



May 5, 2017

Ms. Jennifer Dobson  
Legislative Oversight Committee  
South Carolina House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 11867  
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Ms. Dobson,

Thank you again for your assistance at our meeting of the Education and Cultural Subcommittee. We are grateful for the Subcommittee members' time and attention, and we would like to respond to two questions raised during the meeting and listed in a follow-up letter from the Subcommittee dated April 27, 2017.

The members of the Subcommittee requested a list of agencies that have not provided records to the Department of Archives and History. In response we are including a list of eleven (11) agencies that the Department of Archives and History considers to be "inactive." The criteria for an agency being declared "inactive" is listed below.

Over the course of the past five years, the agency has failed to take any of the following steps:

- 1) Submitted any records destruction forms for non-permanent records or submitted any forms authorizing the digitization of paper records;
- 2) Created specific records retention schedules; or
- 3) Transferred any permanently-valuable records, in any format, for accession into the Archives' collection.

Inactive Agencies

Adjutant General

First Steps

Jobs-Economic Development Authority

John de la Howe School

Medical Malpractice Patients' Compensation Fund

Minority Affairs

Patriot's Point Naval and Maritime Museum

Prosecution Coordination Commission

Research Authority

Rural Infrastructure Authority

Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

Also, during the April 25 meeting I spoke of SCDAH revising its recommendation related to the establishment of a Historic Preservation Grant Fund. The recommended language, with revisions, is listed below.

2) Amend SC Code Section 12-6-3535. Income tax credit for making qualified rehabilitation expenditures for a certified historic structure.

(E) The South Carolina Department of Archives and History shall develop an application, and may promulgate regulations, ~~including the establishment of fees~~, needed to administer the certification process. The Department of Revenue may promulgate regulations, including the establishment of fees, to administer the tax credit.

(G) A taxpayer claiming a credit pursuant to this Section must pay a fee to the Department of Archives and History for the State Historic Preservation Grant Fund. The preliminary fee is 0.5% (.005) of the estimated "qualified rehabilitation expenses" and/or the "rehabilitation expenses", to be paid prior to review of a Historic Preservation Certification Application, Part 2 and/or a Certified Rehabilitation Application, S2. The final fee is 1% (.01) of the actual "qualified rehabilitation expenses" and/or the "rehabilitation expenses", to be paid prior to review of a Historic Preservation Certification Application, Part 3 and/or a Certified Rehabilitation Application, S3, less any amount paid as a preliminary fee.

(H) The Department of Archives and History shall develop an application process for distribution of funds from the State Historic Preservation Grant Fund, to include eligibility criteria and grant requirements.

Please let me know if there are other questions that we may answer for the committee members, and thank you again for your assistance.

Best regards,

Signature Redacted

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