

# **Greenbook**

## **LBO Analysis of Enacted Budget**

### **New African Immigrants Commission**

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## New African Immigrants Commission

### Quick look...

- The New African Immigrants Commission was created in 2009 and first received funding during the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium.
- The Commission's purpose is to advocate for the development and implementation of policies and programs to address the needs of the state's 104,000 sub-Saharan African population.
- The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, four of whom are nonvoting members.
- Biennial budget appropriates \$500,000 in GRF funding: \$250,000 in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Appropriation	FY 2027 Appropriation
<b>GRF ALI 061501, Operating Expenses</b>					
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% change	--	--	--	157.1%	0.0%

### Agency overview

The New African Immigrants Commission was created pursuant to H.B. 500 of the 127<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, effective April 7, 2009. 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. The Commission serves approximately 104,000 individuals that make up Ohio's sub-Saharan community, representing nearly 18% of the state's total foreign-born population in 2022.<sup>1</sup> The Office of New African Immigrant Affairs assists the Commission in the performance of its duties. The Office is led by an executive director and currently has no other staff.

The Commission consists 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. There are also four nonvoting members on 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. All members serve without compensation.

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<sup>1</sup> See the [Ohio African Americans Snapshot 2022 \(PDF\)](#), which is available on the New African Immigrants Commission's website: [naic.ohio.gov](http://naic.ohio.gov).

## **Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget**

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

The New African Immigrant Commission's operations, including its Office of New African Immigrant Affairs, are funded by a single GRF line item (061501, Operating Expenses).

The preceding table shows the Commission's actual expenditures from FY 2022 through FY 2025, and appropriations of \$250,000 in FY 2026 and FY 2027. FY 2025 represents the first year of expenditures, with no expenses incurred until after the first quarter of that fiscal year when the executive director position was filled. Prior to FY 2024, no funds had been appropriated for the Commission's use.