



African American Mayors Association

MAYORS INSTITUTE FOR RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

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Welcome Remarks

“AAMA is critically focused on the leadership development of our mayors, and we believe this program reflects that. As we work to increase the number and visibility of Black mayors across the nation, The Mayors Institute will play a large role in that. The Mayors Institute was founded to support the ongoing training of Black mayors, with an emphasis on newly elected mayors.

This one-of-a-kind development program will impact the vitality and sustainability of cities; providing mayors with leadership and management tools; and creating a forum for member mayors to share best practices related to municipal management.”

A portrait of Mayor Frank Scott, Jr., a Black man with glasses, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and red tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a light blue gradient. The portrait is set against a red and white geometric background on the right side of the slide.

Mayor Frank Scott, Jr.

Little Rock, AR

AAMA Immediate Past President

SEPTEMBER 9, 2022

Voting Rights Summit

Given the current national conversation and active legislation threatening voting rights in Black communities across the country, AAMA recognizes the importance of combating voter suppression. We are committed to spreading awareness and providing resources to make the communities that we serve ready to exercise their rights. Thus, AAMA hosted an in-person mayoral panel discussion on voting rights and what we can do to protect Black voters. This panel included AAMA President-Mayor Frank Scott Jr.-and mayors from across the state of Georgia including Mayor Andre Dickens of Atlanta (Odie Donald, II. Chief of Staff), Mayor Van Johnson of Savannah, and Mayor Angelyne Butler of Forest Park. These elected officials dug deep into election rights and the threats surrounding people's ability to cast their vote.

[Session Link](#)

AAMA & When We All Vote Present
Atlanta Voters Rights Summit

Clark Atlanta University
Henderson Student Center
Baranco Multipurpose Room

September 9th 2022
Noon

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 Mayor Andre Dickens Atlanta, GA	 Mayor Frank Scott, Jr. Moderator Little Rock, AR	 Mayor Angelyne Butler Forest Park, GA	 Mayor Van Johnson Savannah, GA
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NOVEMBER 10, 2022

Creating Safer Communities & Increasing Connection to Your Community

This session focused on community revitalization and the Clean Sweep Initiative in Buffalo, NY. The conversation was largely around what other cities can learn from the Clean Sweep Initiative, innovation and data use in city government, and the impact of the initiative on residents reporting crime incidents and service needs.

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Katherine Robb

Research Associate at
the Kennedy School



Oswaldo Mestre Jr.

Director of Citizen
Services & Chief Service
Officer, City of Buffalo, NY

DECEMBER 15, 2022

Equity & Engagement Surrounding Climate Change & Environmental Justice

This session focused on equity and engagement surrounding climate change and environmental justice. This session consisted of a fireside chat moderated by Mayor Shawyn Patterson Howard of Mount Vernon, New York with Heather McTeer Toney, Vice President of Community Engagement at Environmental Defense Fund. For more than 50 years, the Environmental Defense Fund has been pioneers, using science and different perspectives to make the environment safer and healthier for all.

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Mayor Shawyn Patterson Howard

Mount Vernon, NY
AAMA President



Heather McTeer Toney

Executive Director of Bloomberg
Philanthropies' Beyond Petrochemicals
Campaign,
Former Vice President of Community
Engagement at Environmental Defense Fund

JANUARY 26, 2023

Mental Health Awareness in Local Government

This session focused on mental health in Black communities and local government. This session was facilitated by, Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon. Dr. Delphin-Rittmon serves as the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation and to improve the lives of individuals living with mental and substance use disorders, and their families.

Session Link



Dr. Miriam E. Delphin-Rittmon

Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration

Phyllis Dickerson

AAMA CEO

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

From Planning to Funding: Creating a Strong Grant Application & Getting the Money for Your

This session focused on mayors getting the funds they need for their projects under the Infrastructure Investment Jobs Act (IIJA). Fund Navigator, developed by AECOM, connects data, projects and communities to show IIJA funding programs align with mayors projects and priorities. AECOM is working with clients to help analyze IIJA/BIL grant funding opportunities to advance projects that may have been put on hold, tackle long-standing infrastructure problems and expand capital plans.

This session also provided insight on crafting strong grant applications to get the funding for city projects. With the new influx of infrastructure investment projects across the nation, AAMA feels it timely to discuss this matter.

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From Planning to Funding: Creating a Strong Grant Application & Getting the Money for Your Municipality

February 16, 2023 at 12pm EST



Endrea Frazier

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Alabama State Consultant
National League of Cities



Dr. Fred White

Federal Grant Navigator Consultant
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