LSC Greenbook Analysis of the Enacted Budget Commission on Minority Health Wendy Risner, Senior Budget Analyst Legislative Service Commission July 2015

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Commission on Minority Health

OVERVIEW

Agency Overview

GRF appropriations increase by 83.3% from FY 2015 to FY 2016

 New GRF funding of \$1.0 million in each fiscal year is provided for infant mortality grants

In 1986, the Governor's Task Force on Black and Minority Health was convened to address disparities in health between the minority and majority populations. The Task Force heard public testimony from over 2,000 individuals throughout the state. One of the Task Force's recommendations was the creation of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (OCMH). In response, OCMH was created in 1987. It was the first state-level office in the United States formed exclusively to address the condition of minority health.

OCMH is dedicated to eliminating disparities in minority health through innovative strategies and financial opportunities, public health promotion, legislative action, public policy, and systems change. A 21-member commission provides guidance for the agency, including its grants administration. According to the Department of Administrative Services, as of June 30, 2015, OCMH has four full-time employees.

Appropriation Overview

As can be seen in the table below, the budget provides funding of approximately \$2.79 million in FY 2016, an increase of 92.3% over FY 2015 expenditures, and \$2.76 million in FY 2017, a decrease of 1.3% from FY 2016 appropriations. General Revenue Funds increase from \$1.43 million in FY 2015 to \$2.61 million in FY 2016 and FY 2017, an increase of 83.3%. Dedicated purpose funds increase from \$25,660 in FY 2015 to \$50,000 in FY 2016 and FY 2017, an increase of 94.9%. OCMH did not expend any federal funds during FY 2015 since OCMH did not have an active federal grant. As of this writing, OCMH has applied for a few federal grants; thus, appropriations are established in FY 2016 and FY 2017 in the event that OCMH is awarded a grant(s).

Table 1. Agency Appropriations by Fund Group, FY 2016-FY 2017 (Am. Sub. H.B. 64)							
Fund Group	FY 2015*	FY 2016	% Change	FY 2017	% Change		
General Revenue	\$1,426,094	\$2,614,272	83.3%	\$2,614,272	0.0%		
Dedicated Purpose	\$25,660	\$50,000	94.9%	\$50,000	0.0%		
Federal Special Revenue	\$0	\$126,833	N/A	\$90,929	-28.3%		
TOTAL	\$1,451,754	\$2,791,105	92.3%	\$2,755,201	-1.3%		

*FY 2015 figures represent actual expenditures.

ANALYSIS OF ENACTED BUDGET

Introduction

The following table shows all appropriations for OCMH.

Appropriations for the Commission on Minority Health							
Fund		ALI and Name	FY 2016	FY 2017			
General Revenue Fund							
GRF	149321	Operating Expenses	\$639,297	\$639,297			
GRF	149501	Minority Health Grants	\$878,975	\$878,975			
GRF	149502	Lupus Program	\$96,000	\$96,000			
GRF	149503	Infant Mortality Health Grants	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000			
		General Revenue Fund Subtotal	\$2,614,272	\$2,614,272			
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group							
4C20	149601	Minority Health Conference	\$50,000	\$50,000			
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Subtotal			\$50,000	\$50,000			
Federal Special Revenue Fund Group							
3J90	149602	Federal Grant Program Support	\$126,833	\$90,929			
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Total Funding: Commission on Minority Health			\$2,791,105	\$2,755,201			

Operating Expenses (149321)

General Revenue Fund line item 149321 is used primarily for general operating expenses, including payroll and fringe benefits, maintenance, and equipment. The budget provides funding of \$639,297 in each fiscal year, an increase of 4.0% over FY 2015 expenditures.

Minority Health Grants (149501)

General Revenue Fund line item 149501 is used to fund grants to community health groups to promote health awareness and disease prevention among minority populations. More specifically, the line item is used to provide demonstration grants, grants to local offices of minority health, and Minority Health Month grants. The budget provides funding of \$878,975 in each fiscal year, an increase of 18.2% over FY 2015 expenditures. The grant programs funded by line item 149501 are discussed below.

Demonstration Grants

OCMH provides demonstration grants to community-based health groups for activities relating to promoting health or preventing disease among the minority population. The focus areas are as follows: infant mortality, type 2 diabetes, cancer, cardiovascular disease, substance abuse, and violence. OCMH funds projects that promote behavior change by tapping into the attitudes, values, and beliefs of the target populations. Ultimately, the goal of this program is to institutionalize the projects into the healthcare delivery system. OCMH believes a successful outcome is when a project is selected for funding by an outside funding source or when the project is internalized by the recipient grantee.

Local Offices of Minority Health

In FY 2008 and FY 2009, local offices of minority health were established in local health departments in Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, and Youngstown. The local offices have a collaborative arrangement with OCMH. Under this program, each local office must implement an action plan that addresses the following four core issues: (1) monitor health status of minority populations, (2) inform, educate, and empower people, (3) mobilize community partnerships and action, and (4) develop policies and plans to support health efforts. Some of the intended outcomes are that each local office will provide a local presence for issues of minority health, serve as a mechanism for local governments to produce consistent data sets representative of the community diversity, coordinate OCMH-funded initiatives such as Minority Health Month, strengthen Ohio's ability to pursue national funding, and serve as a conduit of information for trends and emerging concerns.

Minority Health Month

Minority Health Month grants are given to community-based agencies across the state. These agencies participate in a 30-day wellness campaign held every April. Many activities take place during this campaign. Examples of past activities have included health screenings for diabetes, cancer, hypertension, HIV, oral health, and mammography, as well as provider and consumer education on chronic diseases and conditions that impact minority populations.

Minority Health Month Program grants are intended to, among other things, promote healthy lifestyles, provide information to allow individuals to practice disease prevention, showcase the resources for and providers of health care and information, highlight the resolution of the disparate health conditions among populations, and gain support for ongoing efforts to improve minority health year round.

Lupus Program (149502)

General Revenue Fund line item 149502 supports the Lupus Program. The program's goals are to increase awareness and education of the autoimmune disease lupus, and to provide resources to caregivers and professionals throughout the state. The program is not a minority-specific initiative, but does provide outreach to minority women. The Lupus Foundation of America estimates that at least 1.5 million Americans have a form of lupus. Approximately 90% of lupus sufferers are women. The disease is also more prevalent in minority populations. In fact, lupus is two to three times more

prevalent among African American women. It is also more common among Hispanic, Asian, and American Indian women.

The community-based agencies awarded grants under the Lupus Program to provide support and resources to individuals with lupus, their caregivers, and their providers. All grantees must address educational issues for patients, the public, and professionals. Grantees achieve this by, among other things, sponsoring monthly support group meetings led by a trained facilitator, participating in Lupus Awareness Month, and by providing a referral list of area facilities and physicians that offer medical treatment for lupus-related medical conditions. The budget provides funding of \$96,000 in each fiscal year, which is an increase of 42.3% over FY 2015 expenditures.

Infant Mortality Health Grants (149503)

GRF appropriation item 149503, Infant Mortality Health Grants, was created by H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly. The bill requires the funds to be distributed to six community-based agencies to help support the continuation or establishment of a pathways community HUB model that has the primary purpose of reducing infant mortality in the urban and rural communities with the highest rates of infant mortality. The budget provides \$1.0 million in each fiscal year for this new line item.

Minority Health Conference (149601)

Appropriation item 149601 funds culturally relevant conferences and public awareness activities to help build capacity for service delivery in the minority community. The Minority Health Conference typically focuses on new bodies of scientific information for culturally competent service delivery. Revenue deposited in the Minority Health Conference Fund (Fund 4C20) consists of registration fees related to conference costs, as well as donations from health and human service organizations. OCMH typically partners with universities, local health departments, health care service providers, hospital systems, and businesses to leverage more funds. The budget provides funding of \$50,000 in each fiscal year, a 94.9% increase over FY 2015 expenditures.

Federal Grant Program Support (149602)

Federal moneys appropriated in line item 149602 are used to fund minority health grants to increase awareness and education of various diseases that affect the minority population. OCMH does not currently have an active federal grant. However, OCMH has applied for a few federal grants and, as of this writing, is waiting for notification regarding grant awards. The budget provides appropriations of \$126,833 in FY 2016 and \$90,929 in FY 2017. These amounts would support potential grant applications.

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FY 2016 - FY 2017 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Groups

Line Item Detail by Agency				Appropriation	FY 2015 to FY 2016	Appropriation	FY 2016 to FY 2017	
			FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change	FY 2017	% Change
Repor	t For Ma	in Operating Appropriations Bill	V	ersion: As E	nacted			
MIH	Commiss	sion on Minority Health						
GRF	149321	Operating Expenses	\$ 516,091	\$ 614,822	\$ 639,297	3.98%	\$ 639,297	0.00%
GRF	149501	Minority Health Grants	\$ 842,759	\$ 743,812	\$ 878,975	18.17%	\$ 878,975	0.00%
GRF	149502	Lupus Program	\$ 92,082	\$ 67,460	\$ 96,000	42.31%	\$ 96,000	0.00%
GRF	149503	Infant Mortality Health Grants	\$0	\$0	\$ 1,000,000	N/A	\$ 1,000,000	0.00%
General Revenue Fund Total		\$ 1,450,932	\$ 1,426,094	\$ 2,614,272	83.32%	\$ 2,614,272	0.00%	
4C20	149601	Minority Health Conference	\$ 29,980	\$ 25,660	\$ 50,000	94.86%	\$ 50,000	0.00%
Dedicated Purpose Fund Group Total		\$ 29,980	\$ 25,660	\$ 50,000	94.86%	\$ 50,000	0.00%	
3J90	149602	Federal Grant Program Support	\$ 98,886	\$0	\$ 126,833	N/A	\$ 90,929	-28.31%
Federal Fund Group Total		\$ 98,886	\$0	\$ 126,833	N/A	\$ 90,929	-28.31%	
Commi	ssion on M	inority Health Total	\$ 1,579,798	\$ 1,451,754	\$ 2,791,105	92.26%	\$ 2,755,201	-1.29%