

July 21, 2022

Kristi Upton
Acme Research

RE: FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Upton:

This is to acknowledge that Parkland College District No. 505 is in receipt of your commercial Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request received July 11, 2022, via electronic mail for the following records:

“Under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, we formally request, for commercial purposes, that your office provide us with public spending information, including both capital and operating expenditures, for payments made by or on behalf of the Parkland College during fiscal year 2022. Specifically, for any payee, other than an employee or student, who was paid a cumulative total amount of \$10,000 or more, we seek the payee name, address, and the cumulative total dollar amount paid to the subject payee over the relevant time period. The \$10,000 threshold was established to minimize reporting for respondents. This is the same format information that you were kind enough to provide to us via email for fiscal year 2021.”

Parkland College’s Response:

Your request was identified as a commercial request and, thus, is subject to the 21 working day response period. The college has attached two .xlsx documents that are fully responsive to your request.

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

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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