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Subject: RE: FOIA Request Mined Minds Foundation contract - supporting documentation

Please excuse the add-on, but if there were Time Activities compensated by WGCJA for Mined Minds PW-18926-IM during any of the time period PRIOR to 8/20/2018 (1.12018 – 8.19.2018) I request that documentation as well.

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Hi Ryan,

As a follow-up to this FOIA request: on page 13-16 of document MM PW-18926-IM ARC Monitoring 02122019.pdf, "Time activities by Employee Detail" are listed for periods 8/20/2018 through 10/26/2018.

I'm also looking for these details (1) through the remainder of the year 10/27/2018 through 12/31/2018. It would be a terrific help if you will track this documentation down for me, and (2) also for all time periods in 2019 for "Coordination and Support," "Training" of any kind and "Trainer Hours" of any kind, including but not limited to recruiting, interviewing and pretraining support.

Thank you very much for your assistance. Should you have any questions, you can reach me at 206.919.8229

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Hello,

In accordance with your request below, all applicable information available to Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc. is attached.

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To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Right to Know Act, I hereby request the following records: Financial detail related the Mined Minds Foundation and/or the for-profit LLC "GPdL" as funded by the POWER Award, specifically Project Title: ARCODE Initiative – Appalachian Region Code Initiative Grantee: Washington Greene County Job Training Agency, Inc. Award Amount: \$1,489,945

Referencing pw-18926-im_13_mined_minds_contract.pdf page 20 for supporting documentation:

- 1) Mined Minds is said to have incurred a "Trainer Cost" of \$960,000.00, with \$360,000.00 being matched funds at \$45/hour, and \$600,000.00 in compensated at \$75/hour.
- 2) Mined Minds is said to have incurred "Coordination and Support" costs of \$125,000.00
- 3) Mined Minds is said to have incurred a "Computers" cost of \$30,000.00
- 4) Mined Minds is said to have incurred a "Facilities" cost of \$40,000.00
- 5) Mined Minds is said to have claimed to be creating jobs paying \$40,000 / year or more. They counted 56 as having become employed as a result of this program. Where did these trainees work and how many attained compensations at this level? At least three of the Mined Minds trainees were family members of the Subgrantee's management. Of the trainees who earned a living wage, how many were family relations?

The information I'm seeking specifically is:

- 1) An anonymized breakdown of trainer costs, in the greatest possible detail, with the ability to ascertain how many employees were paid \$75 or \$45 dollars per hour – by #hours/week/month/year. It would be appreciated if a anonymizing number can be substituted for any confidential personal data that cannot be made public to better understand how many individuals were compensated. This detail is most likely to be found in GPdL LLC documentation, as this is the entity that provided the trainers to Mined Minds.
- 2) Information about where the matching funds came from: either named government entities, or donations /pledges from individuals or companies (seeking names).

- 3) Receipts or invoices for all “Coordination and Support” expenditures
- 4) A listing of how the “Computers” were distributed and whether these assets were returned at company closure
- 5) Receipts or invoices for all Mined Minds “Facilities” expenditures
- 6) Company names where the 56 former trainees were employed, or the project names to which work hours were billed by GPdL.

The requested documents are required reporting by the subgrantee to WGCJA, and available to the general public, and this request is not being made for commercial purposes. I would prefer that the request be filled electronically, by email attachment.

Thank you very much for your assistance. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Catherine Crandall

206.919.8229