

Felisha Anderson

From: Cliff McCollum
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To: Felisha Anderson
Subject: Lease Tax Language

Felisha,

Having looked at the language of Act 2019-338, the enabling act that governs the dispersal of our local lease tax, I believe the following portion of the act is relevant:

“Twelve percent shall be distributed into a separate county fund to be expended for historic sites in Baldwin County as follows: at least 10 percent shall be expended for the Historic Blakeley Authority and up to two percent shall be expended for other historic sites in Baldwin County.”

There is no particular limits placed on that funding other than the commission sending the delegation a report of how the money is spent annually.

Obviously, Bicentennial Park qualifies as a historical site in Baldwin County and the delegation has continually supported the county’s efforts there for many years, especially those spearheaded during your tenure at Archives. Numerous tourism event grants and a large expenditure from our Community Capital Fund certainly show a precedent of support, both monetarily and in spirit.

The enabling legislation for the historic site funding shows no prohibition against giving funding to Bicentennial Park. And given our legacy of support for Bicentennial, I feel reasonably certain that the delegation would be supportive of Bicentennial using some of the funding set aside for historic sites, as that was the purpose of that funding - preserving and promoting Baldwin County’s history, which you continue to do year after year in ways that make us all proud.

Please let me know if our office can be of further help to you on this or any other matter. We remain at your service, my friend.

Cliff
Sent from my iPhone