

Commission on African-American Males

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- In FY 2005, the Commission received more than \$23,000 in gifts and donations to supplement its \$292,546 GRF appropriation
- The Commission's Scholarship budget has been reduced from \$11,041 in FY 2003 to \$1,000 in FY 2006 and FY 2007

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The mission of the Commission on African-American Males (CAAM) is to identify and promote strategies and public policies to foster improvements in the social, economic, and educational problems that affect the African-American male population in Ohio. Chapter 4112. of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for the operation of CAAM, including the appointment of an executive director. The Commission on African-American Males consists of up to 41 members, appointed by the Governor, representing a number of executive branch agencies, private associations, and other community groups. It is required by the Revised Code to solve problems and advance recommendations pertinent to black males in the areas of unemployment, criminal justice, education, and health.

Among the priorities of CAAM for the next biennium are to further develop the fatherhood initiative around the state, to coordinate with a volunteer grant writer, to continue to hold technology and education conferences for the young African-American male population, and continue to provide community outreach and programs for collaborative partnerships that support CAAM's mission.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
3	\$292,000	\$292,000	\$282,000	\$282,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Commission on African-American Males. Staff includes an executive director and two program staff.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the Commission on African-American Males.

Budget Issues

The enacted budget provides funding for CAAM of \$292,000 in FY 2006 and the same amount in FY 2007. The Commission's appropriation, after executive-ordered reductions, was \$273,527 in FY 2004 and \$315,642 in FY 2005. The Commission's five General Revenue Fund (GRF) line items receive an

appropriation of \$282,000 in FY 2006 and FY 2007, more than 3.6% lower than the FY 2005 appropriation for those items.

The higher appropriation for FY 2005 resulted from Controlling Board approval of an increase of more than \$11,000 in the appropriation authority for spending from State Special Revenue (SSR) Fund 4H3, African-American Males–Gifts/Grants, to account for corporate donations exceeding the original appropriation. Thus, the FY 2006 and FY 2007 appropriation level appears equivalent to program spending for FY 2005; however, the budget shifts funding between line items and objects of expense.

Used as a repository for any gifts, donations, and grant moneys the Commission may receive, CAAM's single non-GRF appropriation item, SSR Fund 4H3, African-American Males–Gifts/Grants, receives appropriation authority of \$10,000 in both FY 2006 and FY 2007 as it has in previous biennia. Prior to the receipt in FY 2005 of more than \$20,000 in gifts, the Commission received just \$2,506 and \$2,023 in gifts, donations, and grant revenue in the prior two fiscal years. However, the Commission has increased its solicitation of such support and expects to receive a higher level of gifts and grants in the next biennia from corporate sponsorships of their planned conferences, which may force one or more requests for increases in appropriation authority from the Controlling Board.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the Commission on African-American Males is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Community Projects

Purpose: Provides for a variety of community activities, including health and technology conferences, a scholarship program, partnerships with private industry and local community groups, as well as expenses of the Commission.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the Community Projects program series, as well as the enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue Fund				
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$220,091	\$220,091
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$39,909	\$39,909
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$1,000	\$1,000
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	\$1,000	\$1,000
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$20,000	\$20,000
General Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$282,000	\$282,000
State Special Revenue Fund				
SSR	036-601	African-American Males–Gifts/Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000
State Special Revenue Fund Subtotal			\$10,000	\$10,000
Total Funding: Community Services			\$292,000	\$292,000

This analysis focuses on the following specific programs within the Community Projects program series:

- **Program 1.01: Speaker Services**
- **Program 1.02: Health Education**
- **Program 1.03: Community Board Meetings**
- **Program 1.04: Conferences**
- **Program 1.05: Scholarships and Awards**

Speaker Services, Health Education, Community Board Meetings, and Conferences Programs

Program Descriptions: The Speaker Services program includes planning and presenting programs in schools and community organizations statewide by staff and volunteers. The Health Education program includes health workshops and seminars provided by staff and volunteers to inform African-American men about the risks of undetected prostate cancer, diabetes, HIV and AIDS, and heart disease. The Community Board Meetings program includes staff participation in community programs, conferences, and meetings. The Conferences program includes planning and production of conferences held statewide to cover the topics of health, education, employment, and criminal justice.

Implication of the Enacted Budget: For FY 2006 and FY 2007, the Commission receives a 0.6% increase in the Personal Services appropriation over FY 2005 funding levels and reductions of 74% in the Equipment appropriation and 16.3% in the Maintenance appropriation. The changes will permit the Commission to comfortably continue current staff levels, though spending on equipment and maintenance will be curtailed. Community events, conference preparation and travel expenses for these four programs will be restricted with minimal funding for reimbursement from the Maintenance appropriation. Gifts and grants received from private donors or the federal government may compensate for the shortfall.

Scholarships and Awards

Program Description: The Scholarships and Awards program provides tuition assistance to eligible college students.

Implication of the Enacted Budget: For FY 2006 and FY 2007, the Commission's appropriation for Community Projects of \$20,000 will allow the Commission to continue its involvement with community organizations and outreach. The CAAM Awards and Scholarships appropriation is still below prior year funding; the enacted budget will allow only \$1,000 in scholarships, down from \$11,000 in FY 2003, \$6,700 in FY 2004, and \$1,765 in FY 2005.