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Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage

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AT A GLANCE

- The Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage (CMAH) 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. It is staffed by 4 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 483,646 Minnesotans are Black or African American, representing 7% of the state population. (Note that these figures do not represent the full African Heritage population.)

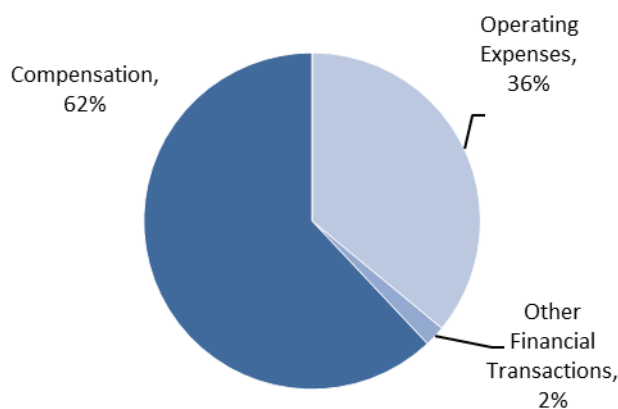
PURPOSE

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.

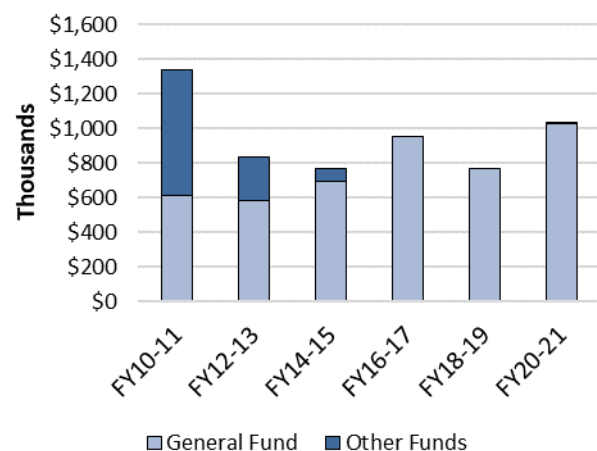
BUDGET

**Spending by Category
FY 2021 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 \$1,096,000 over the FY22-23 biennium. Other fund spending in prior years represents grants and external funding the Council received.

STRATEGIES

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 – The Council provides advice to the Governor and legislature on key issues that develop in the African Heritage community. 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 collaborates with the appropriate partners to advance the agency’s position.

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 and organizations to build and advance a shared legislative agenda.

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 June 2022	4,196	5,036	FY19-20, FY21-22
Quantity	Advisory Role - The Council submitted 60 statements and letters of support to the Governor’s office and legislators. The Council will aim to increase the number of submitted statements and letters of support by 10%.	24	60	FY19-20, FY21-22
Result	Legislative Advocacy – The agency advocated for over 70 legislative policies/recommendations with 50% of them being approved, passed, or implemented by the Executive or Legislative Branch. The Council plans to increase this number by 10%.	14	70	FY19-20, FY21-22

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

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY20	Actual FY21	Actual FY22	Estimate FY23	Forecast Base FY24 FY25		Enacted Budget FY24 FY25	
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>								
1000 - General	439	586	404	692	552	552	795	816
2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue		5	9	1				
Total	439	591	413	693	552	552	795	816
Biennial Change				75		(2)		505
Biennial % Change				7		(0)		46
Enacted Budget Change from Base								507
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								46

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Forecast Base		Enacted Budget	
	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY24	FY25
1000 - General								
Balance Forward In		100		140				
Direct Appropriation	531	532	544	552	552	552	795	816
Cancellations		46						
Balance Forward Out	92		140					
Expenditures	439	586	404	692	552	552	795	816
Biennial Change in Expenditures				71		8		515
Biennial % Change in Expenditures				7		1		47
Enacted Budget Change from Base								507
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								46

2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue

Balance Forward In			10	1				
Receipts		10						
Balance Forward Out		5	1					
Expenditures	5	9	1	1				
Biennial Change in Expenditures				5		(10)		(10)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(100)		(100)
Enacted Budget Change from Base								0
Enacted Budget % Change from Base								

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)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25
Direct				
Fund: 1000 - General				
FY2023 Appropriations	552	552	552	1,104
Forecast Base	552	552	552	1,104
Change Items				
Maintain Current Service Levels		38	52	90
Additional Staffing		205	212	417
Total Enacted Budget	552	795	816	1,611
Dedicated				
Fund: 2000 - Restrict Misc Special Revenue				
Planned Spending	1			
Forecast Base	1			
Total Enacted Budget	1			

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Biennium 2024-25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
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Maintain Current Service Levels

This provision provides additional operating funds to maintain the current level of service delivery at the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage (CMAH).

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	38	52	90	52	52	104
Expenditures	0	38	52	90	52	52	104

Additional Staffing

This funding will provide additional staffing to CMAH. This staffing will focus on community engagement and policy with a special focus on the African immigrant population.

1000 - General Fund Cost (Savings)	0	205	212	417	212	212	424
Expenditures	0	205	212	417	212	212	424