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Subject: Re: Freedom of Information request

Duane still need this info . Let me know Duane when can we expect this . You and everyone need to know the two lawyers hired by the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber are still refusing our request for transparency . If we do not get full transparency and info requested soon and all options to do so has failed we are going to be forced to file a lawsuit to do so. The info from you needs to be understood and we are gathering as much info as possible in preparation to fully present our case. You said I do not need to submit a formal request under the freedom of information act which was appreciated , but I do need the info

I requested . When can we expect this ?

Duane thought you and everyone would be interested in these facts

SC Chamber Of Commerce 5 emoloyees No 400k package not even close.

SC Hospitslity Association 5 employees
Ex dir 90k

Hilton Head Chamber of Commerce 26 employees

Hilton Head Ex Dir salary and pay package approx 400k

Governor Haley 106k

Mayor of Hilton Head approx 8 k asking for raise to 30k

As you can see we continue to be totally out of control here on Hilton Head . This as you know is just

the top of the iceberg and abuses I have identified all covered on Stopchamberabuse.com .

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On Sep 18, 2012, at 7:31 PM, Duane Parrish <dparrish@scprt.com> wrote:

Skip,

No need to do a formal FOIA request. Glad to answer your questions. There a couple of them that I have provided responses to in red below that I know off the top of my head. The remaining questions will take us some time to retrieve the details, but will send the answers to you within a couple of weeks.

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Duane:

I hope all is going well for SC PRT. I am writing to request that you please provide me with the following information as it seems my lawyer and the Hilton Head lawyers can't come to terms.

1. What South Carolina entities qualify for PRT grants? **There are several grant programs within PRT, some of which are federal dollars and some of which are state dollars. Here is a link to our grants page and you can click through to get more detail about each one. <http://www.scprt.com/our-partners/Grants.aspx>**
As for who in South Carolina qualifies, it depends on which grant. The detail regarding each one will likely answer your question as to who qualifies. If you need more information on a specific grant program that's not on the web site, let me know.

2. Which Beaufort County entities have received grants during each of the past 3 years? Approved and pending grants for 2013? **Will get this information to you.**

3 What amount of state funds was provided to the HHI/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for its recent trip to England? How many people attended (please provide breakdown by i) HHI/Bluffton Chamber employees ii) spouses, family members, guests of Chamber employees)? Do you have a total breakdown and accounting of the total expenditures for this trip? **No state funds were provided to the HHI/Bluffton Chamber for anyone to go to the recent trip to London. It was a sales mission coordinated by Coastal South Carolina and PRT. There were two participants from the HHI/Bluffton Chamber on the trip. No spouses or guests. As for a breakdown of their expenditures of the trip, we do not have that information. There were two people from PRT on the trip (one of which was me) and I'll be glad to give our expenditures if you like.**

4 Certainly the Chamber provided a return on investment expectations for the use of state provided funds being spent on this trip??? Please provide me with the Chamber's expected return on investment pro forma. Will there be a review by SC PRT to assess the performance results of this trip? **As mentioned above, the state did not provide funds for HHI/Bluffton Chamber for the trip. As for PRT, we always review trips to assess their potential return. We use several indicators for tracking international travel to South Carolina and constantly monitor those results. If you would like more detail, let me know.**

5 Finally, can you tell me what the State of SC does specifically to help support and promote for-profit media entities within the state? Please provide information of how this is done with your SC PRT publications and Websites? What is your understanding/view of the Hilton Head Bluffton Chamber's role to support its local media company members, in light of the fact that the Chamber's mission statement promises to ensure that all local businesses prosper? **As to what the state specifically does to promote for-profit media, I can only speak to PRT. The promotion of "for-profit media" doesn't fall within the mission of PRT. Here is the link to our mission statement and what we do. <http://www.scprt.com/about-scprt/missionmessage.aspx>**

6 I also need to know total amount and what companies / ad agencies have bought advertising from SC PRT magazines and websites for last three years , including 2013.

Our only printed publication is the state visitor guide. Our five primary websites are listed at the top of the page when you go to the link I put in #5. You will see on the websites there is very little advertising, but we will get you that detail for the last three years.

Thank you in advance for your response and assistance in providing the information requested above.

Respectfully,
Skip Hoagland/CEO

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