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2014-15 Governors Budget - Black Minnesotans Council

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Mission:

The Council on Black Minnesotans addresses the need for people of African heritage to fully and effectively participate in and equitably benefit from the political, social and economic resources, policies and procedures of the state of Minnesota.

Statewide Outcome(s):

Black Minnesotans, Council on supports the following statewide outcome(s).

Strong and stable families and communities.

Context:

The Council on Black Minnesotans (Council) was created by the Minnesota legislature in July 1980 to advise the governor and legislature on the nature and intensity of the issues confronting the state's Black population. The Council operates as a liaison between state agencies, individuals, and organizations seeking access to state government. The Council participates in policy-making processes that lead to the development of recommendations for new laws, changes in existing laws; increases the awareness and importance of Black culture, publicizes the accomplishments of Black Minnesotans and works to increase the practice of inclusion of Black Minnesotans in the political, social and economic resources of the State. The Council is funded primarily through general fund appropriation and grant opportunities.

Strategies:

The Council is a catalyst in the reduction of the level of racial disparities and disproportionalities experienced by Minnesotans of African descent through education, collaboration and advocacy. Strategies include:

- Build and enhance strategic partnerships with government and community organizations to be a connector to persons of African descent and their organizations/institutions.
- Increase the knowledge of policy makers at all levels through an advisory capacity about critical issues impacting populations of color and the impoverished of Minnesota, with a particular focus on researching and addressing the extent to which public policy and individual and institutional racism have caused and continue to perpetuate racial disparities and disproportionalities.
- Increase civic engagement among African and African Americans through collaboration. This includes voter registration, educational activities, and conducting research that promotes involvement with decision making entities impacting the existence of populations of color.
- Increase community engagement with state government and advocacy through several key council committees.
- Increase dialog and awareness between the African and African-American communities with the goal of building a stronger and more united Black community in Minnesota.

Results:

As a result of the strategies listed above, the following key results support the Council's efforts to support the statewide goal of strong and stable families and communities:

- The number of youth enrolled in high quality early childhood programs increases, and the state's high school and college graduation rate for Black Minnesota students increases.
- The overall physical and mental health of Black Minnesota improves with the lowering of incidents of chronic diseases and the use of primary care and mental health services increases.
- The disproportionality of young Black Minnesotans in the juvenile correction system is lowered.
- The overall number of Black Minnesotans employed in livable wage jobs increases and the access and securing of state funding for Black owned businesses increases.
- Strong and effective collaborations are created and maintained to raise the level of awareness and participation by communities and organizations in the legislative process to ensure all Black Minnesotans families and communities are stable.

Performance Measures	Previous	Current	Trend
High school graduation for young Black Minnesotans	2010 46.6%	2011 49.1%	Improving
Black Minnesotans Median Income	1999	2007-2009	Worsening
U.S. Born	\$37,338	\$27,004	
Foreign Born	\$34,763	\$31,763	
Black Minnesotans that are Uninsured	2008	2010	Worsening
U.S. Born	14.9%	17.8%	
Foreign Born	16.5%	29.1%	

Performance Measures Notes:

The performance measures above are examples and are not an exhaustive list. Performance measure are recommended and produced on an annual basis as approved by the Council.

The above information was gathered from Minnesota Compass, <http://www.mncompass.org>.

**Black Minnesotans, Council on
Current, Base and Governor's Recommended Expenditures**

(Dollars in Thousands, Biennial Totals)

	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Current Biennium Expenditures (FY 2012-13)	\$584	\$267		\$851
Current Law Expenditures (FY 2014-15)	\$584	\$65		\$649
Governor's Recommended Expenditures (FY2014-15)	\$584	\$65		\$649
\$ Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec	\$0	\$0		\$0
% Change from FY 2014-15 Current Law to Governor's Rec	0%	0%		0%

**Black Minnesotans, Council on
Sources and Uses**

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Biennium FY14-FY15			Total Funds
	General Funds	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	
BALANCE FORWARD IN		\$1		\$1
REVENUE		\$65		\$65
APPROPRIATION	\$584	\$0		\$584
SOURCES OF FUNDS	\$584	\$66		\$650
BALANCE FORWARD OUT		\$1		\$1
EXPENDITURES	\$584	\$65		\$649
PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$489			\$489
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$94	\$65		\$159
OTHER FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS	\$2			\$2
USES OF FUNDS	\$584	\$66		\$650

**Black Minnesotans, Council on
All Funds FTE by Program**

	Current	Forecast Base	Governor's Recommendation
Program	FY 2013	FY 2015	FY 2015
Program: Black Minnesotans, Council on	3.7	3.7	3.7
Black Minnesotans, Council on	3.7	3.7	3.7

Black Minnesotans, Council on
Revenue Summary
(Dollars in Thousands)

		Biennium FY14-15			
		General Fund	Other State Funds	Federal Funds	All Funds
Dedicated	DEPARTMENTAL EARNINGS		28		28
	ALL OTHER		37		37
	Subtotal		65		65
	Total		65		65