

From: FOIA
To: ["dma@xmission.com"](mailto:dma@xmission.com)
Subject: RE: FOIA Request
Date: Friday, April 15, 2016 7:36:00 AM

Date Rec'd:
4/11/2016
Due Date:
5/9/2016
Tracking Number:
BPA-2016-00800-F

Sir,

Thank you for the information. We will begin processing your request. An acknowledgement letter will be sent in the next week with an answer to your request for a fee waiver and the expected date for a response.

Kim Winn
FOIA Public Liaison.

-----Original Message-----

From: dma@xmission.com [<mailto:dma@xmission.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:24 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: Re: FOIA Request

Dear Kim Winn:

Type of funding received by the company [CPB] - National Public Radio is one of two public broadcasting organizations (the other is the Public Broadcasting Service) funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. CPB receives Congressional appropriations each year to fund both NPR and PBS. However, federal agencies may may funding available for which NPR and PBS may directly apply for. This funding usually has the purpose of promoting the work of that agency. When I say any public radio station, I mean any station that receives funding from CPB.

Fee Waiver Eligibility:

1. The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns "the operations or activities of the government"; 1. Yes - Operations/Activities of the Federal Government - Which agencies are supporting public broadcasting with federal money outside of CPB appropriations.

2. The informative values of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is "likely to contribute" to an understanding of government operations or activities; 3. The contribution to an understanding of the subject by the general public likely to result from disclosure: Whether the disclosure of the requested information will contribute to "public understanding"; 2/3. Yes - Will contribute to an understanding by the public of government operations

4. The significance of the contribution to public understanding:

Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities; 4. Yes - Significantly contribute to public understanding - Up to 70% of public broadcasting is supported by donations of the public.

Knowing how much federal money supports public broadcasting will help listeners determine how my financial support they can or should provide public broadcasting

5. The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure; 5. Yes - I am writing a book about how federal money supports public radio

6. The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is sufficiently large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."

6. Yes - My request to know and my intent to disclose what I learn through my pending book is in step with what I expect to be the public benefit of understanding how federal funding supports public broadcasting.

I will pay up to \$50.00 USD for FOIA document searches.

This contact information is personal contact information Don Merrill

Quoting FOIA <foia@bpa.gov>:

- > Mr. Merrill, The phone number listed has a full mailbox and no one answers.
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- > To begin processing your request we need more information.
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- > First, we need to identify what category of requester you are:
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- > * An individual seeking information for personal use and not for commercial use.
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- > * Affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution, and this request is made for scholarly or scientific purposes and not for commercial use.
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- > * Affiliated with a private corporation and seeking information for the use in the company's business.
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- > * A representative of the news media affiliated with and the request is made as part of news gathering and not for commercial use.
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- > Secondly, in requesting a waiver of fees, the following factors must be addressed:
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- > * The subject of the request: Whether the subject of the requested records concerns, "the operations or activities of the government."
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- > * The informative value of the information to be disclosed: Whether the disclosure is, "likely to contribute," to an understanding of government operations or activities.
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- > * The contribution to an understanding by the general public of the subject likely to result from disclosure, taking into account your ability and intent to disseminate the information to the public in a form that can further understanding of the subject matter.
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- > * The significance of the contribution to public understanding: Whether the disclosure is likely to contribute "significantly" to public understanding of government operations or activities.
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- > * The existence and magnitude of a commercial interest: Whether the requester has a commercial interest that would be furthered by the requested disclosure, and, if so.
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- > * The primary interest in disclosure: Whether the magnitude of the identified commercial interest of the requester is significantly large, in comparison with the public interest in disclosure, that disclosure is, "primarily in the commercial interest of the requester."
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- > If my request for a waiver or reduction in fees is denied, I agree to pay up to (enter amount)_____ to process my request.
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- > And finally, is the contact information provided your personal

> information or business information? We post all requests online so
> we don't to publish your personal information.
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> We will not be able to process your request without the above
> information. If no reply is received by Friday, April 22, 2016, your
> request will be administratively closed.
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> Thank you.
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> Kim Winn
> FOIA Public Liaison
> 503-230-5273
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> From: FOIA
> Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 12:13 PM
> To: 'dma@xmission.com'
> Cc: FOIA
> Subject: RE: FOIA Request
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> Mr. Merrill, Please contact me at your earliest convenience to
> discuss your request. Thank you.
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> Kim Winn, FOIA Public Liaison\
> 503-230-5273
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> From: Frost,Christopher M (BPA) - CGI-7
> Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 9:01 AM
> To: 'dma@xmission.com'
> Cc: FOIA
> Subject: RE: FOIA Request
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> Mr. Merrill -
> Thank you for your interest in the Bonneville Power Administration.
> I have copied this email to BPA's FOIA inbox to begin the intake
> process. I f further information is needed from you to begin the
> search for responsive records, a BPA Case Coordinator will contact you
> shortly.
> Respectfully,
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> C. M. Frost
> Agency Records Officer, FOIA/Privacy Officer DOE-Bonneville Power
> Administration Information Governance, CGI-7
> 503-230-5602
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> From: Don Merrill [<mailto:dma@xmission.com>]
> Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 4:01 PM
> To: Frost,Christopher M (BPA) - CGI-7
> Subject: FOIA Request
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> Dear Christopher Frost:
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> I am requesting information and history about any money your agency or
> office has given to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and/or any
> public radio station, in any form (grants, etc.), as part of an effort
> to promote your work, support public radio or for any other purpose.
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- > I believe Bonneville Power Administration may have the records I am
- > seeking. I request them to be in electronic form.
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- > I would like your search to cover the period between 2010 and 2016.
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- > I am requesting a fee waiver for any printing or copying costs for
- > reproduction in excess of 100 pages since this information will be
- > used to educate the public on how federal money supports public radio.
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- > Donald Merrill
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- > 18134 S. Upper Highland Rd
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- > Beavercreek, Oregon 97004
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- > 503-632-8097