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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Jeffrey S. DeWitt
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DATE: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – Office on African American Affairs
Establishment Act of 2017

REFERENCE: Bill 22-318, Committee print as shared with the Office of Revenue
Analysis on September 26, 2017

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the bill.

Background

The bill establishes an Office on African American Affairs (OAAA) to monitor and recommend to the Mayor and Council housing, health, education, employment, social services, public safety, and business opportunity services, and policies that aid the African American community. The bill requires the Executive Director of the OAAA to:

- Serve as an advocate for the African American community's needs;
- Assist community organizations in developing and submitting grant applications;
- Provide information and technical assistance on programs and services to the African American community to the Mayor, the Council, Advisory Neighborhood Commissions, other District government agencies, and the community;
- Respond to recommendations and policy statements from the Commission on African American Affairs;
- File with the Mayor and the Council, no later than December 31 annually, an report on the operations of OAAA; and,
- Identify areas for service improvement.

The bill allows the Executive Director to accept volunteer services and funds from the public and private sectors to supplement the budget of OAAA in carrying out its planning duties and

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responsibilities. The Executive Director can also apply for, receive, and expend gifts or grants of money to carry out its duties and responsibilities and can issue grants to organizations that provide housing, education, health, workforce development, employment, criminal justice reform, and economic opportunity-related services to the District's African American residents.

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2021 budget and financial plan to implement the resolution. The OAAA already operates within the Executive Office of the Mayor and carries out the duties and responsibilities dictated in the bill. The bill codifies the duties and responsibilities of the office. No additional resources are needed to statutorily establish the OAAA.