HHAV State Policy Agenda Setting
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1. Question: If there are multiple budget priorities, how will HHAV determine which to prioritize?

Answer: HHAV will evaluate each budget issue individually. Several members have already shared potential budget priorities, and we will consider each request as part of this process.

Last year, some members asked whether HHAV would support advocacy for specific budget line items on behalf of individual members. We have decided that we will, with an emphasis on whether the proposed investment benefits the entire state or is limited to a particular region or community. We anticipate giving greater priority to statewide requests.

This does not mean that members should refrain from submitting requests that benefit a specific community or region. We encourage members to include those requests in the application process, and we will consider them. However, requests with statewide impact will generally receive greater prioritization.

2. Question: How does HHAV anticipate addressing issues that do not initially make the priority list but gain momentum later in the legislative session?

Answer: The HHAV policy advisory committee will play an important role in this process. We cannot anticipate every development that may arise during the legislative session, so we will have strategic conversations with our lobbyists and the advisory committee throughout the session to assess emerging opportunities and adjust our approach as needed.

While the priority list will be more focused this year, applying lessons learned from legislator feedback and working with a smaller, representative advisory group will help HHAV determine when and how to shift priorities. HHAV will also consider how best to communicate any changes in direction to the full membership.

3. Question: If multiple groups share the same priorities, does HHAV prefer one joint submission or a separate form from each group?

Answer: HHAV encourages collaborating groups to submit one joint form whenever possible. However, we understand that the same priority may occasionally be submitted by multiple groups in separate forms. In these cases, HHAV will consolidate the submissions to ensure the final list reflects a collective set of priorities.

4. Question: Do applicants need to be active HHAV members to submit a priority proposal?

Answer: Yes. Individuals or organizations submitting a priority proposal to HHAV must be current members for 2026. However, payment of 2027 membership dues is not required for this process.

5. Question: Is the HUD plan considered when determining priorities?

Answer: Yes. HHAV participates in discussions related to ESG grants and contributes to the needs assessment planning. HHAV is exploring ways to advocate for the identified priorities during the legislative session while aligning them with the HUD plan.

6. Is there a group or individual organization completing an application for Act 143 advocacy next session?

Answer: Given the number of organizations involved, we are gathering input from multiple groups. As we review the submissions, we will work to consolidate them into one overarching priority. A key question is how broadly to expand Act 143, and we will take that into consideration as we review policies and establish the agenda.

7. Is it okay to submit an application with some information missing?

Answer: Yes! We would rather receive the policy or budget priority and as much information as you have available so we can begin shaping our agenda for this session. As a reminder, the application includes 15 questions, and responses should be limited to 2–3 sentences per question.