November 12, 2019

Mr. Freddy Martinez
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RE: NOTIFICATION OF RESPONSE TO FOIA REQUEST
REQUEST RECEIPT DATE: October 16, 2019
FOIA FILE NO.: P532724

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Chicago Police Department (CPD) is in receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 ILCS 140/1, et seq., request for the following:

“For the last five years (January 1, 2014 to the present) for all funds administrated by Department of Justice’s COPS program, I am looking for any records:

- Communication between the DOJ COPS office and officials at the Chicago Police Department in applying for any grants.
- The final grant application as submitted by Chicago Police Department.
- Documents sufficient to show what programming the funds would be allocated for.
- Documents sufficient to show the size of the grants
- Documents sufficient to show if a grant was awarded, rejected and for what reasons (insufficient documentation, etc).”

As permitted by 5 ILCS 140/3(e), the time was extended in order to conduct a thorough search for these records. Your request was reviewed by the undersigned. A search was conducted based on the parameters provided. It is determined that your request is granted. The Bureau of Organizational Development – Grants Analysis Section has provided the requested records. However, please be aware that certain information has been redacted pursuant to 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b).

The information that was redacted is signatures. The redacted information is exempt from disclosure under 5 ILCS 140/7(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act, which exempts “private information, unless disclosure is required by another provision of this Act, a State or federal law or court order.” “Private information” is defined in section 2(c-5) as “unique identifiers, including a person’s social security number, driver’s license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person.” 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5) (West 2010). In addition, signatures are unique identifiers and, therefore, an exempt form of private information. See 2010 PAC 9838 (Ill. Att’y Gen. PAC Req. Rev. Ltr. 9838, issued December 10, 2010, at 2).
You have the right to have of review by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706, by telephone at (877)299-3642, fax at (217)782-1396, or email at publicaccess@atg.state.il.us. You also have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Sincerely,

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