



Engaging Ohio's Communities

Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2022



A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO

When you think about the span of history—from the beginning of time until, say, right now—a single year might seem insignificant.

But if you delve a little deeper, that's never really the case, is it?

Certainly, as Ohio History Connection's new executive director and CEO (since August 1), the past few months, for me, have been nothing but notable. Though in the role for a short time, I'm struck by the vast opportunity we have—to embrace new audiences, to tell more stories, and to create amazing experiences for all Ohioans.

Highlighting all of the events and progress across our network over the past year-plus is physically not possible in these pages, but let's give it a try: Late last year saw another successful *All Hallows' Eve* and *Dickens of a Christmas* in Ohio Village; the National Park Service's March 23 official announcement of the nomination of the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks to the UNESCO World Heritage List was a highlight, as was the corresponding April opening of the *Indigenous Wonders of Our World* exhibit at the Ohio History Center; an inspiring inaugural Juneteenth observance with the Jubilee Day Festival happened in late June, and we celebrated a string of anniversaries—Armstrong Air & Space

Museum's 50th, Paul Laurence Dunbar's 150th, U.S. Grant's bicentennial, and Schoenbrunn's 250th celebration.

Whether as a visitor, member, community partner, or just someone who values the lessons that history can teach, I want to pass along my abundant gratitude for your support over this past year. It makes all we do possible.

Our pledge, in the coming year, is that the Ohio History Connection will continue to evolve and grow as a vibrant organization that improves every community we touch by cultivating pride, encouraging economic development and creating meaningful experiences for each and every Ohioan.

And that, to me, is pretty significant.

With thanks,



Megan Wood,
Executive Director & CEO
Ohio History Connection



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Ohio History Service Corps members served 183 local history organizations and provided over 14,000 hours of service.

7,924 MEMBERS



CREATING VALUE

From TV coverage, newspaper stories and more, we reached

\$25,305,184

in earned media.



CONNECTING PEOPLE

1,934,952

unique page views on ohiohistory.org



22,941

fourth graders used *Ohio As America*, our electronic history textbook.



4,723

students took part in Ohio History Day. Of those, 1,102 competed in regional, state and nationals.

LOCAL HISTORY

A YEAR IN NUMBERS

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HISTORY EDUCATION



349

local history organizations and individual members make up the Ohio Local History Alliance, supported by the Ohio History Connection.



30

new nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for a total of 4,220 Ohio listings.



Ohio is third in the nation for the number of National Register listings.

\$207,100

granted from the Ohio History Fund to organizations throughout the state.



Since the program started in 2012, the Ohio History Fund has made a total of 110 grants to history organizations all across the state totaling more than \$1 million.

33



new historical markers were installed and dedicated by local communities.

To date, there are over 1,750 markers located around Ohio with at least 3 in every county.

\$1,042,052,061



was invested in historic buildings via the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program.

Often paired with the federal historic tax credit program, these credits are a vital economic driver for Ohio businesses.

PRESERVING PLACES

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION LEADERSHIP



SENIOR STAFF

- Megan Wood**
Executive Director & CEO
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- Lauren Barber**
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- Jen Cassidy**
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Director, Outreach
- Burt Logan**
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Director, Information Systems
- Ann Ruege**
Chief Development Officer
- Fred Smith**
Director, Facilities Management
- Jeff Ward**
Chief Financial Officer
- Charles Wash**
Director, National Afro-American Museum & Cultural Center
- Alex Wesaw**
Director, American Indian Relations
- Elizabeth Woods**
Director of Cultural Resources & Libraries

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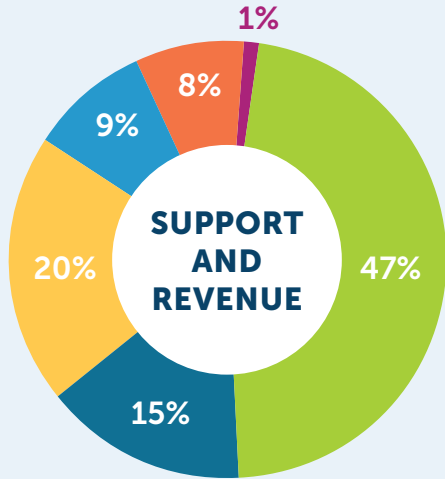
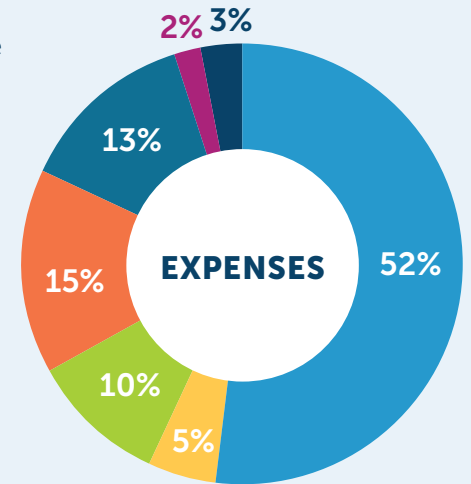
ANNUAL REVENUE & EXPENSES

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volunteers donated 27,330 hours of their time, providing a value of \$779,981 in support.

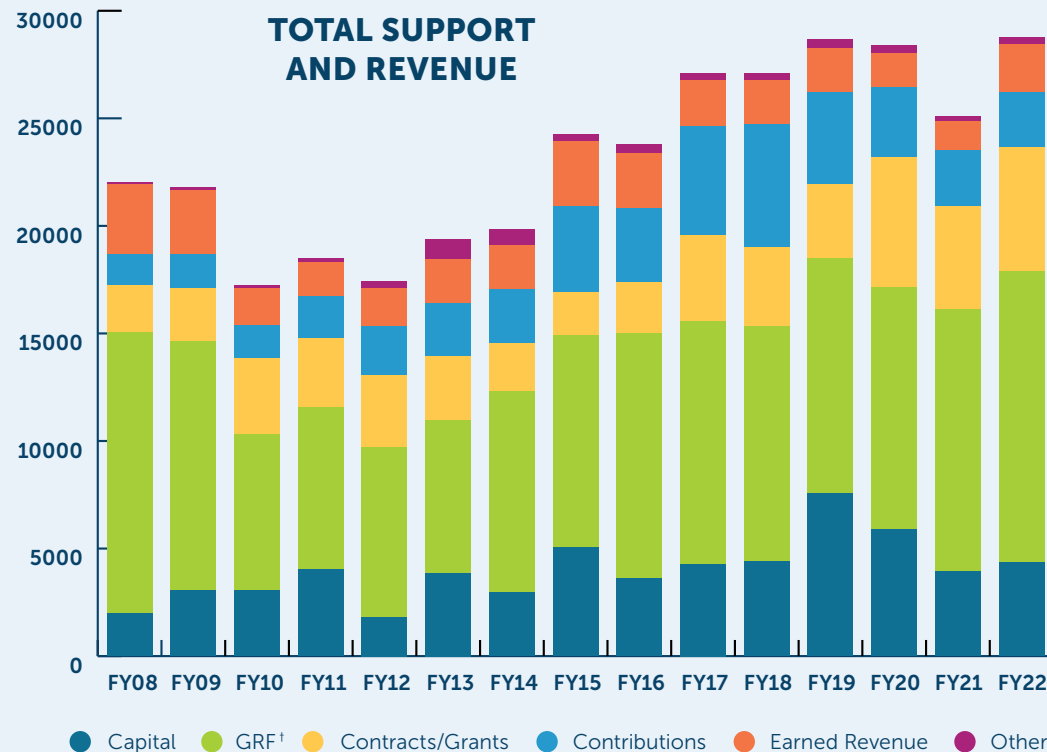


- Site Operations, Education and Interpretive Programs
- State Archives and Library
- Historic Preservation Office
- Capital Projects
- Management and General
- Development
- Contribution Services



- State General Revenue Fund
- State Capital Projects
- Contracts and Grants
- Contributions (Financial, Materials and Services)
- Earned Revenue
- Investments

Total: \$28,918,000



† General Revenue Fund