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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.

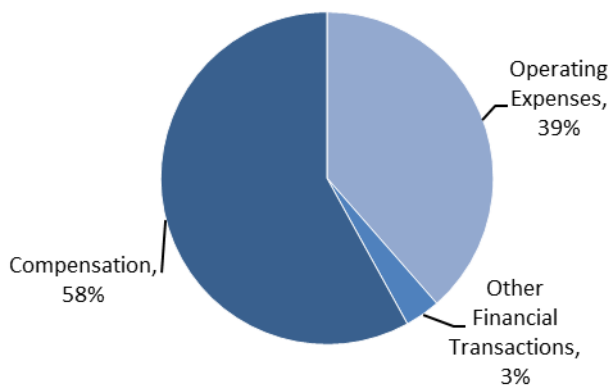
PURPOSE

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.

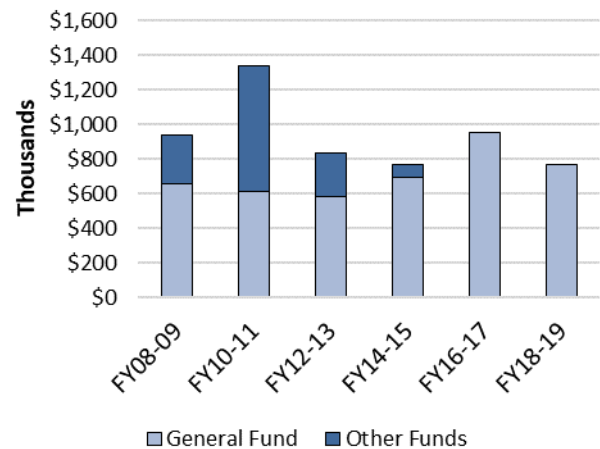
BUDGET

**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	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552
Biennial Change				294		1		33
Biennial % Change				38		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								32
Governor's % Change from Base								3

Expenditures by Program

African Heritage Council	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552

Expenditures by Category

Compensation	146	303	295	388	385	387	393	402
Operating Expenses	101	201	137	235	146	144	150	149
Other Financial Transaction		18	7	1	1	1	1	1
Total	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552

Full-Time Equivalent

	1.81	3.61	3.29	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY18	Actual FY19	Actual FY20	Estimate FY21	Forecast Base		Governor's Recommendation	
					FY22	FY23	FY22	FY23
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		158		92				
Direct Appropriation	403	406	531	532	532	532	544	552
Cancellations		41						
Balance Forward Out	156		92					
Expenditures	247	523	439	624	532	532	544	552
Biennial Change in Expenditures				294		1		33
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				38		0		3
Governor's Change from Base								32
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Full-Time Equivalents	1.81	3.61	3.29	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

2403 - Gift

Balance Forward In	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Receipts	0	0	0					
Balance Forward Out	1	1	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
Change Items				
Operating Adjustment		12	20	32
Total Governor's Recommendations	532	544	552	1,096

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FY 2022-23 Biennial Budget Change Item

Change Item Title: Operating Adjustment

Fiscal Impact (\$000s)	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
General Fund					
Expenditures	0	12	20	20	20
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Other Funds					
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Net Fiscal Impact = (Expenditures – Revenues)	0	12	20	20	20
FTEs	0	0	0	0	0

Recommendation:

The Governor recommends additional funding of \$12,000 in FY 2022 and \$20,000 in each subsequent year from the general fund to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage (CMAH).

This represents a 3.0 percent increase over CMAH’s FY 2022-2023 biennial general fund base budget.

Rationale/Background:

This operating increase funds a portion of projected cost increases in the upcoming biennium. Each year, the cost of doing business rises—including growing costs for employer-paid health care contributions and other salary and compensation-related costs. Other operating costs, like rent and lease, fuel and utilities, IT and legal services also grow. This cost growth puts pressure on operating budgets that remain flat from year to year without enacted increases. Agencies face challenging decisions to manage these costs within existing budgets, while maintaining the services Minnesotans expect.

Proposal:

The Governor recommends increasing CMAH’s operating budget to support the delivery of current services. This funding will cover compensation cost growth and known cost increases in rent.

Results:

This proposal is intended to allow the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage to continue to provide current levels of service and information to the public.