

2018-2019 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

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REQUEST: What is the current annual funding for the Carver Museum, Cultural Center, and Genealogy Center? Is the Genealogy Center eligible for hotel occupancy tax funds? Where is the Carver Museum and Cultural Center Master Plan located? What are the costs associated with funding Phase 2 and 3 of the Master Plan?

RESPONSE:

The FY 2018 annual funding for the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center is \$1,011,531. The FY 2018 annual funding for the Genealogy Center is \$177,248.

The historic George Washington Carver Genealogical Center is part of the complex of buildings that include that Carver Museum and Cultural Center and the Carver Branch Library in the heart of the historic Rosewood Neighborhood. The Carver complex is promoted to the public as a tourist facility through Visit Austin and other tourism promotion sites and regularly hosts guided tours. Additional analysis will need to be completed before HPF funding eligibility can be determined.

The feasibility study for the expansion of the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center was completed in December 2000 and is recommended to be updated. The document can be found in the Planning Division of the Parks and Recreation Department. The proposed master plan will define future implementation phases and associated costs.

