

Redbook

LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal

New African Immigrants Commission

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Quick look...

- The New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) 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 recommendation of \$500,000: \$250,000 in each of FY 2026 and FY 2027.
- 100% of its appropriated funding is from the GRF.

FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Introduced	FY 2027 Introduced
GRF ALI 061501, Operating Expenses					
--	--	--	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
% change	--	--	--	0.0%	0.0%

Agency overview

The New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) was created pursuant to H.B. 500 of the 127th 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 2022.¹ 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.

¹ See the [Ohio African Americans Snapshot 2022 \(PDF\)](#), which is available on NAIC’s website: naic.ohio.gov.

Analysis of FY 2026-FY 2027 budget proposal

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). As can be seen in the preceding table, the executive budget recommends the same level of annual funding as the FY 2025 estimated expenditure of \$250,000. Prior to the FY 2024-FY 2025 biennium, no funds have been appropriated for the Commission's use. NAIC estimates needing \$500,000 in annual funding to fully support its operations, including the hiring of two additional staff (one full-time and one part-time). These positions will assist the Executive Director in carrying out the day-to-day operations of the Commission. The executive proposal does not appear to provide enough funding to support these additional staff positions.

Executive recommendations by expense category

The chart below shows the Commission's total biennial appropriation, as proposed by the executive budget, by object of expense. Around 59.5%, or \$297,413, is allocated for personal services (payroll). The remaining 40.5%, or \$202,587, is allocated for supplies and maintenance. This category includes rent and information technology and other services provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

