

Commission on Minority Health

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- The Commission awarded 107 community-based grants in FY 2006
- Minority Health Month activities served more than 20,050 people in FY 2006

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

Created in 1987, based on the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Black and Minority Health, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health was the first state-level office in the United States formed exclusively to address the condition of minority health. Today, 42 states and the federal government have minority health offices. The mission of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health is to promote health and prevent disease among economically disadvantaged African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native-American Ohioans. An 18-member Commission provides guidance for the agency, including its grant administration.

The Commission's staff focuses on meeting six long-term goals. First, MIH aims to develop nontraditional service protocols designed to reduce the effects of targeted diseases and conditions, namely, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, infant mortality, substance abuse, and violence. The Commission also strives to develop and institutionalize an accessible delivery system for people with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). Other Commission goals include providing access to culturally appropriate health information for under-served minority populations and increasing access to culturally relevant health services by funding demonstration projects. And last, in the long run MIH expects to increase minority recruitment and retention in health education and to provide advocacy leading to system changes that improve minority health.

Agency in Brief

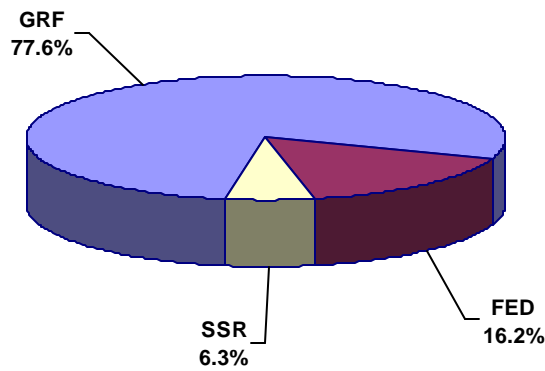
Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2008	2009	2008	2009	
8	\$1.96 million	\$2.84 million	\$1.36 million	\$2.37 million	Am. Sub. H.B. 119

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

Summary of FYs 2008 - 2009 Appropriations

The Commission received funding of \$1,964,788 in FY 2008 and \$2,838,604 in FY 2009. The Commission's GRF appropriation, which is \$1,357,302 in FY 2008 and \$2,368,307 in FY 2009, makes up approximately 77.6% of the total appropriations for the biennium (see Chart 1).

**Chart 1: Total Budget by Fund Group
FY 2008-2009 Biennium**



ANALYSIS OF THE BUDGET

Program Series

1: Grant Programs

Purpose: To promote health awareness and disease prevention among economically disadvantaged African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native-American Ohioans through innovative strategies and financial opportunities, public health promotion, legislative action, and public policy and system change.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Grant Programs program series, as well as the Commission's funding for the FY 2008 - 2009 biennium by fiscal year.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	149-321	Operating Expenses	\$550,211	\$561,216
GRF	149-501	Minority Health Grants	\$670,965	\$1,670,965
GRF	149-502	Lupus Program	\$136,126	\$136,126
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$1,357,302	\$2,368,307
Federal Special Revenue Fund				
3J9	149-602	Federal Grants	\$457,486	\$320,297
Federal Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$457,486	\$320,297
Total Funding: Grant Programs			\$1,814,788	\$2,688,604

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Grant Programs program series:

- **Program 1.01: Demonstration Grants**
- **Program 1.02: Lupus Grants**
- **Program 1.03: HIV Grants**
- **Program 1.04: Minority Health Grant**

Program 1.01: Demonstration Grants

Program Description: The Commission on Minority Health administers two types of grants under this program: Demonstration Grants and Minority Health Month grants. The Commission provides two-year demonstration grants as seed money to organizations that address one or more of the six diseases and conditions (cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, infant mortality, violence/homicide, and substance abuse) or risk factors, responsible for excess, premature deaths in the minority community. The program promotes behavior change by tapping into the attitudes, values, and beliefs of the target populations. Projects are required to demonstrate measurable behavior change of participants and engage an independent evaluator. Ultimately, the goal of this program is the institutionalization of the appropriate projects into the healthcare delivery system. REEP, the Research Enhancement and Evaluation Project, will evaluate projects funded during the biennium. REEP is a network of academically and community-based researchers who have been trained to assess Commission projects utilizing a standardized evaluation tool. According to the Commission, in FY 2008 and FY 2009, the program will focus on cardiometabolic syndrome. Cardiometabolic syndrome is associated with cardiovascular disease and includes other risk factors such as central obesity, hypertension, and insulin

resistance to name a few. Metabolic diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular diseases share common abnormalities, thus funding will be expanded to focus on this in upcoming years.

The Minority Health Month grants are given to community-based agencies across the state. The agencies selected participate in a 30-day wellness campaign that is held every April. There are hundreds of activities that take place during this campaign. Some activities include: health screenings for diabetes, cancer, hypertension, HIV, and mammography, as well as provider and consumer education meetings. The intended outcome of the Minority Health Month program is to, among other things, promote healthy lifestyles, provide crucial information to allow individuals to practice disease prevention, showcase the resources for and providers of grass-roots health care and information, highlight the resolution of the disparate health conditions between Ohio's minority and nonminority populations, and to gain additional support for on-going efforts to improve minority health year round. Project outcomes are measured through program and fiscal final reports.

Implication of the Budget: The Commission received \$1,221,176 in FY 2008 and \$2,232,181 in FY 2009 for Minority Health Demonstration Grants. These amounts will provide funding for 65 grants for Minority Health Month and also fund up to five demonstration grants. This funding also provides for some of the Commission's administrative and maintenance expenses. According to the Commission, maintenance expenditures will need to be reduced as a result of this funding. It is unknown at this time the total effect this will have on the Commission.

The Commission received \$1.0 million in GRF appropriation item 149-501, Minority Health Grants, in FY 2009, which will be used for grants in FY 2009 to offset funding historically received through the Tobacco Budget Bill. The grants will address the following health topics: asthma and academic, scientific community partnership grants.

Program 1.02: Lupus Grants Program

Program Description: This program funds support services for people with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), their caregivers, and children. The administration of the Lupus Program was transferred from the Department of Health during the 120th General Assembly. According to the Lupus Foundation of America, lupus is a chronic inflammatory disease that affects many parts of the body. Approximately 90% of lupus sufferers are women. The disease is also two to three times more prevalent in minorities. However, the program is not a minority specific initiative. Agencies awarded grants must provide information through quarterly reports that specifically ask the program goal and outcomes of the program.

There were ten grant projects awarded by the Commission during FY 2006. These grants were funded at \$13,000. Beginning in FY 2008, grants will be on a sliding scale (between \$9,000 to \$16,000) based on specific criteria. According to the Commission, this is the sole source of funding for Lupus in Ohio. Currently, there is no grant presence in southern Ohio.

Implication of the Budget: The Commission received \$136,126 in each fiscal year for GRF appropriation item 149-502, Lupus Program, which provides the funds for the lupus grants. This funding will allow the awarding of ten grants per fiscal year.

Program 1.03: HIV Grants

Program Description: The HIV Grants program funds target programs to enhance effective HIV/AIDS efforts that directly benefit racial and ethnic minority communities in three broad funding categories: technical assistance and infrastructure support, increasing access to prevention and care, and

building stronger community linkages to address the HIV prevention and health care needs of specific populations. The program provides funding for the Tobias Project, Inc. in Columbus and the Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Addiction Program of Cincinnati. The goals of these projects are to identify African-Americans that are HIV Positive and assist them with enrollment into HIV care services offered by the Department of Health and to identify the barriers that have resulted in low enrollment into these services.

The Tobias Project conducts outreach programs in the Columbus area. The Project reaches approximately 200 people. The Urban Minority Alcohol and Drug Outreach Program provides outreach programs in Cincinnati's high-risk venues such as nightclubs and bathhouses, as well as churches, barber and beauty shops, and local recreation centers. The outcome of these projects is measured through quarterly reports that measure the goals of the program.

In 2005, the Commission entered into an interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to administer the Ryan White Title II Minority AIDS Initiative for Ohio with funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Previously, the program was funded by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Minority Health. The Commission received a three-year infrastructure grant in 1999 and an additional three-year grant in 2002.

Implication of the Budget: The Commission received spending authority of \$150,000 in each fiscal year. Previously, the Commission received funds through their interagency agreement with ODH. At the end of the three-year funding cycle, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (the source of the interagency agreement funds) notified the Department of Health that the grants will now be competitively bid on a national level in FYs 2008 and 2009. ODH has received a grant to continue the program. The Commission will meet with ODH to discuss continued partnership for this program. The Commission will continue to seek other opportunities for this program.

Program 1.04: Minority Health Grants

Program Description: The Commission received a five-year grant from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health in FY 2006. The program focus for the grant is type 2 diabetes. The grant has a three-tier component that is being initiated in phases. The goals of the program are: (1) in years one and two – develop and disseminate a diabetes education-training manual for lay leaders in the African-American and Hispanic/Latino community. This phase does not include direct service or service delivery; (2) in years three and four – increase access to primary and secondary level health promotion information on diabetes for African-Americans and Hispanic/Latino adults; (3) in years four and five – increase in participation of minorities in Ohio's diabetes certification program.

Implication of the Budget: The Commission received spending authority of \$307,486 in FY 2008 and \$170,297 in FY 2009 for this program. As a result, current service levels will be maintained.

Program Series**2: Capacity Building & Education**

Purpose: The Commission on Minority Health sponsors a conference to recognize individuals and groups who have shown commendable efforts toward improving the health of Ohio's minority citizens. Also, donations are made to the Minority Health Conference Fund for other minority health initiatives.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Capacity Building and Education program series, as well as the Commission's funding for the FY 2008 - 2009 biennium by fiscal year.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2008	FY 2009
State Special Revenue Fund				
4C2	149-601	Minority Health Conference	\$150,000	\$150,000
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$150,000	\$150,000
Total Funding: Capacity Building and Education			\$150,000	\$150,000

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Capacity Building and Education program series:

■ **Program 2.01: Minority Health Conferences**

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Program Description: The program develops culturally relevant conferences, symposiums, etc. to build capacity for service delivery in the minority community. The activities typically focus on new bodies of scientific information, modalities for culturally competent service delivery.

Implication of the Budget: The Commission received spending authority of \$150,000 in each fiscal year, which will allow this program to continue at current levels.

FY 2008 - 2009 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 2005:</i>	<i>FY 2006:</i>	<i>FY 2007 Adj. Appropriations:</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2007 to 2008:</i>	<i>FY 2009 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2008 to 2009:</i>
Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill			Version: Enacted						
MIH Minority Health, Commission on									
GRF	149-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 529,884	\$ 587,773	\$ 539,423	\$ 550,211	2.00%	\$ 561,216	2.00%
GRF	149-501	Minority Health Grants	\$ 486,328	\$ 700,120	\$ 670,965	\$ 670,965	0.00%	\$ 1,670,965	149.04%
GRF	149-502	Lupus Program	\$ 136,375	\$ 123,487	\$ 136,126	\$ 136,126	0.00%	\$ 136,126	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 1,152,587	\$ 1,411,380	\$ 1,346,514	\$ 1,357,302	0.80%	\$ 2,368,307	74.49%
3J9	149-602	Federal Grants	\$ 172,706	\$ 256,873	\$ 298,750	\$ 457,486	53.13%	\$ 320,297	-29.99%
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 172,706	\$ 256,873	\$ 298,750	\$ 457,486	53.13%	\$ 320,297	-29.99%
4C2	149-601	Minority Health Conference	\$ 615	\$ 54,180	\$ 165,290	\$ 150,000	-9.25%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 615	\$ 54,180	\$ 165,290	\$ 150,000	-9.25%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
Minority Health, Commission on Total			\$ 1,325,908	\$ 1,722,433	\$ 1,810,554	\$ 1,964,788	8.52%	\$ 2,838,604	44.47%