


COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2017

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Neil A. Morgan, County Administrator 

SUBJECT: Answers to Budget Questions from March 7 Work Session

The enclosed emails are the responses we received to three different questions that members of the Board asked during the budget work session on March 7. These had to do with grant opportunities for law enforcement, funding requests for the Watermen's Museum, and the purpose of the funding we provide to the Greater Williamsburg Chamber and Tourism Alliance.

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Enclosures

From: [Morgan, Neil](#)
To: [Simmons, Ellen](#)
Subject: FW: Budget Work Session Question
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:13:01 PM

From: Diggs, Danny,
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Morgan, Neil; Montgomery, Ron
Cc: Morris, Deborah; Moss, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Budget Work Session Question

You are essentially correct. We did get 4 (maybe 6) COPS Grant funded positions in the early 2000s. I was much like the SAFER Grant. Several years ago we did apply for some more COPS grants, but we did not qualify because of our low crime rate, high median income, and other various factors. There has not been any COPS grants available for personnel in the last several years.

Most all of the federal grant money has dried up in the last several years. The only significant federal grant that we have received in the last few years is the Bulletproof Vest Partnership which pays for a portion of our vest purchases.

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From: Morgan, Neil
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 7:46 AM
To: Diggs, Danny,; Montgomery, Ron
Cc: Morris, Deborah; Moss, Stephanie
Subject: Budget Work Session Question

Good morning,

At our work session last night, Chad asked me if I was aware, or if we had pursued any grants, analogous to the FLS SAFER grant for law enforcement. I promised to check with you guys and get back to the BOS. Off the top of my head I said that in the past there had been COPS grants but that I believed there were currently no big personnel type grant opportunities....some smaller things for equipment from time to time. I also said I was pretty sure you guys would have recommended looking at such things if they currently existed. Honestly, in our county structure I don't spend a lot of time pondering that type of question. Could you all let us know if I answered that correctly or elaborate. I suspect Debbie or Stephanie will follow-up with you in the near future. Thanks
Neil

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From: [Morgan, Neil](#)
To: [Simmons, Ellen](#)
Subject: FW: Follow up on Mr. Green's question re: Watermen's Museum requested increase
Date: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 2:12:10 PM
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From: Morris, Deborah
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Morgan, Neil
Cc: McGettigan, Vivian
Subject: Follow up on Mr. Green's question re: Watermen's Museum requested increase

Hi Neil: would you like to forward this to Mr. Green? This is from the Watermen's Museum funding request submission and explains the reason for the increased funding request.

JUSTIFICATION: Although we did not submit in time to receive funding for the previous year, County funding levels increased last year over other years prior and were well used to support expanding programs. We ask for a similar increase this year to help us meet needed expansions to support growing educational and tourism programs. This Budget submission also asks again that York County help fund the installation of a *'faux dock'* on the grounds adjacent to the Windmill. This dry-land dock will enable us to further tell the story of the commercial watermen and the docks used during colonial and post-colonial periods, as well as provide a platform for demonstration of such tasks as oyster tonging. In addition, we have deferred some costs for historic building preservation and beautification. These postponed activities cannot be put off indefinitely without damage to the facility or a diminished appearance to the general public.

Simmons, Ellen

From: Neil Morgan
To: BOS
Subject: FW: Budget Work Session Follow-up

From: Karen Riordan [<mailto:karen@visitwilliamsburg.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Morgan, Neil
Cc: Fuller, Brian; Morris, Deborah; Morris, Deborah; Zaremba, Walter C.; Kevin Jones (kjones@kingscreekplantation.com)
Subject: RE: Budget Work Session Follow-up

Thank you Neil.

Walt asked me about this earlier today at our Executive Board meeting.

100% of the funds York County provides to the GWCTA goes to tourism funding.

The Chamber operations inclusive of Chamber salaries are covered by our member dues, event ticket sales and sponsorships.

You can be assured that the money going to our organization for tourism is 100% funding tourism activity.

Hope this is helpful!

Best,

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From: Morgan, Neil [<mailto:Neil.Morgan@yorkcounty.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 7:41 AM
To: Karen Riordan
Cc: Fuller, Brian; Morris, Deborah; Morris, Deborah
Subject: Budget Work Session Follow-up

Good morning Karen.

At our "community support" budget work session last night, I could not articulate how our discretionary contribution to your group is carved up in terms of the purely tourism promotion part and the more traditional chamber activities. I

think I misspoke and said that I looked at the entire amount as really part of tourism promotion. We promised to get with you and provide clarification. I suspect Debbie or Stephanie will be in contact very soon. Thanks.

Neil

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SUBJECT: TV Station Maintenance –On-air Room

This weekend, March 10-13*, the TV station facility at York High School will have asbestos removal done in the on-air room. In order to do this much needed work, all transmission and on air programming equipment must be moved and reconfigured. As a result, for this limited time, all 3 channels will be airing the same temporary condensed programming schedule. Our plan for this temporary simulcast schedule includes replays of the BOS Meeting (3/7) and Planning Commission Meeting (3/8) and School Board Meeting (2/27). The School Board Meeting on Monday March 13 is planned to air as scheduled. We are advising viewers of this temporary change via social media, slides and text crawls.

As a note of clarification, this work is remaining from the asbestos abatement done by the schools several years ago.

*The installation could extend beyond March 13 if damage to the floor is found or caused by the asbestos tile removal.

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