

**From:** [Tim Brophy](#)  
**To:** [John Kraft](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FOIA Request (Will County Treasurer) 9-6-2022  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 20, 2022 2:21:48 PM

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John,

Thank you for writing to the Will County Treasurer's Office with your request for information pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140 et seq).

1. In your request dated 9/6/2022 you requested "**Copy of Will County Treasurer'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 Treasurer's Office is denying your request for the following reasons:

Our office does not maintain records you requested. There is nothing to provide regarding your request. The check in question, along with all other check requests come down in a file from the Finance department's Accounts Payable staff. The respective departments approve the expenditures; the Auditor's office confirms budget line and/or grant funding; and checks are produced in bulk files. It is not my statutory responsibility to approve expenditures.

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  - a. In addition to online sources listed above, we believe these records are available in detail from the Veterans Assistance Commission. We respectfully refer you to them.

Tim Brophy, the FOIA Officer for the Will County Treasurer's Office, was responsible for making this decision. You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General pursuant to 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 Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
Email: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in 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 denial letter (5 ILCS 140/9.5(a)). Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC.

Thank you.  
Tim Brophy

Will County Treasurer  
815-740-4675

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**From:** John Kraft <john@illinoisleaks.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2022 8:55 AM  
**To:** Will County Treasurer <treasurer@willcountyllinois.com>  
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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting the following. If you are not the FOIA officer please forward to the FOIA officer as required by statute.

Electronic copies requested.

Copy of the following:

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

**Electronic copies are requested.**

**This is not a commercial request.**

This is also a request for fee waiver, should any fees be imposed, as this information bears on the public business of the local and state governments in Illinois and will be used to inform citizens of the actions of their public officials, of their rights and responsibilities, of news and current or passing events, and for articles of opinion or features of interest to the public. The principal purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of gaining a personal or commercial benefit

*I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as both media and non-profit under the definitions in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous*

*requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Additionally, I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as “news media” under the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 1-148.5.*

*Thanks,*

*John Kraft*

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