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## **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

### **New African Immigrants Commission**

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## New African Immigrants Commission

### Quick look...

- The New African Immigrants Commission’s (NAIC) purpose is to advocate for the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the state’s nearly 92,000 sub-Saharan African population.
- The Commission consists of an 11-member board appointed by the Governor. The budget adds four nonvoting members and creates the Office of New African Immigrant Affairs to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties.
- Biennial budget of \$500,000: \$250,000 in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025.
  - 100% of its appropriated funding is from the GRF.
  - Prior to the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, no funds have been appropriated for the Commission, which was created in April 2009.
  - Continuing law requires the Commission to apply for and accept grants and gifts from government and private sources. Revenues will be credited for deposit into the newly created New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund.

FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Appropriation	FY 2025 Appropriation
<b>Fund GRF ALI 061501, Operating Expenses</b>					
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% change	--	--	--	--	0.0%

### Agency overview

The New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) was created effective April 7, 2009, pursuant to H.B. 500 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Its purpose is to advocate for the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the state’s sub-Saharan African population, and is required to perform certain duties. The Commission serves approximately 91,551 individuals that make up Ohio’s sub-Saharan community, representing nearly 16% of the state’s total foreign-born population of 584,667 in 2021.<sup>1</sup> Sub-Saharan Africa covers Eastern, Western, Middle, and Southern Africa, and excludes Northern Africa. At its creation, the Commission consisted of 11 voting members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. All voting members of the Commission must be of sub-Saharan African origin, and must be American citizens or lawful, permanent, resident aliens. Members are appointed for three-year terms and serve without compensation.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Migration Policy Institute (state profile data for CY 2021 may be accessed at [migrationpolicy.org](https://www.migrationpolicy.org) and then selecting Research & Initiatives and then Migration Data Hub – State Immigration Data Profiles).

The budget adds four nonvoting members to the Commission, two of whom are members of the General Assembly. Each nonvoting member's term of office is four years. For a nonvoting member who is also a member of the General Assembly, the term of office expires at the end of the member's term in the General Assembly or after four years, whichever occurs first. The budget also establishes the Office of New African Immigrant Affairs to assist the Commission in the performance of its duties and requires the Commission to appoint a director for the Office. The Director is required to appoint as necessary employees to carry out the Office's duties.

## **Analysis of FY 2024-FY 2025 budget**

### **GRF ALI 061501, Operating Expenses**

The budget establishes new GRF ALI 061501, Operating Expenses, with an appropriation of \$250,000 in each of FY 2024 and FY 2025 to support the Commission's operations, including the Office of New African Immigrant Affairs. Prior to the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, no funds have been appropriated for the Commission's use.

### **New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund**

The budget creates the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the state treasury, and requires grants or gifts the Commission receives be credited to the fund, as well as any money the General Assembly transfers or appropriates to it.

The Commission is limited in using the money credited to the fund to support the Commission's duties, including operating the newly created Office of New African Immigrant Affairs. The fund will retain its investment earnings. While the budget does not provide an appropriation from this fund, it is available for any revenue deposits that the Commission may receive in the future. As such, 100% of the Commission's FY 2024-FY 2025 biennial operating budget will come from the GRF.