

4511.1100 MAJOR DECISION OF NONELECTED LOCAL OFFICIALS.

Subpart 1. **Major decision regarding the expenditure of public money.** Attempting to influence a nonelected local official is lobbying if the nonelected local official may make, recommend, or vote on as a member of the political subdivision's governing body, a major decision regarding an expenditure or investment of public money.

Subp. 2. **Actions that are a major decision regarding public funds.** A major decision regarding the expenditure or investment of public money includes but is not limited to a decision on:

A. the development and ratification of operating and capital budgets of a political subdivision, including development of the budget request for an office or department within the political subdivision;

B. whether to apply for or accept state or federal funding or private grant funding;

C. selecting recipients for government grants from the political subdivision; or

D. tax abatement, tax increment financing, or expenditures on public infrastructure, used to support private housing or business developments.

Subp. 3. **Actions that are not a major decision.** A major decision regarding the expenditure of public money does not include:

A. the purchase of goods or services with public funds in the operating or capital budget of a political subdivision;

B. collective bargaining of a labor contract on behalf of a political subdivision; or

C. participating in discussions with a party or a party's representative regarding litigation between the party and the political subdivision of the local official.

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