

Marti Ayers

From: Don Merrill [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 8:23 PM
To: FOIA
Subject: FOIA Request

Dear Marti Ayers:

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
KUVU
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

