



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**  
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OFFICE OF PUBLIC HOUSING

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

June 26, 2023

Representative Frank Burns  
119 S. Center Street  
Ebensburg, PA 15931-1623

**SUBJECT:** Freedom of Information Act Request – Final Response  
FOIA Control Number(s): FOIA Control Number 23-FI-RO3-01214

Dear Representative Frank Burns:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”) request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD” or “Department”). Your request sought the following information: “Copies of any and all documents and communication (including but not limited to emails, inspection reports and requests/directives/approvals) exchanged between the Johnstown (PA) Housing Authority, HUB’s Pittsburgh Field Office and/or HUB’s Region III Office in Philadelphia, from the period of Jan. 1, 2023, to the date of your receipt of this request, concerning the Johnstown Housing Authority’s Prospect housing complex.”.

FOIA provides a right of access to federal agency records that exist and are in federal agency files and authorizes federal agencies to exempt from disclosure certain information pursuant to the FOIA Exemptions. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b). Depending on the exempt content at issue, an agency may elect to redact a portion of the content in the record or withhold the record in its entirety.

Your request for agency records has been granted in part. Associated documents will be provided and will not require payment. A search of records by knowledgeable staff within HUD’s Office of Public Housing located the following records relevant to your request, emails between HUD staff and JHA/JHA Executive Director and staff and emails with inspection reports and geotechnical reports attached.

Limited redactions were undertaken in agency records pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and 24 C.F.R. § 15.107(b)(6). Home addresses have been redacted from the releasable documentation to protect privacy. The redactions were made to a spreadsheet listing, identified as '*prospect-units*', that included property addresses of residents.

You can raise any questions on this matter with a FOIA Public Liaison, a supervisory official to whom FOIA requesters can raise questions or concerns about the agency's FOIA process. FOIA Public Liaisons can explain agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, provide an estimated date of completion, and discuss how to reformulate and/or reduce the scope of requests to minimize fees and expedite processing time. You can contact the FOIA Public Liaison at [FOIAExecSec@hud.gov](mailto:FOIAExecSec@hud.gov) or (202) 708-3054.

The Office of Government Information Services ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration is also available to assist you in addressing any concerns you may have with the processing of your FOIA request. To inquire about the FOIA mediation and dispute resolution services OGIS offers, you may contact them as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001  
E-mail: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
Telephone: 1-202-741-5770  
Toll free: 1-877-684-6448  
Fax: 1-202-741-5769

If you are not satisfied with the Department's response to your request, you may administratively appeal this FOIA determination by writing to the Department's Office of Ethics and Appeals Division in Washington, D.C. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within **90 days** of the date of the response to your request. Your appeal should include copies of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reason(s) supporting your appeal. The envelope or electronic transmission should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a Freedom of Information Act Appeal.

Please note that contacting any agency official (including the FOIA analyst, FOIA Requester Service Center, FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS is not an alternative to filing an administrative appeal and does not stop the 90-day appeal clock. If you should decide to appeal this decision, you may submit your appeal electronically at <https://hudpal.efoia-host.com/palMain.aspx> or by sending your appeal to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Attention: FOIA Appeals  
Office of Ethics and Appeals Division, ELD  
451 7th Street, SW, Room 2130

Washington, DC 20410

For your information, your FOIA request, including your identity and the information made available to you, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, the Department does not release personal privacy information such as home addresses, telephone numbers, or social security numbers, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

If you have any specific questions about this response, you may contact me at [Lee.Asad@hud.gov](mailto:Lee.Asad@hud.gov). Please reference the FOIA Identification number above in any communications on this matter. Please note that this correspondence will be sent by e-mail; a hard copy will not follow unless requested by you.

Sincerely,

Ali Asad  
Pittsburgh-Buffalo Office of Public Housing

Enclosure(s)