

# Commission on African-American Males

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- The executive recommendation for FY 2002 is a 3.3% decrease from estimated FY 2001 expenditures, and the recommendation for FY 2003 is a 0.3% decrease from the FY 2002 recommended funding level.

## OVERVIEW

The mission of the Commission on African-American Males (AAM) is to identify, research, 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. AAM was originally created as the Governor's Commission on Socially Disadvantaged Black Males in 1989. Beginning in fiscal year (FY) 1991, AAM activities were overseen and coordinated by the Ohio Civil Rights Commission (CIV). Under Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, AMM was separated from its parent organization and established as an independent agency. Chapter 4112 of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for the operation of AAM, including the appointment of an Executive Director. The Commission on African-American Males consists of up to forty-one members, appointed by the Governor, representing a number of executive branch agencies, private associations, and other community groups.

Achievements for the 1999-2001 biennium include: developing a strategic plan, moving to new office space, awarding funds in recognition of community service and also for scholarships, and supporting other community based efforts.

The Commission on African-American Males is still in the process of transitioning to a fully functional independent agency. In FY 2000, AAM did not spend 83.5 percent of the combined amount it had budgeted for personal services (ALI 036-100), maintenance (ALI 036-200), and equipment (ALI 036-300) for that year. A portion of those unspent funds were transferred to another line and used to support community projects, while \$360,786 of unspent funds reverted to the control of the Office of Budget and Management (OBM). For those same three lines, OBM estimates that 48 percent of the original amount appropriated will be expended by the end of the current fiscal year. At the present, AAM has no paid members on its staff. In FY 2000, an executive director was hired, but that individual left employment with the Commission by the end of the fiscal year. In the fall of 2000, an office manager was hired, but that individual left the employment of the Commission in early February 2001.

Among the priorities of AAM for the next biennium are to: implement a state-wide computer network to facilitate research and communication; conduct or sponsor research in areas related to its mission; hold conferences in major urban areas of the state on the conditions and issues confronting Ohio's African-American male population; hire staff for additional outreach efforts; and develop decentralized staffing by placing staff in the major urban areas of the state.

## Executive Budget Recommendations

The executive budget recommends funding for AAM of \$526,271 in FY 2002 and \$524,794 in FY 2003. Compared to the FY 2001 appropriation of \$901,837, the FY 2002 level of appropriation authority represents a decrease of \$375,566, or 41.6 percent. The FY 2002 to FY 2003 recommended decrease is \$1,477, or 0.3 percent. When compared to the estimate of actual spending in FY 2001, the recommended reduction looks much different. AAM's estimated expenditures for FY 2001 are \$544,437. The recommended level of appropriation authority for FY 2002 represents a 3.3 percent decrease from the estimate of expenses in FY 2001.

AAM has maintained a State Special Revenue (SSR) Fund line item as a means by which to receive gifts, donations, and grant moneys from various sources, including other state agencies and the private sector. That line item has had appropriation authority for \$210,000 in each fiscal year of the 1999-2001 biennium. However, estimated expenditures from this line for the current year are \$10,000, and the recommended appropriation level is being brought down to that amount.

In addition to this SSR Fund, AAM's budget contains five General Revenue Fund (GRF) line items. GRF line item 036-100, Personal Services, constitutes 76.8 percent of the total GRF that is recommended for FY 2002. The FY 2002 recommended amount for line item 036-100 is \$200,741 less than the total amount requested. For FY 2003, the recommended amount for line item 036-100 is \$255,442 less than the total amount requested. The recommend amount for FY 2002 for this line, however, is 63.6 percent higher than the estimated expenditures in FY 2001. The recommended amount for this line in FY 2003 is an increase of 2.4 percent over the recommended level for FY 2002. The recommended levels of funding for this line item in each year will impact the Commission's ability to expand the target number of staff members from six to nine.

## ADDITIONAL FACTS AND FIGURES

### **Accomplishments and Initiatives**

The following accomplishments and initiatives are included among those listed by the Commission on African-American Males.

- Held a two-day strategic planning retreat to develop a five-year strategic plan that lays the foundation for statewide programs, research, and activities.
- Moved office to new quarters.
- Supported several community-based programs that focus on issues affecting African-American males.
- Priorities for next biennium include:
  - Implementation of a state-wide computer network.
  - Hire additional staff to conduct state-wide outreach.
  - Develop decentralized office staffing.
  - Increase statewide travel by staff and commissioners.
  - Hold “State of the State” Conferences in major urban areas of the state.
  - Conduct research on civil rights issues and promulgate legislation.

## ANALYSIS OF EXECUTIVE PROPOSAL

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**Purpose** To identify and promote, through collaborative partnerships, effective public policy models that empower African-American males to achieve in healthy enterprising communities by alleviating inequalities of economic, health, education, and criminal justice.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund this program series, as well as the Governor’s recommended funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2002	FY 2003
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$396,571	\$405,903
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$47,500	\$47,175
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$19,000	\$18,870
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	\$15,200	\$15,096
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$38,000	\$27,750
4H3	036-601	African American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Total funding: Commission on African-American Males</b>			<b>\$526,271</b>	<b>\$524,794</b>

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**Commission on African-American Males** *Program Description:* Under Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly, the Commission on African-American Males (AAM) was separated from the Civil Rights Commission and established as an independent agency. The 41 members of AAM are appoint by the Governor to research and recommend strategies concerning social, economic, and educational issues that affect the African-American male population of Ohio. The program remains in a state of transition and has not been able to become fully staffed and operational.

*Funding Source:* GRF; State Special Revenue Fund (SSR)

*Line Items:* 036-100, 036-200, 036-300, 036-501, 036-502, 036-601

*Implication of Recommendation:* The appropriation amount recommended by the executive for each line item is less than the request for each year. For FY 2002 the recommended amount represents a 3.3 percent decrease from the estimated amount of expenditures for FY 2001. The recommended amount for FY 2003 represents a decrease of 0.3 percent from FY 2002. The biggest reduction in GRF funds from FY 2001 to FY 2002 occurred in the line item 036-502, Community Projects, into which approximately \$108,000 had been transferred by the Controlling Board from unused FY 2000 funds in the line item 036-100, Personal Services.

The FY 2002 recommended amount for line item 036-100 is \$200,741 less than the total amount requested. For FY 2003, the recommended amount for line item 036-100 is \$255,442 less than the total amount requested. The recommend amount for FY 2002 for this line, however, is 63.6 percent higher than the estimated expenditures in FY 2001. The recommended amount for this line in FY 2003 is an

increase of 2.4 percent over the recommended level for FY 2002. The recommended levels of funding for this line item in each year will impact the Commission's ability to expand the target number of staff members from six to nine. Officers of the Commission anticipate that the gap between the recommended and requested amounts will prevent the Commission from adding staff, equipment, and satellite offices, thereby limiting the desired community outreach capacity of the Commission.

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## PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY LAW

This section describes permanent and temporary law provisions contained in the executive budget that will affect the department's activities and spending decisions during the next biennium.

### **Permanent Law Provisions**

#### **Central Services Administration (ORC section 125.22)**

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission (CIV) has performed routine administrative support services for AAM during the FY 2000-2001 biennium. The agreement to do so expires June 30, 2001 and CIV does not want to continue this role. The executive has therefore recommended that AAM contract with the Central Service Agency of the Department of Administrative Services for these functions.

### **Temporary Law Provisions**

AAM does not have any temporary law provisions in the executive recommended budget bill.

## REQUESTS NOT FUNDED

<b>Ohio Commission on African-American Males</b>						
Fund Line Item	FY 2002 Requested	FY 2002 Recommended	Difference	FY 2003 Requested	FY 2003 Recommended	Difference
GRF 036-100	\$597,312	\$396,571	(\$200,741)	661,345	\$405,903	(\$255,442)
GRF 036-200	\$78,053	\$47,500	(\$30,553)	\$89,658	\$47,175	(\$42,483)
GRF 036-300	\$23,566	\$19,000	(\$4,566)	\$40,059	\$18,870	(\$21,189)
GRF 036-501	\$16,000	\$15,200	(\$800)	\$16,400	\$15,096	(\$1,304)
GRF 036-502	\$46,090	\$38,000	(\$8,090)	\$29,661	\$27,750	(\$1,911)
GRF 036-601	\$214,620	\$10,000	(\$204,620)	\$219,986	\$10,000	(\$209,986)
TOTALS	\$975,641	\$526,271	<b>(\$449,370)</b>	\$1,057,109	\$524,794	<b>(\$532,315)</b>

The Commission requested funds in ALI 036-100 in order to increase the target number of staff members that would be necessary to carry out a number of expanded functions. The Commission wanted to hire two program directors and, as part of its supplemental request, a fiscal officer. Each of the program directors would develop programming and events in two of the four initiative areas (health, employment, education, and criminal justice) that are within the mission. The executive recommended only partial funding for this line item, which will impact the Commission's ability to expand the target number of staff members from six to nine.

Besides supporting maintenance of the AAM office and equipment, the appropriation line 036-200 also supports travel for members of the Commission to attend meetings. The Commission believes the requested funding in this line is necessary to allow the Commission to hold necessary meetings and to permit an expanded outreach in furtherance of its mission. The executive's recommendation for partial funding for this line item will impact the Commission's outreach abilities.

AAM has maintained a State Special Revenue (SSR) Fund line item (036-601) as a means by which to receive gifts, donations, and grant moneys from various sources, including other state agencies and the private sector. That line item has had appropriation authority for \$210,000 in each fiscal year of the 1999-2001 biennium. However, estimated expenditures from this line for the current fiscal year are \$10,000, and the recommended appropriation level is being brought down to that amount. This change in appropriation level will not affect AAM's ability to raise funds or grants, and the appropriation level can be altered by the Controlling Board if AAM receives gifts, donations, or grants that exceed this amount.

## LSC Budget Spreadsheet by Line Item, FY 2002 - FY 2003

<i>Fund</i>	<i>ALI</i>	<i>ALI Title</i>	Revised Estimated 2001	As Introduced 2002	House Sub Bill 2002	% Change Est. 2001 to House 2002	As Introduced 2003	House Sub Bill 2003	% Change House 2002 to House 2003
<b><i>AAM African American Males, Commission on</i></b>									
GRF	036-100	Personal Services	\$158,534	\$ 396,571	\$ 254,538	60.6%	\$ 405,903	\$ 267,265	5.0%
GRF	036-200	Maintenance	\$53,453	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500	-11.1%	\$ 47,175	\$ 47,175	-0.7%
GRF	036-300	Equipment	\$20,000	\$ 19,000	\$ 19,000	-5.0%	\$ 18,870	\$ 18,870	-0.7%
GRF	036-501	CAAM Awards & Scholarships	\$16,000	\$ 15,200	\$ 15,200	-5.0%	\$ 15,096	\$ 15,096	-0.7%
GRF	036-502	Community Projects	\$186,450	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	-79.6%	\$ 27,750	\$ 27,750	-27.0%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 434,437</b>	<b>\$ 516,271</b>	<b>\$ 374,238</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>	<b>\$ 514,794</b>	<b>\$ 376,156</b>	<b>0.5%</b>
4H3	036-601	African American Males-Gifts/Grants	\$10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	0.0%
<b>State Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>\$ 10,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><i>Total All Budget Fund Groups</i></b>			<b>\$ 444,437</b>	<b>\$ 526,271</b>	<b>\$ 384,238</b>	<b>-13.5%</b>	<b>\$ 524,794</b>	<b>\$ 386,156</b>	<b>0.5%</b>

## General Revenue Fund

### GRF 036-100 Personal Services

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$83,000	\$242,417	\$396,571	\$405,903
	N/A	N/A	192.1%	63.6%	2.4%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly (replaces line item 876-401 African American Males in the Ohio Civil Rights Commission)

**Purpose:** This line item provides funds for payroll and fringe benefits and funds personal service contracts of the Commission.

### GRF 036-200 Maintenance

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$25,580	\$69,570	\$47,500	\$47,175
	N/A	N/A	172.0%	-31.7%	-0.7%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly (replaces line item 876-401 African American Males in the Ohio Civil Rights Commission)

**Purpose:** This line item provides for maintenance expenses of the Commission.

### GRF 036-300 Equipment

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$3,054	\$20,000	\$19,000	\$18,870
	N/A	N/A	554.9%	-5.0%	-0.7%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly (replaces line item 876-401 African American Males in the Ohio Civil Rights Commission)

**Purpose:** This line item provides funds for the Commission's equipment purchases.

### GRF 036-501 CAAM Awards & Scholarships

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$15,200	\$15,096
	N/A	N/A	N/A	-5.0%	-0.7%

**Source:** GRF

**Legal Basis:** originally established by Controlling Board action in 2000

**Purpose:** This line item enables CAAM to provide one-time awards for the recognition of community services and for scholarships.

**GRF 036-502 Community Projects**

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$186,450	<b>\$38,000</b>	<b>\$27,750</b>
	N/A	N/A	N/A	-79.6%	-27.0%

*Source:* GRF

*Legal Basis:* originally established by Controlling Board action in 2000

*Purpose:* This line item supports various one-time initiatives involving various community projects.

## State Special Revenue Fund Group

**4H3 036-601 African American Males-Gifts/Grants**

1998	1999	2000	2001 Estimate	2002 Executive Proposal	2003 Executive Proposal
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>

*Source:* SSR: Gifts, donations and grant funds from various sources, including other state agencies and the private sector

*Legal Basis:* originally established by Am. Sub. H.B. 283 of the 123rd General Assembly (replaces line item 876-603 African American Males Gifts/Grants in the Ohio Civil Rights Commission)

*Purpose:* This appropriation line item was created to accept gifts, donations and grant moneys for the operation of the Commission.

As Introduced

As Passed by the House

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**Permanent Law Changes****Subject: Central Services Administration****section: 125.22**

Adds the Commission on African-American Males to the list of boards and commissions for which the Central Service Agency is responsible for preparing personnel and accounting documents and performing other routine support services. The Commission would have reduced staffing needs and thus experience a cost savings.

No change.

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As Introduced

As Passed by the House

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**Temporary Law Changes****Subject: Commission on African American Males Progress Review****Section: 14**

No provision.

Requires, no later than December 31, 2001, the Commission on African American Males to submit a report demonstrating progress toward meeting the Commission's mission statement to the chairperson and ranking minority member of the Human Services Subcommittee of the Finance and Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives. There may be minimal fiscal effects due to the preparation of the report.

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