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Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage

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AT A GLANCE

- The Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage was established in 1980. It is one of three Ethnic Councils governed under Minnesota Statute 15.0145. The Council is a representative body charged with advising the Legislature and Governor’s Office on issues that impact the African Heritage population.
- The Council is comprised of 11 Governor appointees and 4 Legislative members, and it is staffed by 4.5 full-time employees.
- The Council hosts four major events a year including the Annual Meeting, African Heritage Day on the Hill, Session Debrief, and Community Policy Summit; the agency also advises on the Governor’s Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.
- Approximately 455,000 Minnesotans are Black or African American, representing 8.1% of the state population (U.S. Census, 2019 ACS 1-year estimates). Note that these figures do not represent the full African Heritage population.

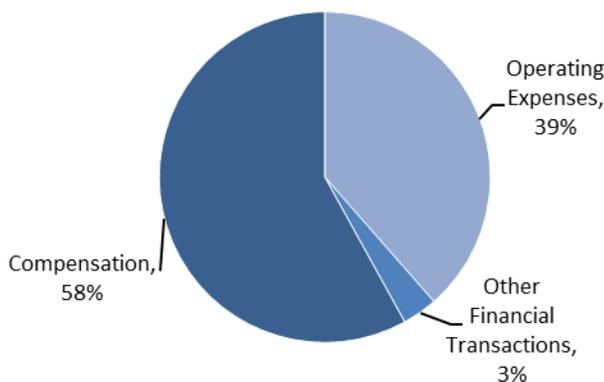
PURPOSE

According to Minnesota Statute 15.0145, a council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for its constituency. The council shall work with the legislature and governor to carry out this work by performing the following duties in this section:

- Advise the governor and the legislature of administrative and legislative changes needed to improve the economic and social condition of the African Heritage community.
- Advise the governor and the legislature of the implications and effect of proposed administrative and legislative changes on the African Heritage community.
- Serve as liaison between state government and organizations that serve the African Heritage community.
- Facilitate studies designed to suggest solutions to the African Heritage community in the areas of education, employment, human rights, health, housing, social welfare, and other related areas.

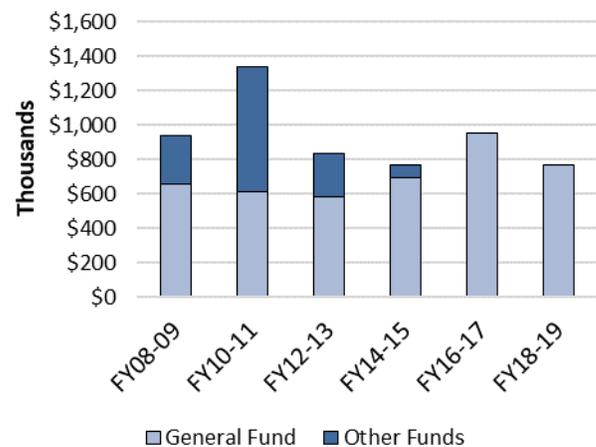
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2019 Actual**



Source: Budget Planning & Analysis System (BPAS)

Historical Spending



Source: Consolidated Fund Statement

The Council is funded through an appropriation from the general fund, totaling \$1,063,000 over the FY20-21 biennium. Other fund spending in prior years represents grants and external funding the Council received.

STRATEGIES

The Council achieves its mission through three key strategies:

Statewide Outreach – The Council currently targets five regions of the state (Twin Cities, Mankato, Rochester, Saint Cloud, and Duluth) with a goal of developing partnerships with community members to build and advance a shared legislative agenda.

Legislative Advocacy – The Council works with statewide partners, state departments, legislators, the Governor’s office, local governments, and experts to build and advance a legislative policy and budgetary agenda.

Advisory Role – When the Council has a position on a certain issue, we submit our advice in writing to the Governor and legislature with a request for specific action steps. The Council then partners with the appropriate partners to advance the agency’s position.

RESULTS

<i>Type of Measure</i>	<i>Name of Measure</i>	<i>Previous</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Dates</i>
Quantity	Statewide Outreach – Grow statewide outreach list to 5,000 members by July 2022	3,406	4,196	July 2019 – July 2020
Quantity	Advisory Role - The Council submitted 24 statements and letters of support to the Governor’s office and legislators. During the FY22-23 biennium the Council will aim to submit 30 statements and letters of support.	9	24	Jan 2019 – July 2020
Result	Legislative Advocacy – During the 2019 legislative session, the agency advocated for 12 legislative policies with half of them passing through the process. For the 2021 legislative session, the Council aims to increase the percent of passed legislation by 25%.	6 of 12	14 of 42 (results impacted by COVID-19)	2019 Session & 2020 Session

M.S. 15.0145 provides the legal authority for the CMAH. <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=15.0145>

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>						
1000 - General	247	523	439	624	532	532
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532
Biennial Change				294		1
Biennial % Change				38		0
<u>Expenditures by Program</u>						
African Heritage Council	247	523	439	624	532	532
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>						
Compensation	146	303	295	388	385	387
Operating Expenses	101	201	137	235	146	144
Other Financial Transaction		18	7	1	1	1
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532
<u>Full-Time Equivalent</u>						
	1.81	3.61	3.29	3.60	4.00	4.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base	
					FY22	FY23
1000 - General						
Balance Forward In		158		92		
Direct Appropriation	403	406	531	532	532	532
Cancellations		41				
Balance Forward Out	156		92			
Expenditures	247	523	439	624	532	532
Biennial Change in Expenditures				294		1
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				38		0
Full-Time Equivalents	1.81	3.61	3.29	3.60	4.00	4.00

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Balance Forward In	1	1	1	1	1	1
Receipts	0	0	0			
Balance Forward Out	1	1	1	1	1	1

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	Biennium 2022-23
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2021 Appropriations	532	532	532	1,064
Forecast Base	532	532	532	1,064