

October 4, 2018

Kristi Upton
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RE: FOIA

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Dear Ms. Upton:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA) request dated September 28, 2018 received in my office at 2:07 p.m. on September 28, 2018 via electronic mail. As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for processing requests for public information for the College, pursuant to *the Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, 5 ILCS 140/1 et seq. In your e-mail, you requested that the College make available the following records:

Initial request:

“Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, we formally request that your office provide us with public spending information, including both capital and operating expenditures, for payments made by or on behalf of Parkland College during fiscal year 2018. Specifically, we seek the name, address and cumulative total dollar amount of any payee, other than an employee or student, who was paid a cumulative total amount of \$10,000 or more over the relevant time period. The \$10,000 threshold was established to minimize reporting for respondents. If a data sort of this type is not practical, please supply the requested information for all non-employee, non- student payees. We prefer to receive the data electronically, if at all possible.

The information is to be used for research aimed at identifying patterns of spending by public entities. No part of the data will be used as a mailing list and your supplying the information cannot be construed as an endorsement of either your payees or our work.

We are willing to reimburse your office for any reasonable expense incurred in providing the requested information, if an estimate of costs is provided for our approval before the work is performed. We prefer to receive the data in CSV, text, PDF document, or Excel spreadsheet attached to an email or via File Transfer Protocol to our secure server or on PC-formatted media sent by mail.”

Parkland College’s Response:

The college has provided two attached Excel documents that are responsive to your request.

As the Vice President for Communications and External Affairs, I am responsible for granting and denying the requests for records under the *Freedom of Information Act*. Please be aware that this response to your request is pursuant to my understanding of your FOIA request. If I have misunderstood your request,

please let me know as soon as possible so I may provide the correct information.

Finally, if you believe that this response constitutes a denial of your request, you have the right to have this response reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706
Fax: 217-782-1396
E-mail: publicaccess@atg.state.il.us

You also have the right to seek judicial review of this response by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the Public Access Counselor or State court, you will need to include a copy of this letter for the review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Stuart
Vice President for Communications and External Affairs

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