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South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs

Agency Overview

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA) is the official state government agency responsible for the working with the many diverse communities of color present in South Carolina.

The Commission, a non-cabinet state agency, was signed into law by Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr. in 1993 to study the causes and effects of the socio-economic deprivation of minorities in the State and to implement programs necessary to address inequities confronting them. The Commission for Minority Affair's scope of services was broadened on July 2, 2003 when Governor Mark Sanford signed into law a bill which also authorized the agency to work on behalf of Native Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, and all other ethnic minorities in the State.

The Commission serves as a research think-tank whose sole purpose relates to ethnic minorities, the socio-economic inequities confronting them, policies/laws affecting them, and programs and initiatives directed toward providing a greater level of prosperity for them and ultimately for all South Carolinians. The Commission serves as a catalyst to facilitate economic prosperity and social equity for minorities in South Carolina. The agency serves as the point of contact for information regarding the State's minority populations, determines factors that contribute to poverty and deprivation, and creates and facilitates programs to alleviate poverty and deprivation.

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is unique among state agencies in other states in its approach to addressing the needs of its minority populations. While a number of other states have chosen to address the needs of their minority populations through a combination of state agencies, (i.e., Commissions on Human Affairs, Heritage Commissions, Indian Affairs Commissions, Cultural Affairs Commissions, Commissions on the Social Status of Black Males, and Fatherhood Commissions. etc.), the State of South Carolina has chosen to address the needs of its minority populations through a single state agency, the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs.

The Commission's Human Trafficking Initiative, mandated by the passage of Senate Bill 0196 (Hutto, L. Martin; Bryant, Campsen, S. Martin; and Lourie), is the Commission's newest initiative. The Bill mandates that "The executive director of the State Commission for Minority Affairs, or a designee, shall establish and maintain a twenty-four hour toll free telephone number and electronic website to receive, record, collect, and report allegations of violations of federal immigration laws or related provisions of South Carolina law by any non-United States citizen or immigrant, and allegations of violations of any federal immigration laws or related provisions in South Carolina law against any non-United States citizen or immigrant." To comply with that mandate, the Commission will hire personnel to oversee the establishment and the maintenance of a twenty-four hour toll free telephone number. Additionally, the persons assigned to the Commission's Human Trafficking Initiative will oversee the development and the maintenance of an electronic website to receive, record, collect, and report allegations of violations of federal

immigration laws. They will be responsible for monitoring calls received via the "hotline" and following up with the agencies to which the calls were referred for action.

Although not at its optimum funding level, the Commission's funds have increased over the past several fiscal years with increased state appropriations, the securing of a federal grant and the securing of several contracts to provide services for other state agencies. As a result of this increased funding the agency's constituents, stakeholders, and partners experienced a higher level of support during recent fiscal years.

The Commission's focus areas are:

- Fragile Families
- Education Deprivation
- Joblessness
- Lack of Community/Economic Development
- Lack of Small and Minority Business Participation
- Lack of Wealth Creation
- Poor Health Status and Care
- Disproportionate Minority Incarceration

To address these focus areas, the Commission operates the following programs:

- Community Based Services Initiative
- Research and Policy Services Initiative
- Small and Minority Business Initiative
- Native American Affairs Initiative
- African American Affairs Initiative
- Hispanic/Latino Affairs Initiative
- Human Trafficking Initiative

Services the Commission provides include:

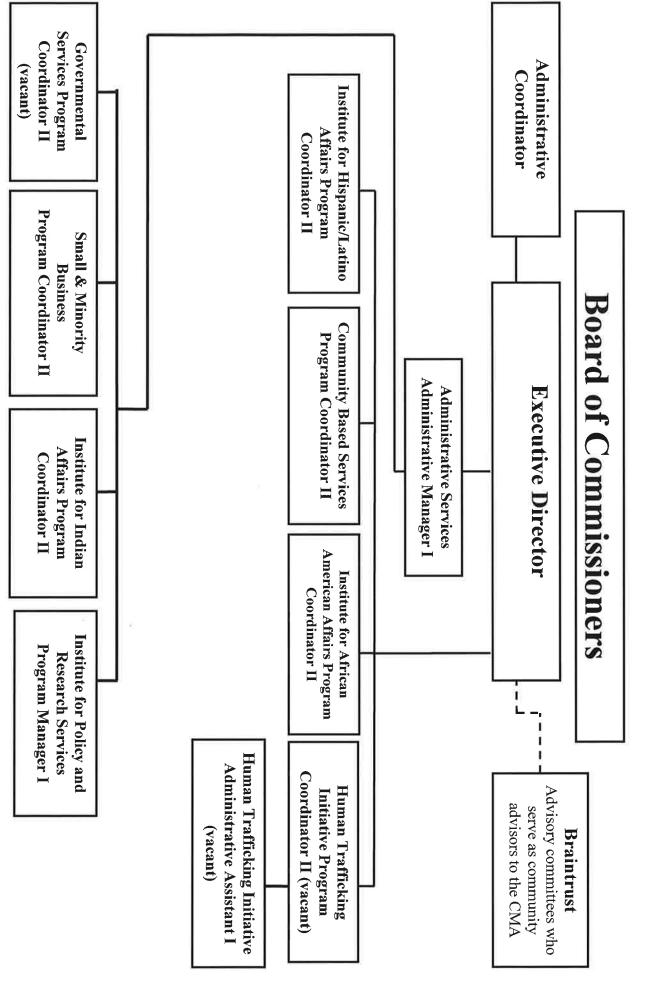
- Information and Referral Services
- Research and Evaluation Services
- Technical Assistance
- Capacity Building
- Minority Population Specific Training
- Organizational Development
- NxLevel Training (specialized training for small business owners)
- State Recognition for Native American Entities

The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs continues to serve the State's 1,603,874 minority persons (which represents nearly one third of the State's population) with limited (but increasing) resources. The agency leverages its resources through partnerships and collaborative

efforts with both public and private agencies and for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, in order to maximize the services it provides for its constituents, partners and stakeholders.

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12 FTE's 3 vacancies



South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs

Executive Summary of Accountability Report

Mission:

The Commission for Minority Affairs serves as a think-tank that provides leadership, focus, and direction in addressing the many factors that contribute to poverty and deprivation in South Carolina and which disproportionately impact the State's minority populations.

Vision:

The eradication of systemic poverty and the proliferation of prosperity for all South Carolinians.

Values:

The work of the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs is guided by the following values:

- Honesty
- Excellence
- Respect
- Accountability
- Fostering Positive Change
- Customer Satisfaction

Major Highlights:

- Coordinated several NxLevel Entrepreneurial Training Courses for small business owners in several locations around the State.
- Partnered with the state's Emergency Management Division to provide information and translation services for the Hispanic community and the Hispanic media.
- Completed all programmatic requirements and contractual obligations for the Growing Resources for Information Technology (GRIT) Grant, funded by the US Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, in partnership with Midlands Technical College.
- Provided training, technical assistance and capacity building for approximately thirty five nonprofit organizations seeking tax exempt status under Section for 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Created the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs Human Trafficking Initiative and developed a Human Trafficking Policy and Procedures Manual.
- Completing all programmatic requirements and contractual obligations for the agency's US Department of Agriculture's Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) through which more than 30 jobs were created.

Major Highlights (continued):

- Developed an Emergency Preparedness Community Awareness Initiative Plan for minority and rural communities.
- Developed, in collaboration with the agency's Small and Minority Business Assistance Initiative, the South Carolina Minority Enterprise Network (SCMEN).
- Convened the South Carolina Minority Enterprise Network (SCMEN) conference which brought together small and minority business owners, agencies and organizations that serve them and other individuals interested in business ownership development.
- Completed the agency's Statistical Profile by Counties and distributed the same to the Governor, members of the State's General Assembly and other state and local officials.

The Commission for Minority Affairs continues to strive to be true to its mission, its vision and its values in an effort to foster the well-being of the state's minority populations. Doing so translates into the well being of the State of South Carolina. If the state is to be well, it must insure the well-being of its minority citizens who comprise nearly a third of the state's population.

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Transportation and Regulatory Subcommitte Budget Hearings

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FY 2014	General Fund	Other Funds*	Federal Funds
State Appropriations	724,664.00	131,000.00	
Prior Year Carry Forward		23,398.10	
Authorization Raised**		64,062.95	
TOTAL BUDGET	724,664.00	218,461.05	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	665,393.16	141,742.09	,
Carryforward /balance	59,270.84	76,718.96	£

FY 2015	General Fund	Other Funds*	Federal Funds
State Appropriations	740,019.00	131,000.00	
Prior Year Carry Forward	59,270.84	76,718.94	
Authorization Raised**		20,006.11	
Federal Funds Reimbursement***			5,649.99
TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET	799,289.84	227,725.05	52,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	762,684.24	159,170.08	12,763.38
Carryforward/balance	36,605.60	68,554.97	39,236.62

FY 2016	General Fund	Other Funds*	Federal Funds
State Appropriations	748,046.00	131,000.00	
Prior Year Carry Forward	36,605.60	68,555.00	
Authorization Raised**		15,124.75	
Federal Funds Reimbursement***	-		22,385.67
TOTAL AVAILABLE BUDGET	784,651.60	214,679.75	52,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	745,067.03	158,376.97	30,298.42
Carryforward/balance	39,584.57	56,302.78	21,701.58

^{*}Includes \$131,000 Bingo and Authorization amounts

^{**}Funds raised through donations, partnerships, grants.

Total Revenue Authorization - \$130,814 per year

^{***\$52,000} reimbursement based federal grant award

4 Recurring	3 Recurring	2 Recurring	1 Recurring	Type (non-recurring/Priority No. recurring /other)		
Health and Dental Allocations General Fund Reduction	Pay Plan Allocation SCRS	Minority Business Program Expansion	Research Program Expansion	Title	Budget Priorities	
Health and Dental Allocations General Fund Reduction	Pay Plan Allocation SCRS	These funds will be used to implement a Statewide Micro Business Development program designed to meet the business needs of aspiring and existing micro businesses around the state with emphasis on parts of the state where unemployment and poverty are pervasive. The development and expansion of micro businesses is a means to foster economic prosperity among ethnic minorities in the state.	These funds will be used to assist the agency with expanded research services and essential grant writing services. This request would create funds for four new research positions, one grants coordinator and associated operating costs. This would be in keeping with the major goals in the agency's Accountability Report and statute.	Description	ities	
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				Non-Recurring		FY 17-18 Budget Priorities Summary Agency Name
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				Federal		
2,184	20,525	250,000	298,500	Total		
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Transportation, Regulatory & Cultural Subcommittee
Proviso Request Summary

			Proviso	Proviso Request Summary		
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Proviso # Pr	Proviso #	Proviso Title	Short Summary	years in budget	Action	Proviso Language
71.1		Private Contributions	Carry forward authority	Prior to FY 1996.97	Keep	Monies derived from private sources for
		and Scholarships			3	agency resource, forums, trainings and
		5				institutes may be retained and expended by the
						commission for the said purpose. Any remaining
						balance may be carried forward and expended for
						same purpose.
71.2		Carry Forward Registration	Carry forward authority	Prior to FY 1996.97	Keep	
		Fees				Revenue derived from registration fees received from
						training and institutes may be retained and carried
						forward for the purpose of conducting future
						training and institutes.
71.3		Carry Forward Grant Awards	Carry forward authority	Prior to FY 1996.97	Keep	Revenues pooled from public and private sources
						for the purpose of awarding grants to address
						problems in the minority community may be retained
						and carried forward by the commission.
71.4		Carry Forward Bingo	Carry forward authority	FY2005.06 /11yrs	Keep	Bingo revenue received by the commission in the prior
		Revenues	8			fiscal year pursuant to Section 12-21-4200 (3) of the
						1976 Code which are not expended during that fiscal
						year may be carried forward to be expended in the
						current fiscal year.
71.5		Retention of Photocopy Fees Carry forward authority	Carry forward authority	FY2010.11 / 6yrs	Keep	Revenue derived from photocopy fees and other
						fees related to Freedom of Information Act requests
						from the general public may be retained and carried
						forward by the Commission.