

**Subject: Government Relations Report**

**To: President – PSACF**  
**Board of Directors**

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The request for funding was sent in to the Governor's Office on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 for next year's budget. It is hoped that an increase in our funding from 2 to 3 Million dollars will be considered by the Governor's Office in the 2013-2014 budget. This year our funding was increased from 874,000 to 2 million through the combined efforts of our leadership, Department of Agriculture, John Maher – (Chairman of House Agriculture), David Millard (Our Champion) of the House and the support of the leadership in both the Senate and House. The total was up to 3 million dollars during the budget but was reduced to 2 million at the last minute.

There is still a question on how we receive the funding, but the Department of Agriculture will work on resolving the issue. I am recommending that we honor 2 individuals as Legislator of the Year at our upcoming convention in January. (Representative David Millard for all of his hard work with the House Leadership and Representative John Maher who as Agriculture Chairman went the extra mile for us to increase our funding.) I would request that the board support this recommendation.

Recently our Fair Queen Officers helped me prepare a request for a \$10,000 grant from M&T Bank Foundation for the Fair Queen 501(C)3 Corporation. That request was turned down but the detail and effort needs to be commended. We have submitted the same request to CONSOL Energy and it is now under consideration. Please let the Fair Queen Officers aware of any other groups to consider sponsoring the Fair Queen Contest.

Please encourage our members to take our grassroots training program found on the website. Every member and volunteer should look at the section on how to meet with your Legislator at the home office especially because I want all the fairs to meet with their Legislators prior to the Governor's Budget Address so we are ready to promote an increase in our funding.