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Funding Recommendations for Consideration by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia

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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.