

Response to Questions on the FY 2018 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Herrity

Question: Please provide data regarding the cost of lobbying functions (state and federal) by both staff and outsourced services. Also, please provide information regarding the manner in which staff time is billed to the legislative budget during session or if is accounted for in the home agency budget (i.e. how is county attorney staff time billed if a county attorney is in Richmond during session?)

Response: Below is an updated chart that was provided to the Board during the Lines of Business (LOBs) presentation for the Administration of County Policy/Legislative Functions LOB, which reflects County expenses for legislative activities.

Category	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Actual
LOB #5: Administration of County Policy/Legislative Functions			
FUNDING			
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Compensation	\$331,336	\$301,861	\$324,379
Operating Expenses	259,581	260,806	274,714
Total Expenditures	\$590,917	\$562,667	\$599,093

In addition to the 3/3.0 FTE legislative staff that are part of the County Executive's office, one staff person each from the Office of the County Attorney and the Department of Transportation work on legislative issues as part of their duties in that agency, in addition to the other duties they perform throughout the year (for example, litigation and other legal assignments in the Office of the County Attorney and transportation planning and funding in the Department of Transportation). The salaries for those staff members are funded through their respective agency's budget, though operating expenses related to the General Assembly session are included in the totals in the chart above.