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**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request - Don Merrill National Public Radio grants  
**Date:** Friday, June 03, 2016 7:44:36 AM

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Dear Mr. Merrill:

Please advise by close of business Tuesday, June 7, 2016, if there is any other information you are seeking related to your request. If we do not hear from you by that time, we will consider your request closed in all of DOE's offices.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions. Thank you.

Best,  
Roman

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**From:** Vayner, Roman (CONTR)  
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**Subject:** FW: FOIA Request - Don Merrill National Public Radio grants

Dear Mr. Merrill:

I am writing to follow up on my voicemail regarding your recent inquiry. Similar to your previous request, I would point you to [www.usaspending.gov](http://www.usaspending.gov). You can enter the radio station code in the "Search for a Recipient" window, and if the information exists, you can see the name of the awarding agency, program name, and amount of the award or grant. You can then direct your inquiry to that specific agency and reference the information provided through the site.

Please let me know if the information is sufficient to address your request. If it does we will consider your request closed. We request your reply by Thursday June 2, 2016.

Thank you and please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Best,  
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**From:** Don Merrill [<mailto:dma@xmission.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, May 16, 2016 9:29 PM

**To:** FOIA Office

**Subject:** FOIA Request

Dear Scott Lucarelli:

I submitted a FOIA request to your agency in April. The request was not specific enough. I will not appeal your previous findings and decision. I am resubmitting my request with more information in hopes you are able to locate the information I am seeking.

Specifically, I seek a list of all grant numbers awarded by your agency from 2012 to 2016 to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and a list of all grant numbers awarded by your agency from 2012 to 2016 to the following list of public broadcasting entities/stations:

KBSX  
KCHO  
KCLU  
KCRW  
KEDM  
KERA  
KEYA  
KFAE  
KGLT  
KHPR  
KMST  
KMUN  
KNPR  
KQED  
KRCU  
KRTU  
KSKA  
KSUR  
KTTZ  
KTXK  
KUAR  
KUER  
KUFM  
KUOW  
KUSP  
KUTE  
KUVO  
KVHF  
KWGS  
WABE  
WAMC  
WBEZ  
WBHM  
WCBE  
WEAA  
WETA  
WFDD  
WFIT  
WFSU  
WGBH

WIFT  
WJCT  
WKU  
WMHT  
WMSE  
WNKO  
WNIN  
WNYC  
WPR  
WQLN  
WRST  
WSCL  
WSDL  
WSGE  
WSKG  
WSNC  
WSVH  
WTSU  
WVIA  
WXXI  
WYSU

I have written this explanation that I hope justifies my request for a fee waiver.

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 make funding available for

which NPR and PBS may directly apply for. This is money that is not part of the congressional appropriation. This funding usually has the purpose of promoting the work of that agency. When I say any public broadcast entities, I mean any stations, educational institutions or foundations 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 \$25.00 USD for FOIA document searches.

Sincerely,  
Don Merrill

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