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Via Email: john@illinoisleaks.com

John Kraft
Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc.
Box 124
Paris, Illinois 61944

Re: FOIA Request

Dear Mr. Kraft:

On September 6, 2022, our Finance Department received your FOIA request for the following information:

Copy of Will County Finance Department's "approval" of the \$495,000 grant to the VAC as Denise Williams stated during the VAC's Sep 1, 2022 meeting.

The Will County Finance Department processed a \$495,000 payment to the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) at the direction of the Will County Board in Resolution 21-44. The Finance Department does not have a role in the approval process for transferring Will County funds to the VAC. Accordingly, we have no records to produce in response to this request.

To the extent you believe this response is a denial of your request, you have a right to have a denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor
Office of the Attorney General
500 South 2nd Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Fax: 217-782-1396
Email: public.access@ilag.gov

You also have the right to seek judicial review by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11. If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

If you need any additional assistance with your request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marron Mahoney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of a faint, light-colored rectangular stamp or watermark.

Marron Mahoney
Legal Counsel and FOIA Officer
Office of the Will County Executive