 24 is $6,851,000, and $6,751,000 for FY 25.

2. Parging Garage Revenue - This line item appropriates parking fees credited to the Underground Parking Garage Fund. It supports the operations and maintenance of the Statehouse underground parking garage, which is used by state employees and legislators, other downtown Columbus workers and visitors. The budget continues an ongoing $500,000 GRF transfer for each year in the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium as well as a temporary law provision that permits the cash in Fund 2080 to be used for personnel and operating costs related to Statehouse operations. The appropriation for the FY24-25 biennium is $4,245,906/year.

3. Special Events/Museum Shop revenue - This line item is funded by gift shop revenue and special event fees, and is used to pay for the operations of the Statehouse Museum Shop, the costs associated with special events help in Capitol Square buildings and grounds, and tours and educational activities. The appropriation for FY 24-25 is $800,000/year.

4. Gift Fund - This line item is supported by private donations that are credited to the Capitol Square Gift Fund, and primarily supports the maintenance and acquisition of educational materials, art, and artifacts that are relevant to the Statehouse or Ohio history for display in the Capitol Square Complex. The appropriation for FY 24/25 is $6,000/yr.

5. Statehouse Improvements Fund - This new line item is used to make improvements to Capitol Square and is supported by a $3.5 million one-time cash transfer from the FY 2023 GRF ending balance to the Capitol Square Improvement Fund. The appropriation for FY 24/25 is $1,750,000/yr.

Past and current GRF budget allocation:

FY 2022 - $5,366,852
FY 2023 - $5,180,827
FY 2024 - $6,851,000
FY 2025 - $6,751,000

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

Th CSRAB is governed by a 12 member Board prescribed by 105.41 (A). The Board members are NOT compensated.

Additional notes