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To: Clark Ray, Director, District of Columbia State Athletic Association
From: Councilmember David Grosso
Date: March 6, 2020
RE: FY21 Budget Oversight Questions

General

1. **What are the District of Columbia State Athletic Association's performance measures for FY21? How were these measures developed? Which FY21 budget changes occurred in response to performance targets and FY20 performance measurement?**

   To DCSAA has been focused on fulfilling its mission, vision and goals:

   The mission of the District of Columbia State Athletics Association (DCSAA) is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The DCSAA is an alliance of the District's public, public charter and private high schools and it represents its members by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.

   The Vision is to create an operate a AAA State Athletics Association that meets the needs of a diverse and growing membership.

   Our overarching Goal is to expand programming and opportunities for our student-athletes while increasing and expanding exposure of our offerings in the District of Columbia while highlighting our student-athletes' achievements both individually and collectively.

   We have discussed with the Mayor's budget office about adding Key Performance Indicators for FY21. We will work with the DC State Athletics Commission Chair and body to establish performance measures for FY21.

   There were no FY21 budget changes that occurred in response to performance targets and FY20 performance measures.

2. Will the proposed FY21 budget allow the District of Columbia State Athletic Association to meet all of its statutory and regulatory requirements?

Pursuant to DC ST § 38-2661.24 District of Columbia State Athletic Association; coach and event qualifications.

(a) The DCSAA shall administer knowledge examinations for coaches and event officials of each DCSAA sponsored sport no less than four (4) each year.

(b) (1) To qualify as a coach of event official for a DCSAA –sponsored sport, an individual shall have passed a DCSAA-administered knowledge examination for the sport in the last five (5) years or demonstrate knowledge of the sport sufficient for DCSAA to waive the examination requirement.

(2) Knowledge exams shall be based on the National Federation of State High School Associations sports knowledge exams

(c) The DCSAA shall collect and maintain records related to the certification and qualifications of member schools' coaches and event officials.

The January 27, 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement (Attached- Appendices) – District of Columbia State Athletics Consolidation Act of 2016 issued by the CFO to DC Council Chair stated that the cost to implement a Training and Certification program to cost $80,000 for the initial year of implementation with a recurring cost of $20,000 per year.

DCSAA has never received any training and certification funds.

3. List all program enhancements within the proposed FY21 District of Columbia State Athletic Association budget, disaggregated by program. For each program enhancement, indicate if it is a new initiative, an expansion of existing activities, or a restoration of prior activities. In addition, provide a description and rationale for each program enhancement, along with associated dollar amounts and FTEs (if applicable).

1. DCSAA requested one (1) additional FTE and funding for benefits/fringe only ($13,600) to fund an Administrative Assistance position, servicing both DCSAA and the DC State Athletics Commission. We learned that the Mayor's Budget Office has approved this enhancement. Recurring costs / incremental increases of $408 for FY22, $420 for FY23 and $432 for FY24.

2. DCSAA requested $80,000 to fund for a Coaches certification program. Recurring costs of $20,000 per year for FY22, FY23 & FY24.

3. DCSAA requested $39,713 in operating costs/rent to occupy 800 square feet of space at 1050 First St., NE; 6th Floor. Recurring costs / incremental increases of $1,191.39 for FY22, $1,227. 13 in FY23 and $1,263.95 in FY24.

4. **List all reductions from FY20 spending levels within the proposed FY21 District of Columbia State Athletic Association, disaggregated by program. For each reduction, provide a description and rationale regarding how the reduction may impact programming along with the associated dollar amounts and FTEs (if applicable).**

   DCSAA FY21 MARC was $1,158,975. This represents a $41,149.00 reduction from FY20. To absorb this cut, DCSAA would have to eliminate the following sports from our program portfolio:

   - Middle School Soccer $14,500.00
   - Middle School Cross Country $11,500.00
   - Ultimate Disc $6,200.00
   - Tennis $4,700.00
   - Cheerleading $4,249.00

   TOTAL $41,149.00

   NOTE: These reductions have been restored per the Mayor's Budget Office

5. **How does the FY21 budget align with the District of Columbia State Athletic Association's strategic plan? Is there adequate funding to implement the strategic plan? Please provide a crosswalk of strategic planning activities and proposed funding in the FY21 budget and indicate if the funding level is adequate for implementation.**

   We are in the process of drafting an agency strategic plan. We hope to have a fully implementable strategic plan in place for FY21. At the current funding level, we are able to maintain our championship sporting events. As we seek to expand our offerings and to bring middle school sports under our purview our budgetary needs will grow.

Specific Programming

6. **Provide any expenditures budgeted for FY21 to support partnerships with local organizations and events including the Sankofa Project Title IX Basketball Tournament, Maury Wills Invitational Baseball Tournament, and the Petworth Soccer Cup. Include the amount budgeted, any FTEs dedicated to support these partnerships, and the source of funds.**

   - Title IX Girls Basketball Tournament $10,000 for game officials
   - Maury Wills Baseball & Softball Tournament $8,735 for game officials
   - Petworth Cup Soccer $600 Athletic Trainer

7. **How has District of Columbia State Athletic Association funded training for coaches and event officials in the absence of the statutorily outlined Training and Certification program funds?**

   Our event officials pay a $40.00 registration fee. The fee covers a National of Federation of High School Association (NFHS) certification test and NFHS insurance. Our officials also are required to get a back ground check.

   Our coaches' certification program, at this time, is very basic. Coaches are required to get a background check, pass two free NFHS courses: Concussion in Sports – What you need to know and Heat Illness and Prevention. Sport specific courses are approximately $50.00 per course.

   The 2017 Agency Fiscal Impact Statement had $80,000 allotted for creating and operating a certification program with recurring costs estimated at $20,000.

   The statue requires us to offer, at least four times per year, a sport specific test. To date we have been unable to carry out that requirement.

8. **What is the cost estimate to add sports offerings and state championship events?**

   We are interested in adding the following three (3) sports for both girls and boys.

   1. Wrestling $21,002.00
   2. Lacrosse $18,626.00
   3. Swimming $21.714.00

   $61,342.00

   Detailed cost analysis attached

Homicide Reduction

1. Please describe three initiatives, programs, or projects currently underway within your agency directed at preventing homicide in the District of Columbia. If you currently do not have any initiatives, programs, or projects currently underway directed at homicide prevention, please describe three ways in which your agency could play a role in reducing homicides in the District of Columbia.

   A. Providing opportunities for youth to participate in sports after school is our primary initiative that is currently underway within DCSAA. We have relaxed our eligibility rules regarding eight consecutive semesters thus giving our students additional opportunities to participate.

B. Expand our sport offerings throughout the District. As we noted above we would like to add Wrestling, Lacrosse and Swimming to our athletics portfolio. A $61,342.00 investment would allow more opportunities for youth who attend school in the District to participate in a safe after school activity.

C. Stop the Bleed Program – A program where students learn how to "stop the bleed" suffered during a traumatic experience such as a stabbing and/or gunshot. Certified trainers would train students how to slow/stop the bleed one suffers during a traumatic injury.

b. Please describe the resources currently allocated to these initiatives, program, or projects, and describe what additional resources you would need to improve the efficacy or scale of these efforts. (Or resources you would need to implement the ideas detailed in response to the above question**.)**

Currently we have no financial resources allocated to these initiatives. What we do have and what we can offer is the ability to disseminate information via our social media platforms. We have over 15.5K followers on our Twitter account (mostly students) and have large followings on our Instagram and Facebook accounts.

2. Please describe how your agency works (or would work) collaboratively with other DC agencies toward the goal of reducing homicides.

Utilizing the platforms mentioned above we partner with and promote many of our youth based DC Agencies such as DPR, DCTAG, OSSE, DME, DOH to name a few.

a. Please also describe how your agency engages (or would engage) non-governmental organizations and the community at large on the issue of homicide prevention.

We have many community stakeholders such as youth and sport camps and sponsors such as United Bank and NBC Sports – Washington that we work with that would help us with a youth based initiative.