

- Compared to actual expenditures in FY 2001, GRF appropriations are reduced by 21.6% for FY 2002 and by 21.2% for FY 2003

## Commission on African-American Males

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### ROLE

The Commission on African-American Males (AAM) is charged with solving problems and advancing recommendations pertinent to African-American males in the areas of unemployment, criminal justice, education, and health. The commission is mandated to conduct research in these areas, hold public hearings to collect data, identify state and local programs that address solutions to problems in these areas, implement new programs and demonstration projects, and develop community education and public awareness programs. In addition to these mandates, AAM is required to report at least biennially on its activities, findings, and recommendations, and also is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and contributions from any public agency or private source. The commission consists of up to 41 members, appointed by the Governor, representing a number of executive branch agencies, private associations, and other community groups, and is authorized to appoint an executive director who may hire other staff.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
2	\$379,000	\$381,000	\$369,000	\$371,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

### OVERVIEW

AAM was originally created as the Governor's Commission on Socially Disadvantaged Black Males in 1989. Beginning in FY 1991, AAM activities were overseen and coordinated by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. Under Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, AAM was separated from its parent organization and established as an independent agency. Chapter 4112. of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for the operation of AAM.

The commission is in the process of transitioning to a fully functional independent agency. In FY 2000, an executive director was hired, but that individual left employment with the commission by the end of the fiscal year. A member of the commission served as acting executive director for much of FY 2001, but was unable to assume the executive director position full-time. At present, an employee of the Civil Rights Commission is serving as acting executive director. The commission employs two individuals who staff its office.

In FY 2000, AAM did not spend 83.5 percent of the combined amount that was budgeted that year for personal services, maintenance, and equipment. A portion of those unspent funds were transferred to another appropriation item and used to support community projects. A total of \$360,786 in appropriation authority was allowed to lapse, and \$203,201 was encumbered for use in FY 2001.

In FY 2001, AAM had an original appropriation of \$691,837 from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). This was reduced by S.B. 346 and by executive order by a total of \$107,998. Out of the adjusted appropriation, AAM had actual spending for FY 2001 of \$469,941.


For FY 2002 and FY 2003, AAM's total GRF appropriation authority is \$368,624 and \$370,514, respectively. These appropriation amounts represent, respectively, a 21.6 percent and a 21.2 percent reduction from actual FY 2001 spending.

## BUDGET ISSUES

AAM's funding request for FY 2002 was for a total of \$975,641 in FY 2002, and \$1,057,109 in FY 2003. The GRF portion of the request was for \$761,021 in FY 2002, and for \$837,123 in FY 2003. In its core budget request, AAM sought funding for six full-time positions, and for purchasing computer equipment, travel, and maintenance services. In its supplemental budget request, AAM sought funding for one additional full-time position, and funding for additional maintenance expenses that would be experienced in using donated space to decentralize AAM's activities into the state's major urban areas.

One of the significant changes in AAM's budget compared to the previous biennium is in ALI 036-502, Community Projects. ALI 036-502 was established by Controlling Board action in FY 2000, and was funded with money that was transferred from ALI 036-100, Personal Services, but which had gone unused. In FY 2001, AAM spent \$133,200 from ALI 036-502. For FY 2002, AAM received appropriation authority of \$37,430 in this line item, a 79.9 percent reduction. For FY 2003, the appropriation for this item is further reduced to \$27,334.

Another significant change takes place in ALI 036-100, Personal Services. For FY 2002, AAM received appropriation authority of \$250,720. This is up substantially from the FY 2001 actual expenditure of \$136,335, but still well below the original appropriation of \$563,069 for FY 2001 that was contained in Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the operating budget for the FY 2000-2001 biennium. In light of the difference between the amount requested by AAM for ALI 036-100 for FY 2002 (\$597,312), AAM will have to cut back its plans to expand staffing. There is room, however, to add personnel in addition to its current two full-time staff.

In the previous biennium, AAM maintained State Special Revenue (SSR) Fund ALI 036-601 as a means by which to receive gifts, donations, and grant moneys from various sources, including other state agencies and the private sector. That line item had appropriation authority of \$210,000 in each fiscal year of the FY 2000-2001 biennium. Since the actual expenditures from this line item were approximately \$10,000, the appropriation level was brought down to that amount. This change in appropriation level will not affect AAM's ability to raise funds or grants, and the appropriation level can be altered by the Controlling Board if AAM receives gifts, donations, or grants that exceed this amount. 

**FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Group**

<b>Line Item Detail by Agency</b>			<b>FY 1999.</b>	<b>FY 2000.</b>	<b>FY 2001.</b>	<b>FY 2002 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2001 to 2002:</b>	<b>FY 2003 Appropriations:</b>	<b>% Change 2002 to 2003:</b>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>						
<b>AAM African American Males, Commission on</b>									
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	----	\$ 83,000	\$136,336	\$ 250,720	83.90%	\$ 263,256	5.00%
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	----	\$ 25,580	\$141,233	\$ 46,788	-66.87%	\$ 46,467	-0.68%
GRF	036-300	Equipment	----	\$ 3,054	\$59,172	\$ 18,715	-68.37%	\$ 18,587	-0.68%
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	----	\$ 0		\$ 14,972	N/A	\$ 14,870	-0.68%
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	----	\$ 0	\$133,200	\$ 37,430	-71.90%	\$ 27,334	-26.97%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			----	<b>\$ 111,634</b>	<b>\$ 469,941</b>	<b>\$ 368,624</b>	<b>-21.56%</b>	<b>\$ 370,514</b>	<b>0.51%</b>
4H3	036-601	African American Males-Gifts/Grants	----	\$ 0	\$1,302	\$ 10,000	667.85%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
<b>State Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>			----	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 1,302</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>667.85%</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>African American Males, Commission on Total</b>			----	<b>\$ 111,634</b>	<b>\$ 471,243</b>	<b>\$ 378,624</b>	<b>-19.65%</b>	<b>\$ 380,514</b>	<b>0.50%</b>