

- Compared to actual expenditures in FY 2003, GRF appropriations are reduced by 1.7% for FY 2004

African American Males, Commission on

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ROLE

The Commission on African-American Males (AAM) is charged with identifying, researching and promoting strategies and public policies to foster improvements in the social, economic, and educational problems that affect the African-American male population in Ohio. The Commission is mandated to conduct research in these areas, hold public hearings to collect data, identify state and local programs that address solutions to problems in these areas, implement new programs and demonstration projects, and develop community education and public awareness programs. In addition to these mandates, AAM is required to report annually on its activities, findings, and recommendations, and also is authorized to accept gifts, grants, and contributions from any public agency or private source. The Commission consists of up to 41 members, appointed by the Governor, representing a number of executive branch agencies, private associations, and other community groups, and is authorized to appoint an executive director who may hire other staff.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
3	\$310,000	\$310,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	Am. Sub. H.B. 95

*Employee head count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 28, 2003.

OVERVIEW

The Commission on African-American Males was originally created as the Governor's Commission on Socially Disadvantaged Black Males in 1989. Beginning in FY 1991, AAM activities were overseen and coordinated by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission. Under Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly, AAM was separated from its parent organization and established as an independent agency. Chapter 4112. of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for the operation of AAM.

In FY 2002, the Commission hired a new executive director. In the FY 2002-2003 biennium the Commission held four statewide conferences, sponsored a small business development initiative, sponsored health education and awareness expositions, developed a referral process to a pre-employment training program, provided several scholarships to assist with college expenses, developed a speakers service bureau, and supported several other community-based programs.

BUDGET ISSUES

The Commission on African-American Males' funding request was for a total appropriation of \$376,613 in FY 2004, and \$412,890 in FY 2005. The GRF portion of the request was for \$366,613 in FY 2004, and for \$402,890 in FY 2005. In its core budget request, AAM sought funding for three full-time positions, and for purchasing computer equipment, travel, maintenance services, and for scholarships and community projects. In its supplemental budget request, AAM sought funding for one additional full-time position, for additional maintenance expenses that would be used to support conferences, and for additional community projects.

The FY 2004 and FY 2005 GRF funding level of \$300,000 will enable nearly the same level of activity as FY 2003. In FY 2003 the Commission had an actual GRF expenditure of \$305,110. 

FY 2004 - 2005 Final Appropriation Amounts

All Fund Group

Line Item Detail by Agency

FY 2001: FY 2002: FY 2003: FY 2004 % Change FY 2005 % Change
Appropriations: Appropriations: Appropriations: 2003 to 2004: Appropriations: 2004 to 2005:

Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill

Version: Enacted

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GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$ 136,336	\$ 257,810	\$211,480	\$ 212,492	0.48%	\$ 218,610	2.88%
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$ 141,233	\$ 129,014	\$49,993	\$ 50,180	0.37%	\$ 50,180	0.00%
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$ 59,172	\$ 10,053	\$10,336	\$ 4,000	-61.30%	\$ 4,000	0.00%
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	---	\$ 1,400	\$11,014	\$ 8,143	-26.07%	\$ 765	-90.61%
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$ 133,200	\$ 55,548	\$22,287	\$ 25,185	13.00%	\$ 26,445	5.00%
General Revenue Fund Total			\$ 469,941	\$ 453,825	\$ 305,110	\$ 300,000	-1.67%	\$ 300,000	0.00%
4H3	036-601	African American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$ 1,302	---	\$2,506	\$ 10,000	299.04%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
State Special Revenue Fund Group Total			\$ 1,302	----	\$ 2,506	\$ 10,000	299.04%	\$ 10,000	0.00%
African American Males, Commission on Total			\$ 471,243	\$ 453,825	\$ 307,616	\$ 310,000	0.77%	\$ 310,000	0.00%