



PROJECT SUMMARY FORM

LSA - Washington County Program

1. PROGRAM YEAR: 2018		2. PROJECT LOCAL NUMBER: LS 18-23	
3. ELIGIBLE APPLICANT: Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington		4. SUB-GRANTEE: NA	
5. PROJECT NAME: Washington County Marketing Initiative 2018			
6. PROJECT ELIGIBILITY: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Development <input type="checkbox"/> Community Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest <input type="checkbox"/> Job Training <input type="checkbox"/> Administration			
7. PROJECT CONFORMS WITH COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		8. PROJECT LOCATION: Washington County	
9. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Washington County Chamber of Commerce coordinates the County's marketing effort through a public/private partnership with the Washington County Board of Commissioners. As the County's designated lead agency, it has worked with its partners to implement a business driven economic development marketing effort that has generated company leads and created interest in the County's economic development assets. The Chamber will leverage local funds to continue the Washington County Marketing Initiative, an effective comprehensive and coordinated outreach effort that previously utilized 2008 and 2010-2017 LSA funds. The Chamber will utilize 2018 LSA funds for its Outreach Program, CoStar and Prospector subscriptions (real estate databases), publication of Inside Washington County and maintenance of the Chamber's website. Costs associated with the Outreach Program include an annual fee, per company call allowance, and the hosting of site selection consultants. The County's assets will be promoted by advertising through a variety of media outlets, which include the websites maintained by the Chamber. In addition, the County will be promoted through advertising and sponsorship of special events and by exhibiting at industry trade shows. The Marketing Initiative will provide assistance to companies currently located in the County as well as to companies that want to locate in the County.			
10. PROJECT START DATE: 07/01/2018	11. PROJECT COMPLETION DATE: 06/30/2021	12. BASIS OF COST: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> bids/quotations <input type="checkbox"/> contractor estimates <input type="checkbox"/> engineer/architect estimates <input type="checkbox"/> sales agreements	

13. PROJECT BUDGET:	LSA Funds	Federal Funds	State Funds	Local Funds	Total
Operating Costs	\$183,000		\$20,000	\$180,000	\$383,000
Professional Services	\$17,000				\$17,000
					\$0
					\$0
Total	\$200,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$180,000	\$400,000

14. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION SECURED:
 Budget Justification
 Support Letters (including affected community)
 Funding t

14. STATUS OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING (IF STATE FUNDING IS INDICATED, PLEASE L
 Secured
 State Source: PA Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance

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June 25, 2019

Janelle M. Yamber
Office and Personnel Manager
Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington
100 West Beau Street, Suite 603
Washington, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Yamber:

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's Right-to-Know Law (65 P.S. §§ 67.101-67.3104), I make the following request for public records for the timeframe January 1, 2009, through the date of this request:

1. Records which reflect Washington County Local Share Account grants awarded by the Redevelopment Authority of the County of Washington to the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency.
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3. Correspondence (letters, memos, emails) to or from Jeff Kotula relating to the grants responsive to Number 1 above.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request. For any records requested, I ask that they be provided to this office in the least expensive media and the records be provided as expediently as possible. If you are aware of responsive records in the possession of other agencies, please provide the contact information for such agencies. If you have questions or require any clarification to satisfy this Right-to-Know Law request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 26, 2019

**Cook Announces Next Steps for Audit of
Washington County LSA Grant Approval Process**

HARRISBURG – Rep. Bud Cook (R-Washington/Fayette) announced today that Pennsylvania Auditor General Eugene DePasquale has confirmed the receipt of his formal request for an audit of the Washington County casino gaming Local Share Account grant program (LSA). Cook also indicated that his office will be providing the auditor general with additional information as requested.

“I’d like to be crystal clear about my objectives regarding the request made to the auditor general,” said Cook. “This is not about taking away LSA grants, but rather assuring that the current LSA grant process is fair, transparent and accountable! We will also be visiting local borough and township leaders that have requested more information about the LSA audit and/or who have concerns with my proposed legislation to address the lack of action to resolve these concerns.”

Cook reiterated that his primary reasons (listed below) for requesting this audit have not changed:

- To my knowledge, the LSA grant program does not require or maintain adequate voting records or meeting minutes regarding how the review committee votes, deliberates and/or discusses why they support and/or reject applicants or their respective funding requests.”
- To my knowledge, the LSA Grant Program Review Committee members do not complete an ethics statement regarding potential conflicts of interest with grant awards that could benefit a group, organization or business from which they directly and/or indirectly could benefit.
- To my knowledge, the LSA Grant Review Committee has numerous individuals who serve on the committee annually for many years.

“Until these issues are addressed, major concerns will remain regarding conflicts of interest, special interest earmarking of funds and insider deliberation of projects in advance of the grant presentations,” said Cook. “We owe it to the taxpayers we represent to ensure that LSA funding is allocated with integrity, transparency, and above all, that projects are funded based upon their value to our communities and the opportunities to improve the quality of life for all. If not, we will never be able to put Progress ahead of Politics!”

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