

MEMORANDUM

April 4, 2013

TO: Planning, Housing, and Economic Development Committee
FROM: Jeff Zyontz,  Legislative Attorney
SUBJECT: FY14 Operating Budget: NDA – Historical Activities

Those expected to attend this worksession include:

Scott Whipple, Supervisor, Planning Department, Historic Preservation
Jennifer Bryant, OMB

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Executive's Recommended HPC and Historical Society Budget, March 15 (Page 66-9) 1

Staff recommendation: Approve \$254,840 as an addition to the Planning Department's budget and reduce the NDA by \$254,840

Overview

The Executive has recommended a grant of \$254,840 to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).¹ The budget recommended by the Executive and requested by M-NCPPC is the same as the Council's approved budget for the last 3 years.

The County's Historic Preservation Ordinance gives the Executive operating responsibilities for the Historic Preservation Commission. Those responsibilities were delegated to the Planning Staff in the 1990's. This NDA is a budget adjustment that reflects the change in delegated responsibilities. These funds are currently transferred to the Planning Department under a contract between the Executive and M-NCPPC. OMB would agree to reducing the NDA and adjusting the Planning Department's budget to avoid the accounting and contracting time associated with an NDA.

¹ The total non-departmental account for historic preservation is \$287,090. The Historical Society received \$32,250 in FY13 and is recommended for the same amount in FY14.

	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY13 Actual	FY14 Proposed
Support for the Historic Preservation Commission	\$254,840	\$254,840	\$254,840	\$254,840
Historic Preservation Grant Fund	0	0	0	0
Maryland Historic Grant (Certified Local Governments)	0	0	0	0
County Matching Funds for State Grant (CLG)	0	0	0	0
Total	\$254,840	\$254,840	\$254,840	\$254,840

Support to the Historic Preservation Commission

The HPC is an independent agency staffed by Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) employees. This funding is to operate the program, including administering Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) applications, processing tax credit applications, and advising owners of historic properties. A building permit application on any historic property triggers the requirement for a HAWP. An application fee is not charged for a HAWP beyond the regular building permit fee. In FY12, 157 HAWPs were processed. In addition, staff reviewed and processed 56 Historic Preservation tax credit applications. The tax credit applications represented a \$740,000 investment in historic resources.

The M-NCPPC request for support for the HPC is for \$254,840, the same amount that was approved in FY11, FY12 and FY13.

OMB would agree to reduce the NDA by \$254,840 and increase the Planning Department’s budget by that amount.

Historic Preservation Grant Fund

The Historic Preservation Grant Fund is administered through the HPC for awards to County groups for historical projects. It provides matching grants to small, non-profit community groups around the County to do educational and interpretive programs. The fund is one of the few ways the HPC can generate outreach opportunities and educational projects that make preservation real to the public at large. This appropriation remained at \$30,000 for several years. The Historic Preservation Grant Fund has not been funded for the past 3 fiscal years, and it is not recommended for funding in FY14.

Maryland Historic Grant

This is a matching grant from the State that is passed through the County to M-NCPPC for historical projects. The County is required to match the funds contributed by the State, and a minimum of \$6,000 of the County’s match must be in cash. No funds will be requested because of the lack of matching funds. The matching funds were last budgeted in FY10.

Historical Activities

This NDA contains a General Fund appropriation of \$287,090 and provides funding for the following agencies and programs:

- Historic Preservation Commission: The Historic Preservation Commission's main responsibility is to administer the historic preservation ordinance including recommending Montgomery County sites of potential historical significance. These efforts are administered by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).
- Historical Society: Funding for the Montgomery County Historical Society provides support for the Society's Education Program staff, educational and outreach programs for County residents, and to maintain the Historical Society's research library and museums.

FY14 Recommended Changes	Expenditures	FTEs
FY13 Approved	287,090	0.00
FY14 CE Recommended	287,090	0.00

