

African American Mayors Association (AAMA)

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About the Organization

Headquartered in Washington, DC

The African American Mayors Association (AAMA) is the only organization exclusively representing African American mayors in the United States. AAMA exists to empower local leaders for the benefit of their citizens — taking positions on public policies that 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 in municipal management.

Partnership Purpose

NAACP and AAMA share common priorities and an interest in working together to advocate for policy changes that ensure political, educational, social, and economic equality for all persons, and to strengthen civic, economic, and educational development across municipalities.

Collaboration Objectives

- Civic Engagement: NAACP's civic engagement programs to register and mobilize Black voters, following the yearly Civic Engagement plan
- Policy & Advocacy Alignment & Briefings: AAMA aligns with NAACP's nonpartisan policy priorities, including coordinated briefings and issue education for member mayors
- Resource Sharing & Community Engagement: shared research, tools, data, and co-branded outreach; NAACP units and AAMA cities coordinate town halls for underserved populations
- Education, Outreach & Events: workshops and training sessions during AAMA events and NAACP convenings, and mayoral presence at NAACP events where scheduling allows
- Leadership Development & Pathways: introductions and pathways for young Black leaders into municipal government via NAACP Scholarship, Fellows, and NextGen programs

Membership

NAACP will track AAMA-affiliated memberships with a unique tracking code, aiming for 10% of membership as Annual, Life, or Sustainer members. AAMA will aspire to encourage every member to become a Lifetime Member of the NAACP (nonbinding, aspirational).

How to Engage

- Coordinate with AAMA member mayors in your city on shared policy/advocacy, civic engagement priorities
- Invite AAMA leadership to NAACP local/state town halls and community forums
- Loop in Policy & Advocacy for briefings and issue education opportunities

For questions or to activate this partnership, contact NAACP Partnerships & Community Team — strategicpartnerships@naacpnet.org