

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: Dept of State Treasurer **Division:** General Administration

Budget Code: 13410 **Center Title:** General Administration **Center Number:** 1110

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Information and Communication Specialist II **Proposed Salary Grade:** 69

Salary Range: (\$34,216-\$55,116) request Mid-Point - \$44,666 **Proposed Effective Date:** 12 / 01 / 06

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$ 1,342,431	\$ 32,157
Receipts	<u>1,342,431</u>	<u>32,157</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source(s): Administrative fees charged to other divisions

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

This position would serve as an assistant the Department's Communications Director with the primary responsibility of providing communications support for the Local Government Commission (LGC). With the increasing attention to debt issuance on the local and state level, the state's debt capacity as expressed in the debt affordability report and new funding tools, the number of media inquiries related to the LGC has been on the rise. In particular, issues surrounding the use of lottery funding, the increasing use of Certificates of Participation and the implementation of the new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) have drawn additional attention to the LGC. This position would field a number of inquiries from specialty press, especially those related to bond sales.

The Department of State Treasurer has also seen a substantial increase in the number and complexity of public records requests related to our holdings, performance, money managers, etc. from trade publications, national and local press, individuals, attorneys, etc. Due to these significant increases in requests for information, the Department seeks an additional position to focus on fulfilling these requests.

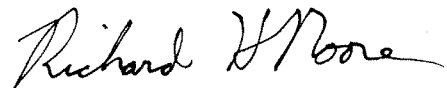
Due to the fact that the materials to be communicated and evaluated are complex, and we need someone who has demonstrated experience and/or skills to interpret and disseminate the info from those materials, we are requesting this position to be funded at the mid-point of the salary range.

Statutory Reference for Request

Starla McKenney

Presentation to be made by

Special Assistant for Legislative Affairs
Title



Agency Head Signature


State Budget Officer Signature

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