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Council on
 *Black Minnesotans*

TO: Senator Claire Robling, Chair Senate Finance Committee
Representative Morrie Lanning, Chair State Government Finance Committee

FROM: Council on Black Minnesotans

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2011 Report

DATE: January 19, 2012

CC: Senator Richard Cohen
Representative Phyllis Kahn
Joe Marble, Legislative Administrator

Dear Senator Robling and Representative Lanning:

Pursuant to 2011 Special Session Chapter 10--S.F. No. 12, Section 38, following is a report of the appropriation to the Council on Black Minnesotans for FY 2011.

The mission of the Council on Black Minnesotans (CBM) is to ensure that the needs of all Minnesotans of African descent are clear to the policy makers who impact their well-being by providing equal protection of the law and guaranteeing that this community receives and has access to state services and programs

2011 Results

During the 2011 FY, the CBM accomplished its mission by participating in or leading the following activities:

- ✓ Black Legislative Day on the Hill with over four hundred community participants provided the community an opportunity to see their representatives/senators in person and have an open dialogue about the issues facing our communities.

- ✓ Participation in the Governor's Economic Development Community Forum in North Minneapolis.
- ✓ Sponsorship of community events/conferences on social issues to gain additional understanding and information from communities, specifically a number of African communities.
- ✓ Referral via calls to the offices and community events to address major issues, such as immigration/citizenship, senior's issues like social security/health care, etc.
- ✓ Created partnership with the Minneapolis Humanities Center for the administration of Legacy funding. As a result of the partnership, ten organizations from across the state received about \$200,000 in funding to continue supporting the arts. Additionally, Firsts: Minnesota's African American Groundbreakers, a collaborative effort that featured a series of interviews with African American Minnesotans aired statewide on TPT-MN, which is currently being used to build cultural competence in schools.
- ✓ CBM supported the administration of the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Staff and volunteers worked to implement the annual event that included a parade, and a full program
- ✓ The Minnesota African/African American Tobacco Education Network worked to achieve a healthier, smoke-free community by engaging adults in developing and implementing evidence-based tobacco control interventions. It also developed partnerships and mobilized targeted communities throughout the state. The CBM served as the fiscal agent for the organization.

Budget Information

State Appropriation

\$316,000-Approved
 \$281,500-expended-general operations
 \$17,411-expended for MLK Day

Grant Funding

\$149,498-Clearway approved grant allocation
 \$101,198-Expended

\$176,940-approved allocation-Blue Cross Blue Shield (Funding on calendar year)
 \$98,606-expended

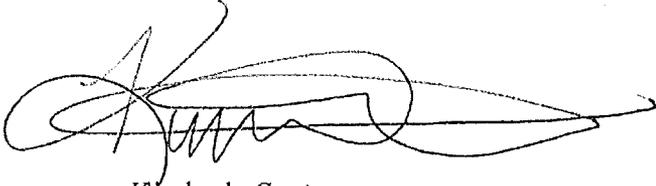
Attached is supporting financial information from the Office of Budget and Management for the State of Minnesota.

Evaluation

During the 2011 FY, the CBM achieved substantive results for the African/African American communities in Minnesota. While we have more to do, the past FY provided the opportunity to broaden our activities with the use of Legacy funding. With new board members and the looming state shutdown, the council and staff prepared for the shutdown and returned energize to work for the remainder of the calendar year. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the social, emotional and economic well-being of African/African Americans in the State of Minnesota.

On behalf of the Council on Black Minnesotans, thank you for the opportunity to respond to your request. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberly Spates', written over a horizontal line.

Kimberly Spates
CBM Treasurer

Financial Reports Attached



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**Revenue Sources and Amounts
Special Revenue Fund
Allocated to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Fiscal Year 2011**

Source	Amount
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	\$350
West African Collaborative	\$50
St. Paul Public Schools	\$200
Minnesota Department of Transportation	\$425
YWCA	\$150
Admission Possible	\$150
Second Chance	\$50
180 Degrees	\$50
Fondugallah Law Office	\$150
Jewish Community Action	\$75
Minnesota Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc	\$75
Mod and Company	\$75
Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation	\$550
Ramsey County	\$400
Matter of African American Time Corp., Inc.	\$200
AARP	\$2500
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons MN Jurisdiction	\$500
Nieeta Presley	\$5
Ameghashie Law Office, Ltd.	\$50
City of St. Paul	\$1,700
Total Amount Received	\$7,705