



***ARIZONA STATE SENATE***  
***Fifty-First Legislature, Second Regular Session***

**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1137**

**African-American affairs fund; appropriation**

**Purpose**

Appropriates \$125,000 from the state General Fund (GF) in FY 2015 to the Arizona Commission of African-American Affairs (Commission) Fund.

**Background**

Laws 2010, Chapter 271 established the Commission in order to assist and support state and federal agencies in assisting African-Americans in this state to develop mutual goals, to design projects for achieving goals and to implement their plans. Statute states the Commission shall also:

1. advise the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation and rules that affect the African-American community and that will enable this state to be responsive to the needs of the African-American community;
2. assist local African-American community groups in developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the social, cultural and economic status of the African-American community;
3. develop, review and recommend to the Governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and development, public accommodations and contracting and procedures;
4. serve as a liaison to federal, state and local agencies to ensure that programs affecting African-Americans are effectively used and that benefits accrue equitably to members of the African-American community;
5. work for greater understanding and improved relationships between African-Americans and non-African-Americans by creating an awareness of the legal, social and economic needs of African-Americans in this state; and
6. where appropriate, conduct periodic conferences throughout this state to inform African-Americans of the opportunities available to them through state and private sources, to encourage them to share their history and culture with other Arizonans, to participate in the social and political processes of their communities and to learn from conference participants about their needs and problems.

The impact to the state GF associated with this bill is the amount of the appropriation.

**Provisions**

1. Appropriates \$125,000 from the state GF in FY 2015 to the Commission Fund.

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2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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