

July 31, 2019

Kristi Upton  
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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

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 July 1, 2019 received in my office at 11:11 a.m. 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:

Request:

“Description: 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 2019. 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.”

Parkland College’s Response:

In your request to the college you indicated, and the college agrees, that your request is commercial in nature and thus subject to the 21 day working day response window provided in the Illinois Freedom of Information Act.

The college has attached an editable .xls file we believe to be fully responsive to your request as stated above.

As 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](mailto: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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