

Commission on African-American Males

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- The Ohio State University will oversee the Commission beginning October 1, 2007
- The Commission received a total of \$1.5 million to implement strategies identified in the Commission's strategic plan

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The Commission on African-American Males (CAAM) identifies and promotes strategies and public policies to foster improvements in the social, economic, and educational problems that affect the African-American male population in Ohio. The Commission on African-American Males started as the Governor's Commission on Socially Disadvantaged Black Males in 1989. Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 1991, the Ohio Civil Rights Commission oversaw and coordinated CAAM activities. Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly separated CAAM from its parent organization and established it as an independent agency.

Among the priorities of CAAM for the biennium are to partner with the Ohio Department of Health to sponsor obesity and anti-smoking campaigns; increase the number of health fairs educating black males on preventive measures in basic health care including mental and physical well being; continue holding technology and education conferences for the young African-American male population; expand outreach by developing informational media to distribute statewide; and continue to provide community outreach and programs for collaborative partnerships with organizations that support CAAM's mission.

New Initiatives for the 2008 - 2009 Biennium

CAAM is working with The Ohio State University's Kirwan Institute to create a new program focusing on race relations and ethnicity. The program would allow CAAM to sponsor another conference addressing the issues and impediments facing African-American males, with the expected outcome impacting policy decisions in Ohio.

The Budget

The budget for the Commission exceeds estimated 2007 levels by \$500,000 (approximately 270%) in FY 2008 and \$1 million in FY 2009 (approximately 440%). The significant increase in the Commission's appropriation will fund creating and implementing provisions of an approved strategic plan. The Commission will also be able to provide grants for more community projects.

A provision in the budget transfers oversight authority of the Commission to The Ohio State University effective October 1, 2007. The Director of Budget and Management will transfer the Commission's appropriations, encumbrances, and unexpended balances to the university. It is unknown at this time how the appropriation transfer will affect the Commission's duties and responsibilities.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
3	\$792,000	\$1,292,000	\$782,000	\$1,282,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2007.

ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

Program Series

1: Community Projects

Purpose: The Commission is a single program series agency. Its program series, Community Projects, provides for a variety of community activities, including health and technology conferences, a scholarship program, partnerships with private industry and local community groups, as well as expenses of the Commission.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Community Projects program series, as well as the budget funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$235,091	\$235,091
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$29,000	\$29,000
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$516,909	\$1,016,909
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$782,000	\$1,282,000
State Special Revenue Fund				
SSR	036-601	African-American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Funding: Community Services			\$792,000	\$1,292,000

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Community Projects program series:

- **Program 1.01: Speaker Services**
- **Program 1.02: Health Education**
- **Program 1.03: Community Board Meetings**
- **Program 1.04: Conferences**
- **Program 1.05: Scholarships and Awards**

Speaker Services

Program Description: The Speaker Services program provides a role model for students, civic organizations, and other clients through paid and unpaid volunteer speakers, educational television programs, and documentaries produced by CAAM.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$136,000	\$136,000
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$10,000	\$10,000
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$147,000	\$147,000
State Special Revenue Fund				
SSR	036-601	African American Males – Gifts/Grants	\$5,000	\$5,000
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Funding: Speaker Services			\$152,000	\$152,000

Implication of the Budget: For FY 2008 and FY 2009, the budget appropriates \$152,000 in both fiscal years. At the increased funding level, the Commission will be able to increase the number of speaking engagements in each year from 20 in FY 2007 to 30 in FYs 2008 and 2009. The funding level will also allow the Commission to produce 12 television shows and one documentary during the biennium. The budget decreases the total appropriation of line item 036-200, Maintenance, by 28% compared to FY 2007 levels. As a result, the Commission staff will restrict travel to workshops and seminars and reduce travel reimbursement expenses.

Health Education

Program Description: The Health Education program includes health workshops and seminars provided by staff and volunteers to inform African-American men about the risks of undetected prostate cancer, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, and heart disease.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$35,000	\$35,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$35,000	\$35,000
State Special Revenue Fund				
SSR	036-601	African-American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$2,500	\$2,500
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Funding: Conferences			\$37,500	\$37,500

Implication of the Budget: The budget appropriates \$37,500 in both fiscal years. The Commission will increase the number of health education workshops to six in both fiscal years. The Commission will also be able to increase the number of Central Ohio workshops in both fiscal years. In addition, the funding level will allow the Commission to partner with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to deliver services in health-related issues in both fiscal years.

Community Board Meetings

Program Description: The Community Board Meetings program includes staff participation in community programs, conferences, and meetings.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$5,000	\$5,000
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$4,000	\$4,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$9,000	\$9,000
Total Funding: Community Board Meetings			\$9,000	\$9,000

Implication of the Budget: The budget appropriates \$9,000 in both fiscal years. This funding will allow Commission staff to serve on six community boards and attend meetings, programs, and conferences related to those board activities in the biennium. However, a decrease in the total appropriation of line item 036-200, Maintenance, will restrict travel to workshops and seminars and reduce travel reimbursement expenses.

Conferences

Program Description: The Conferences program includes planning and production of conferences held statewide to cover the topics of health, education, employment, and criminal justice.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$39,091	\$39,091
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$39,091	\$39,091
State Special Revenue Fund				
SSR	036-601	African-American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$2,500	\$2,500
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Funding: Conferences			\$41,591	\$41,591

Implication of the Budget: The increased appropriations in the budget will allow the Commission to sponsor two major conferences in the upcoming biennium, versus one conference in FY 2007.

Scholarships and Awards

Program Description: The Scholarships and Awards program provides tuition assistance to eligible college students.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$20,000	\$20,000
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$15,000	15,000
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$516,909	1,016,909
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$551,909	\$1,051,909
Total Funding: Scholarships and Awards			\$551,909	\$1,051,909

Implication of the Budget: The budget appropriates \$551,909 in FY 2008 and \$1,051,909 in FY 2009. The increased appropriation will allow the Commission to provide grants for community projects in both fiscal years. In addition, \$500,000 in FY 2008 and \$1 million in FY 2009 in line item 036-502, Community Projects, will be used to implement and evaluate objectives outlined in the strategic plan.

Temporary and Permanent Law Provisions

Temporary law provides that the Commission develop a strategic plan during the upcoming biennium. The Commission is required to submit a plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. Upon approval of the strategic plan, the Commission may begin to expend dollars in line item 036-502, Community Projects, to implement the initiatives set forth in the plan. The funds appropriated may only be used when the Commission's strategic plan is accepted by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus. In addition, by the end of FY 2009, the Commission is required to submit a report on the impacts and outcomes of the strategic plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2007 Adj. *FY 2008* *% Change* *FY 2009* *% Change*
FY 2005: *FY 2006: Appropriations:* *Appropriations:* *2007 to 2008:* *Appropriations:* *2008 to 2009:*

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$ 218,827	\$ 219,783	\$ 220,091	\$ 235,091	6.82%	\$ 235,091	0.00%
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$ 47,663	\$ 39,019	\$ 39,909	\$ 29,000	-27.33%	\$ 29,000	0.00%
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$ 3,846	\$ 822	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	0.00%	\$ 1,000	0.00%
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	\$ 1,765	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	-100.00%	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$ 20,445	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 516,909	2,484.55%	\$ 1,016,909	96.73%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 292,546	\$ 280,624	\$ 282,000	\$ 782,000	177.30%	\$ 1,282,000	63.94%
4H3	036-601	Commission on African American Males- Gifts/Grants	\$ 23,096	\$ 19,538	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 23,096	\$ 19,538	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.00%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
<i>African American Males, Commission on Total</i>			\$ 315,642	\$ 300,163	\$ 292,000	\$ 792,000	171.23%	\$ 1,292,000	63.13%