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Subject: State Museum budget specifics

Attachments: 2017 budget rationale.doc

Josh, thank you for the opportunity to offer some follow up points for your consideration. The attached from Director Calloway are the specifics of the funding that all go to the core mission of the Museum. The breakout shows it is not all salaries.

Below is some larger context on the Boeing and private sector support and recent awards. I have copied Katherine and Swati because they were aware that during last year's vetoes the leadership of the State Museum Foundation decided not to contest the Governor's vetoes in the Museum budget and we conveyed that to Reps Bingham and Limehouse.

The State Museum Runs an Efficient and Productive Operation - Good Stewards of Funds

1. "Windows to New Worlds" renovation was awarded the "Governor's Cup" as the Best New Tourism project in the state
2. "Windows to New Worlds" renovation has won 10 awards for design, preservation, innovation and content.
3. The State Museum is a Quality Educational Institution – 70,000 student visits from every county.
4. Largest single private grant in museum history received in 2015.16 - \$1,400,000 for artifact acquisition
5. The State Museum Delivers \$22,000,000 in Economic Impact to the State.
6. The Boeing Observatory's distance learning program has been recognized as a signature innovation learning project for STEM by Boeing.
7. Presenting the exhibit, "**RACE – Are We So Different?**" this summer to continue the healing dialogue.

The State Museum has lost 53% in Discretionary Funding

1. From \$3,329,700 in 2008 down to \$1,562,100; **a decrease of \$1,767,600.**
2. Average cultural agency reduction is 23% by comparison
3. Of the \$3,362,000 state appropriation; \$1,800,000 (54%) goes to DOA for rent
4. Governor Veto in 2016 of \$75,000 was not challenged by museum leadership

Enhanced Educational Onsite and Off Site Impact - \$300,000

1. Allows the museum to engage and educate students outside of the museum in disadvantaged areas through portable planetarium programming, outreach classroom lab experiences, and distance learning, including live observatory telescope control.
2. All museum classes are standards-based and geared to grades K–12, including new classes requiring specialized equipment and educators with a broader knowledge base are computer programming and robotics.

Curatorial Support - \$175,000

1. Core Mission by Statute that's not being met – Collection and Preservation
2. Of the 4 museum disciplines, only 2 have full time curators; no conservator; no public liaison
3. Lack of curatorial staff to properly oversee collection, its interpretation and its preservation threatens the museum's accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums.

Collections Inventory and Database - \$125,000

1. The South Carolina State Museum's current collections database was implemented in the mid 1990's and has been discontinued and support from this company is no longer available.
2. While it is currently compliant with the agency's security and technology plan, the digital records and 20 years of data input at risk of being lost because of the discontinued system.
3. New systems also include images of objects that can also be accessible to the general public. These images and information are available to schools for educational purposes, other museums and the general public.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joshua Baker <jbaker018@gmail.com>
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Subject: Thoughts

I'm covered up, but I'm thinking about the budget.

If you would send something over tomorrow morning, I can read through it – good descriptions on all of the programs that the Museum will offer with the EIA and general fund provisions they received this year.

Also, Willie and I have talked in the past about school groups coming to the museum – do you have citations for the relevant statutes, standards, or regulations that dictate these field trips - like the one to the statehouse - and any statutes that dictate that the Museum cannot charge these kids when they arrive?

If I need to be thinking of other things, let me know

Thanks,

Josh