

Executive Direction and Control - Mayoralty: African American Male Engagement

Pillar: Responsible Stewardship of City Resources

Service Number: 125 (Activity 21)

Fiscal 2023 Recommended Budget: \$1,019,257

Service Description

African American Male Engagement (AAME) – Baltimore is committed to creating a Community Collaborative Network and support structure to identify the needs of men and to coordinate, advance, and implement policies and practices that promote opportunities for all of Baltimore’s African American males, as well as others we encounter, to achieve a successful and fulfilling life.

The Mayor’s Office of American Male Engagement devises practices related to implementing our Connect to Success (C2S) and Mission 186 (M 186) strategies. C2S entails sustained programming that proactively advance the educational and socioeconomic development of disconnected Boys, Youth, and Young Men, including those who panhandle (“Squeegee” youth in the City of Baltimore). The purpose of our M 186 strategy is to partner with organizations whose mission is to strengthen Boys and Young Men of Color. Essential for our success in implementing strategies and practices are trained leaders who facilitate people during collaborative processes, teaching them how to detour individuals’ thinking and shape their behavior within the environment toward desired outcome. To achieve these goals, intensive case management, consistent engagement, and guidance/ access to financial resources will be established on behalf of Boys, Youth, and Young Men of color.

Major Budget Items

- The recommended budget transfers the Office of African American Male Engagement from the Mayor’s Office of Children and Family Success to Mayoralty.
- MOAAME’s Education and Outreach Officers (Fishermen) monitor the 22 intersections that youth engage in squeegeeing. Presently, the Fishermen’s funding does not support full-time staff.
- AAME’s Connect 2 Success program is evolving to include aspiring youth that are in need of comprehensive resources and wrap-around services. AAME’s current budget does not support present and future positions that are essential for operations and programming.