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Subject: 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill - Earmarked Appropriations (Pass Through)
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Attachments: [Bamberg County - Request for Earmarked Appropriation Distribution - 2025.xlsx](#)
[Proviso 117-21 - Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report - as of 01 Jul 2024.pdf](#)
[Executive Order 2022-19 - Directing Additional Safeguards to Ensure Transparency Accountability - 07 Jul 2022.pdf](#)

Mr. Preston;

The 2024-2025 Budget for the Office of the Adjutant General, as a part of the State's 2024-2025 General Appropriations Bill, includes Pass Thru funding designated for "City of Bamberg - Tornado Response" in the amount of \$1,000,000. We are in receipt of letters from Senator Hutto and Mayor Foster requesting we release the funds to the County of Bamberg for execution and management. We have reviewed the requests with the Office of the Governor and the Comptroller General's Office, and they do not have issues with the County received the funds for use as intended.

Those funds, which are listed under Proviso 118 - Statewide Revenue, are provided by the State based on availability of residual State-level funds from the previous Fiscal Year, and in accordance with the priority listing provided by the Legislature in the Appropriations Bill. The State will not know if funding is available for those budget lines and, if available, will not disperse those funds to the Agency for distribution until early-mid Fall of 2024.

In accordance with Proviso 117.21. (Organizations Receiving State Appropriations Report), NLT 01 November:

- Organizations receiving state appropriated funds are required to provide to the State Agency providing those funds certain information and documentation prior to receiving those funds.
- The organization is required to submit Quarterly Reports on the status of the disbursement of those funds, and a final set of reports prior to the end of the Fiscal Year (prior to 30 Jun 2025).
- The Agency is required to provide this information to the Chairmen of the House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees and to the Executive Budget Office no later than 30 Jun 2025.

The Governor's Executive Order 2022-19 directs State Agencies to also take the following steps:

- Prior to disbursing the funds, State Agencies must receive a plan for how the State funds will be invested and how that plan will provide a public benefit.
- Agencies shall make available for public review and inspection on the Agency website any and all reports, accountings, forms, updates, communications, or other materials required by Proviso 117.21.
- Fund must be delivered directly to the entity designated in the Appropriations Act.
- State Agencies must certify, in writing, to the Office of the Governor and the

Executive Budget Office, compliance with the Executive Order prior to the end of the Fiscal Year.

I have attached a copy of the Request for Earmarked Appropriation Funds Distribution form. Please complete the form, save as a.pdf, electronically sign the .pdf document, and return both the .pdf and original Excel form to me.

For your review, I have included a copy of Proviso 117.21 and the Governor's Executive Order.

I recommend you complete and return the required request form as soon as possible so that, once the Comptroller General's Office determines the availability of funds, the Agency will be able to process your request more quickly.

If you have any questions or need assistance in completing or electronically signing the form, please contact me.

Please respond to this email me to verify receipt.

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