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## Minority Health, Commission on

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### ROLE

Created in 1987, based on the recommendations of the Governor's Task Force on Black and Minority Health, the Ohio Commission on Minority Health (MIH) was the first state-level office in the United States formed exclusively to address the condition of minority health. Today, 35 states and the federal government have minority health offices. The mission of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health is to promote health and prevent disease among economically disadvantaged African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native-American Ohioans. An 18-member commission provides guidance for the agency, including its grant administration.

The Commission's seven-person staff focuses on meeting six long-term goals. First, MIH aims to develop nontraditional service protocols designed to reduce the effects of targeted diseases and conditions, namely, heart disease, cancer, diabetes, infant mortality, substance abuse, and violence. The Commission also strives to develop and institutionalize an accessible delivery system for people with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE). Other Commission goals include providing access to culturally appropriate health information for under-served minority populations and increasing access to culturally relevant health services by funding demonstration projects. And last, in the long run MIH expects to increase minority recruitment and retention in health education and to provide advocacy leading to system changes that improve minority health.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
7	\$1.7 million	\$1.7 million	\$1.4 million	\$1.4 million	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 Minority Health is primarily funded through General Revenue Funds (GRF) moneys, comprising 83% of the Commission's total budget. General Revenue Fund funding for fiscal year (FY) 2004 and FY 2005 is 3.8% below FY 2003 expenditures. The Commission will receive about \$300,000 over the FY 2004-2005 biennium from federal funds, registration fees, and donations. In total, the Commission's FY 2004 appropriation is 7.2% below FY 2003 expenditure levels. The Commission is flat funded for FY 2005.

The Minority Health Grant program, which is funded through the General Revenue Fund, is the chief means by which the Commission fulfills its mission. During the FY 2002-2003 biennium, the Commission awarded approximately 200 grants for minority health activities. Among grants awarded by the Commission were demonstration grants, Minority Health Month grants, and Lupus Program grants. The grants are for a period of two years. The Commission on Minority Health awarded ten demonstration grants in the past biennium. Demonstration grants are intended to assist community-based agencies in establishing new programming that will be supported by alternative funding sources in later years.

## **BUDGET ISSUES**

### ***MINORITY HEALTH SERVICES***

The Commission on Minority Health will have to reduce some services under the current budget. The Commission will continue to provide 11 Lupus Program grants at reduced funding levels and Minority Health Month activities; however, the Commission will have to reduce the number of demonstration grants from ten to seven. The Commission will also restructure travel and maintenance schedules while trying to maintain its outreach abilities. 

**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	149-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 556,891	\$ 539,318	\$560,505	\$ 539,318	-3.78%	\$ 539,318	0.00%
GRF	149-501	Minority Health Grants	\$ 991,562	\$ 840,231	\$776,162	\$ 751,478	-3.18%	\$ 751,478	0.00%
GRF	149-502	Lupus Program	\$ 159,301	\$ 144,485	\$152,339	\$ 141,556	-7.08%	\$ 141,556	0.00%
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,707,754</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,034</b>	<b>\$ 1,489,006</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,352</b>	<b>-3.80%</b>	<b>\$ 1,432,352</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
3J9	149-602	Federal Grants	\$ 104,063	\$ 157,240	\$238,977	\$ 150,000	-37.23%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
<b>Federal Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 104,063</b>	<b>\$ 157,240</b>	<b>\$ 238,977</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>-37.23%</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
4C2	149-601	Minority Health Conference	\$ 200,608	\$ 219,294	\$138,608	\$ 150,000	8.22%	\$ 150,000	0.00%
<b>State Special Revenue Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 200,608</b>	<b>\$ 219,294</b>	<b>\$ 138,608</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>8.22%</b>	<b>\$ 150,000</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Minority Health, Commission on Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,012,424</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,568</b>	<b>\$ 1,866,591</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,352</b>	<b>-7.19%</b>	<b>\$ 1,732,352</b>	<b>0.00%</b>