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Enhancing Access: The University System of Georgia's African-American Male Initiative

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Consideration by the
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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- Mentoring and academic support of under-prepared students is needed at an early stage, as early as middle school.
- Several successful programs in the USG serve under-prepared students, including African-American males.
- Funding for these programs is a constant challenge; dependent on strained institutional funds, philanthropic and charitable giving.



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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- Four USG institutions all pride themselves on serving under-prepared students and working successfully to retain and graduate them:
 - Fort Valley State University
 - Albany State University
 - Savannah State University
 - Atlanta Metropolitan College
- Exemplary models for recruitment of African-American males also include:
 - Minority Outreach Program at Coastal Georgia
 - Project Success: Gentlemen on the Move at UGA



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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- Under the AAMI, six USG institutions and/or programs are being recommended to receive funding to pilot and/or expand initiatives aimed at enhancing the participation of African-American males.
- With the Board's approval, a total of \$60,000 will be dedicated to these USG programs/projects.
- These six institutions and programs will receive \$10,000 each to broaden the impact of their work:



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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- **Albany State University:** to support targeted enrollment of African-American male students in their summer bridge program and to foster information sharing regarding their high retention rate;
- **Atlanta Metropolitan College:** to support the College's long-running Saturday Academy/PREP initiative, which cultivates under-prepared students in the K-12 pipeline to enhance their preparation for college;
- **Coastal Georgia Community College:** to support President Dorothy Lord's 10-year-old Minority Outreach Program aimed at encouraging Black males to complete high school and attend college;



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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- **Fort Valley State University:** to support the launching of their new summer bridge program;
- **Savannah State University:** to provide funding for their successful PREP and TRIO programs and to help launch a new Summer Pipeline Program. Special efforts will be made to transition African-American male students from these pre-college programs into the university; and
- **The University of Georgia:** to support Deryl Bailey's "Project: Gentlemen on the Move," a mentoring and academic-support program which has been implemented successfully in three states.



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AAMI PILOT PROGRAMS:

- All of the Pilot Programs will be evaluated. Two reports will reflect:
 - ✓ Programs /initiatives to which the funds were directed;
 - ✓ How many African-American males were impacted by the funding;
 - ✓ Evaluation and measurement strategies used to assess the initiatives;
 - ✓ How program successes were shared with other institutions; and
 - ✓ How and at what cost the programs can be expanded/replicated for additional impact on the institution's and the System's goals.